

The stadium is filled. The athletes are in place. All their preparation, experience, and hard work has come down to this very moment in time, this race, this game. Players become champions when they win, but it's not always about the prize or that gold medal or reaching that final peak, but the winning is in the going, in the climbing, in the pursuit of the goal and in the not giving up. This summer as we cheer on our favorite football team or the Olympic champions from our home country, we are reminded about the virtue and power of perseverance. "Perseverance." It's a big word with a lot of meaning. It comes with a lot of challenges and with the potential for inspiration just like any summer arts experience here at TESIS. Our students this summer have persevered through challenging classes, absorbing and mastering new skills they never thought possible. They've shown perseverance through long rehearsals to get that dance move down a little better each time, to memorize that monologue, or learn a new instrument. Perseverance shows dedication, courage, and strength, all qualities we see every day in our students. Whether it's on the stage creating original characters in our original musicals, or in the theater booth designing lights that capture the moment perfectly, or even writing personal lyrics. Our students have persevered, prepping all session long for that special race of a performance or production.

This summer has already given so many examples of our students setting and exceeding personal goals in the arts. As art teachers, we have the everyday joy to witness growth in so many beautiful and inspiring ways. Our students continue to surprise us and themselves with the skills they've found this summer here at TESIS.

As guests to this summer's Art Festival, you will get to share in the artistic success of so many young performers, experiencing first-hand these brilliant productions and beauty-filled displays of true artistry. We believe firmly at TESIS that every student is capable of creating something inspiring, and as we sing in the Minnows, "It's never too late to start something great, so what are you waiting for? It's time to try!" So thank you to the students this summer who are continually trying, who continue to persevere through challenging situations, who have reached goals they never knew possible just a few weeks ago. We couldn't be more proud of you all. Keep running after your goals. When you're unsure of where to go next or what to do, "just keep swimming" and keep your eye on the trail ahead of you, for it will take you anywhere you want to go. Even when you finally reach that peak, remember that there are always more views to seek.

It's been my pleasure to watch you all grow. I hope you leave this summer with new joys, new skills, and new experiences and that the rest of your year is full of magical surprises.

In bocca al lupo,

Mr. Mikey  
Michael Rosenbaum  
Summer Director of the Performing Arts, TESIS

*"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."*  
– Muhammad Ali

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**The CDE Musical Theater Course**

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## CRY WOLF!

Libretto and Lyrics by Stephanie Figer

With Music and Lyrics by TJ Liquori and Mikey Rosenbaum

### SYNOPSIS

In the Bavarian Town of Kleinstadt (Population: Not Much), the Festival of Stinky Cheese is under way. The tourists have arrived, the sheep are sheared, and the cheese is as stinky as ever. All is going as planned, that is until the wolves are heard prowling in the nearby mountainside. It's up to the new shepard in town, Friedrich Schafer, to protect the flock and call for help when he needs it most. But Friedrich is still learning the importance of his words and his actions. Will Friedrich learn the power of the truth in time to protect the town from those carnivorous canines?

### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This session has been a complete JOY working with these little actors. I and my fellow arts teachers are inspired daily by the courage, perseverance, and contagious energy these students share. They have not only helped turn this classic fable into a beautiful little story about the importance of telling the truth but have reminded us what magic we can accomplish when we work hard, play harder, and dream together in pursuit of a shared goal. Congratulations to all of our performers: I hope you continue to share your talents wherever you go! And that no matter what situation you're faced with, you can always choose to "be a better you, show 'em what to do, do the right thing, STAND UP AND SING!"

– Mikey Rosenbaum, July 2024

### CAST

FRIEDRICH	James Burg (USA)
WILMA	Emma Chan (Switzerland)
HILDY	May Alzamil (Saudi Arabia)
GRETL	Sofia Chan (Switzerland)
GRANDMA SCHAFFER	Valentina Patrick (Bulgaria)
HAROLD DERP	Gianmarco Alessandri (USA)
JUDY DERP	Lavinia Facchinetti (Brazil/Italy)
DIXIE DERP	Penelope Chevalier (USA)
DANNY DERP	Ella Boulos (USA)
MEISTER SCHMERGENBERG	Francesca Flores Favero (Brazil)
VICE MEISTER BERGENSCHMERGER	Jacob Zisk (USA/Canada)
WOLFY/HOOLIGAN 1	Giorgia Ricci (Italy)
NIPPER/HOOLIGAN 2	Vittoria Cedolini (USA)
RIPPER/HOOLIGAN 3	Madison Mikhov (USA)
SCRUFFY/HOOLIGAN 4	Nicole Bernhard (Switzerland)
CHEESEMAKER 1/SHEEP 1	Ginevra Palmeri (Italy)
SHEEP 2	Dean Tragas (Staff/Greece)

### PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Mikey Rosenbaum
Choreographer	Thalia Ranjbar & Mikey Rosenbaum
Music Director	Ajay Raghuraman
Accompanist	Eugene Villanueva
Vocal Coach	Eugene Villanueva
Sets	Alexandra Caprara & Mikey Rosenbaum
Costumes	Alexandra Caprara & Mikey Rosenbaum
Lighting Design	Alexandra Caprara
Props Design	Alexandra Caprara, Mikey Rosenbaum, & Mario Sanchez
Musical Theater Coordinator	Sandra Preciado
Director of the Performing Arts	Mikey Rosenbaum
Photography	Kinte Taylor
Videography	Graham Pearsall
Program Design	Jacopo Riva
Backstage Help	Jonahim Figueroa, Macy Konwinski, Dean Tragas