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Perry High Wins Best Play and More at 10-State Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Perry High School won several awards at the 70th annual Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) held March 1 in Knoxville, Tenn. In addition to the top award, Best Play 2019, Perry High's theatre production also won Judge's Choice Award for Excellence in Puppetry and Best Ensemble. Eight students - the entire cast - were also named All Star Cast members.

As the SETC winner, Perry High was chosen as the best from among 10 southeastern states. In addition to Georgia, contestants were from: Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi and Alabama. Each state sent two representatives to compete in the secondary theatre festival.

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Congratulations to the cast members - Rachel Breland, Hannah Singletary, Julie Edes, Anna Walters, Trajan Clayton, Jackson Riddle, Levi Shelton and Austin Yoemans. Joe Sendek is their drama teacher and play director.

Perry High qualified for the SETC in October 2018 when their theatre production of Oliver Lansley's "The Terrible Infants" was selected as Best Play at the Georgia Theatre Conference. The [annual SETC Convention](#) is attended by more than 4,000 members of the theatre community. Activities include workshops, keynotes, performance festivals, auditions, college recruiting and job interviews.

There is one more chance to see Perry's award-winning performance of "The Terrible Infants" on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. Don't miss it!

About the Play

Roald Dahl meets Tim Burton in this theatrical, scary, funny, sad, silly, puppet packed, and deliciously dark twisted tale, The Terrible Infants by Oliver Lansley Perfect for big kids and small grown-ups. Meet Tumb, the boy who eats his mum, manky Mingus, blathering, blabbering Beatrice and her bees, Thingummyboy, with a face even his mother forgets, the material girl, Linena, and of course little Tilly and her terrible tale. When you tell too many tall tales, those tales have a tendency to take over, growing bigger and uglier and stronger and scarier, layering lie upon lie, fib upon fib, white lies turn to grey and grey turn to black, while you're lugging around this hug tale on your back.

It's always behind you,
but none of it's true,
And soon you can't control the tale, it is
The tale that controls you...

Perry High is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Wesley "Del" Martin serves as principal. For more information, contact Sendek at Joseph.Sendek@hcbe.net.

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