

North Tahoe High School and North Tahoe School have committed to the growth of their Performing Arts Club. Through the parent volunteer group, private donations and two stipends from TTUSD, the Club has cast 30 high school and middle school kids in the upcoming production of the The Wiz. “The Wiz” is a musical retelling of the Wizard of Oz with lively mixture of rock, gospel and soul. The club has cast all of the lead roles, many diverse small roles and a chorus. Erin LaFevers is the North Tahoe High School English teacher who is heading the club which has now hired Michele Jones as the blocking director and Kate Ruttenberg as the musical director and choreographer. For the second year in a row, Kyra Mattson, now a junior at North Tahoe, is the President of the club and the Student Director of the production.

The cast and directors practice after school and during their RTI periods. The North Tahoe Theatre Arts class is also very involved in supporting the production. We expect that this year’s production of The Wiz will involve at least 60 students at North Tahoe School and North Tahoe High School, grades 7th through 12th, including 10-12 students for tech crew. This club presents the only opportunity for students at North Tahoe to receive education in drama, voice, stage singing and performance. Another production for next year is already in the planning phase.

One run though of the play will be presented for free to all students grades 5th through 12th so that the students have some exposure to musical theater during their education at North Tahoe. The remaining three performances at the theater will charge admission to the production (\$15 for adults, \$5 for students).

Funding of the North Tahoe Performing Arts Club includes royalties, director stipend, musical direction, stage set, props and costumes. The funds to support the Club have already come from several sources, including private sources, FAN club contribution, community service groups, Arts for the Schools and TTUSD funding.

However, the wonderful new theater at North Tahoe also needs some important equipment to support the Theater presentations. These items will actually be utilized by the entire school and will support music education, speakers and other performances at the school such that this equipment would support over **700 students** at the school. While the entire school will have this equipment available for their use, the Performing Arts Club is now requesting that Excellence in Education fund the following important equipment for the stage:

1. Follow spot: Altman Luminator Followspot w/stand 110V/360W \$995.00 plus \$61.49 shipping for a total of **\$1,056.49**; or a lessorADJ FS2000 575W followspot with stand \$249.99.
2. Six Shure Lavalier Wireless Microphones, Band H9: \$429.00 each, free shipping. **\$2,574.00** (Note: Actors and speakers doing a straight play can project and be heard by the audience in North Tahoe's theater space. But we are doing musicals, and that involves kids needing to be heard over recorded accompaniment tracks. The mics will be important for Musical Theater shows.)
3. Cyclorama for the stage: From Rosebrand, the company that leads stage curtains and custom

sewing on the West Coast. The amount for a single unseamed piece 17' by 39' is approximately **\$2,620.00**, including shipping . The single piece is the most effective and could be used for drama productions for many years. The club could use the seamed cyc as well, which is less desirable but cost much less at \$1,585.00

4. Cyc Lights: We need eight to cover the cyc well: Chauvet Colorband Pix LED RGB Bar/Linear Wash. They are \$259.99 each, and will ship free: **\$2,079.92**

5. One Ellipsoidal to project patterns: ETC Source Four Black Ellipsoidal 26 Lens with Pattern Holder. These project a gobo for a show and changes the pattern during the show. Current price is \$399.88 plus \$34.88 shipping for a total of **\$434.76**.

6. 2 sets of ADJ Mega Flat Pak Plus lights for wings ($\$329.99 \times 2 = \659.98) with 2 Odyssey LTPs 12' Black Aluminum Lighting Stands ($\$69.99 \times 2 = \139.98) for a total of **\$799.96**.

7. Scrim black/white from Project DJ in Reno with school discount **\$1,770.00**.

8. ADJ FS6 C color changer for follow spots **\$79.99**.

Total funds requested to properly equip the theater at North Tahoe and support the North Tahoe Performing Arts Club start up costs **\$11,406.12**.

This list is in order of priority. We expect that through ticket sales and donations from participants and fund raising the North Tahoe Performing Arts Club will be self- sustaining after these start up costs. Any assistance at all from Ex Ed would be very much appreciated and utilized by the students at North Tahoe.

Thank you.