

The Nordonia High School stage will be rocked back to ancient times this April as the Nordonia High School Drama Club presents *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida!* Performances will be April 17th-19th. *Aida* is an epic tale of loyalty, betrayal, and the timelessness of love, set in ancient Egypt. It tells the story of an enslaved Nubian princess, her conflicted Egyptian captor, and a forbidden love that rocks the ancient world to its core.

Leading this year's cast are Charlene de Jesus as Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Layla Morris as Amneris, the Egyptian Princess, and Chris Fujikawa as Radames, the soldier they both love. The cast also includes: Sam Fujikawa as Zoser, Lexi Majoros as Mereb, Shannon Howie as Utana, Amanda Pace as Nehebka, Andrew Grell as Pharaoh, and Nick Bina as Amonasro. Another 30 actors make up the ensemble of soldiers, ministers, Nubians, and dancers.

In addition to the cast, there are another 50 students working on crews, running tech, and playing in the orchestra. This year, the Drama Club is pulling out all the stops. Elaborate costumes, big sets, and action packed sword fights are making *Aida* one of the biggest productions in years!

Directing this year's production is Nordonia High School's Director of Drama, Chris Simmons. Megan Gargano will serve as both Assistant Director and Choreographer while Bill Shaffer serves as Musical Director. Dane Leasure will serve as the Fight Choreographer for the production.

Performances of this year's production of *Aida* will be Friday and Saturday, April 17th & 18th at 8 PM, and Sunday, April 19th at 3 PM. There will also be a free preview performance for senior citizens on Thursday, April 16th at 4 PM. Reserved seating is \$12 a ticket and General Admission seating is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. To reserve your tickets today, please call 330.908.6199, extension 585323.

Please also visit the Drama Club's new website at www.nordoniadrama.com for information on *Aida* and all of the Drama Club's events!