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New Bedford High School Drama Club presents *The Crucible*, Dec. 1-3

Students to stage gripping production of Arthur Miller's classic – a play for our times

The spotlight is set to illuminate the stage as the New Bedford High School Drama Club proudly presents Arthur Miller's timeless masterpiece, *The Crucible*. Under the direction of Stephanie Donnelly and Sarah Cadieux Pacheco, and assisted by Lucien Spelman and Ricardo Aguiar, this talented group of students is poised to captivate audiences with their powerful and compelling interpretation of this classic tale.

Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 1-3, 2023
Times: 7:00 p.m. (Friday and Saturday); 2:00 p.m. (Sunday matinee)
Location: NBHS Bronspiegel Auditorium
230 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02740

The Crucible is a riveting drama that explores the devastating consequences of mass hysteria and the power of fear in a tight-knit community. Set against the backdrop of the Salem witch trials, the play examines the complexities of human nature and the impact of unchecked authority. The New Bedford High School Drama Club's production promises to deliver a thought-provoking and emotionally charged experience for all who attend.

"We are thrilled to bring *The Crucible* to life on our stage," said Stephanie Donnelly, Co-Director of the New Bedford High School Drama Club. "This production showcases the incredible talent and dedication of our students as they delve into the complexities of Miller's work. It's a story that remains relevant today, and we believe it will resonate with audiences of all ages."

Senior Elijah Carrion portrays John Proctor. He shared that "Working on *The Crucible* has been such an amazing experience. Being able to work with such an amazing cast and directors has overall been such an honor." Junior Angie Furness portrays John's wife, Elizabeth, and she noted, "Portraying Elizabeth Proctor in *The Crucible* has been a very weighty process to say the least. Having to embody the dread, heartbreak, anxiety, and

denial that Elizabeth holds within herself is far from easy, but I couldn't be more honored to be doing so. I am eternally grateful for such an opportunity to take on this incredible role."

The cast and crew have been working tirelessly to create a visually stunning and emotionally resonant production which promises to transport the audience to the heart of 17th-century Salem, where the characters grapple with morality, justice, and the consequences of false accusations.

To prepare, Drama Club students studied the events of the 1690s in Salem and the events of the 1950s Red Scare with local, retired history teacher Thomas Cadieux. Drama Club President, senior Lillie-Marie LeClair who portrays Governor Danforth shared, "Working on *The Crucible* has allowed us to work on deeper emotions and expand our acting skills while also gaining the opportunity to not only educate ourselves about the witch trials, but also the audience through our performance."

The New Bedford High School Drama Club invites the community to join them for an unforgettable evening of theatre and reflection. Tickets for *The Crucible* are available for purchase at our.show/nbhscrucible or in the lobby before each show.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the talent and dedication of the New Bedford High School Drama Club as they bring Arthur Miller's masterpiece to life. For more information, please contact Lynn Souza, Director of Fine Arts, at (508) 997- 4511, ext. 14104.

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A PLAY FOR OUR TIMES – New Bedford High School Drama Club members rehearse their parts in *The Crucible*, Arthur Miller's classic play about justice, hysteria and intolerance. Three performances only: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2 at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m. (NBHS photo)