

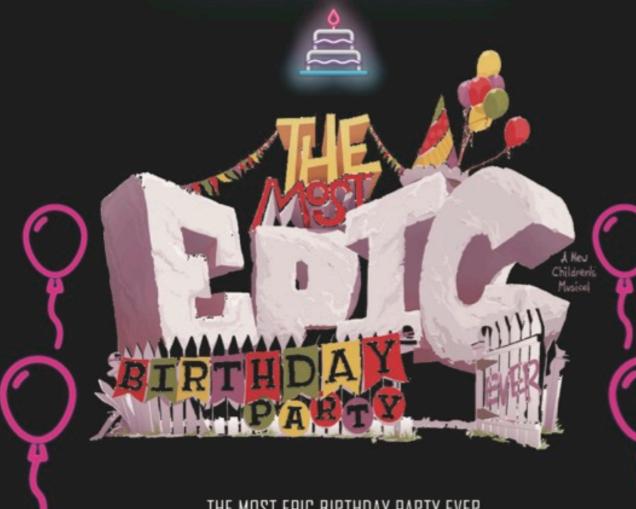






ST. ANTONIUS GIRLS' COLLEGE

MUSICAL



THE MOST EPIC BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER

A New Children's Musical Music and Lyrics by Denver Casado Book by Denver Casado & Brian Dawson







THE STORY

Skyler is about to turn 16, and she's planned the biggest celebration of the year. But in the middle of the party, something mysterious happens – all the adults suddenly vanish! Trapped in the backyard, the kids realize they must create a brand new society. However, when they elect Skyler's sister, Charlie, as their ruler, things really begin to spin out of control. Eventually the kids learn a big lesson in responsibility, while Skyler and Charlie develop a greater respect for one another.

Directed by Siuman Joanna Ko











Respected guests, parents and students it is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and everyone of you to this wonderful event. We are thrilled to have you here with us today to witness the amazing talents of our students as they take the stage and bring to life the magic of the musical through dance, acting and song. The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever.

Tonight is extra special because after three years of trying to stage a live musical due to the pandemic, we have finally reached our goal.

The EDB English curriculum encourages schools to enhance learners' English speaking experience by providing English-rich experiences through providing greater opportunities. So, in 2018, we filed a proposal to QEF to fund not just a musical but an entire arts programme for the junior school. Our aim was to increase motivation and confidence in our students to learn and speak English in the wider school community, not just the classroom.

As part of the QEF project a Musical club was created as an ECA and it has proved to be a popular and ever growing club. Tonight you will see not only students as actors on stage, but behind them are an even larger group of students who have helped as stage crew to put this show together. The project funding allowed us to employ an English Drama specialist to help foster a fun and engaging language experience through the performing arts. We are grateful to QEF that we were able to engage the service of Ms Joanna Ko, an established actor, director and experienced theatre teacher.

So sit back, relax and let the music, dancing and acting transport you to another world. We are grateful for your presence here today and we hope you will leave feeling uplifted and energised.

Once again a warm welcome to our audience and thank you for joining us for this very special occasion.



Mg Rabynne Tephson



The Characters















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THE WORST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER

I've waited patiently and planned all year. Now ev'ry kid in town.

Will soon be here! Ev'rything is perfect on this one big day.

Cannot wait to celebrate.

all my friends will say "This is the best birthday part ever."

This is the best birthday part ever! Yeah, we can fin'lly just let loose.

This is the best birthday part ever! Break out the soda no more juice.

'Cause no one's here to tell us to go home or well whatever.

This is the best birthday part ever!

No power no adults. We're on our own.

We're searched with no results.

No food no phone! How could this have happened?

On this one big day.

Can't believe we'll never leave. Make this go away.

How could this have happened?

On this one big day. (Suddenly. Day is night. What to do?)

Can't believe we'll never leave. Make this go away.

This is the worst birthday party ever.





LYRICS

CHARLANDIA

Though we're hungry and scared, all together we'll make things livable.

Knowing everything's shared. Charlandia. (Others: Charlandia.)

I'll make sure life is fair. Make these hard times a lot more fortunate.

Help each child prepare. Charlandia. (Others: Charlandia.)

We'll build tents to protect us all. Use that fence as a border.

As a country we'll stand up tall. Squashing any disorder, keep order, together!

Charlandia (Others: Charlandia.) Charlandia (Others: Charlandia.) Charlandia (Others: Charlandia.)

I'll be training the troupes for you. Pizza's my inspiration.

As your judge I'll be fair and true. Work through ev-'ry frustration.

A nation, of workers.

I can't help wishing I had my way. All my friends think Charlie's cooler.

Don't forget that this is my birthday.

I should be your chosen ruler. All the bonds that we're forming now.

All the people uniting. Though the whole world is different now.

Still it's kind of exciting, rewriting, a country.

Though we're hungy and scared, all together we'll make things livable.

I can't help wishing I had my way. Knowing everything's shared.

Charlandia (Others: Charlandia.)

I'll make sure life is fair. Make these hard times a lot more fortunate. Help each child prepare.

Charlandia. (Others: Charlandia.)

I should be your chosen ruler.

Charlandia. (Others: Charlandia.)

Skymerian. (Others: Charlandia.)





IT'S OUR OWN

TLeft, left, left right left. Left, left, left right left. Left, left, left right left. Left, left, left right left.

Gonna make you tough a hard! Gonna make you tough a hard!

We'll defend the whole back-yard! We'll defend the whole back-yard!

Make sure you make those feet! Make sure you make those feet!

Never lose that funky beat. Never lose that funky beat.

Sound off! One Two. Sound off! Three Four. Sound off! One Two Three Four.

What do we do? What do we do? Protect the yard Protect the yard!

How do we do it? How do we do it? Dance, dance, dance!

Left, left, left right left. Left, left right left

We"ll draft a balanced constitution. (Thoupes:Left, left, left right left.)

The best the world has ever known. (Thoupes:Left, left, left right left.)

And yea it's tough This legal stuff. But we are proud cause it's our own.

What do we do? What do we do? Protect the yard Protect the yard!

How do we do it? How do we do it? Dance, dance, dance!

We"ll cook the greatest backyard pizza. (TRPS: Left, left, left right left.)

The best world has ever known.

(TRPS: Left, left, left right left. It may be tough., but sure enough, we're filled with pride, cause it's our own.)

We'll draft a balanced constitution. The best world has ever known.

We're working hard to build a country. The best the world has ever known.

And yea it's tough, but sure enough, we're filled with pride, cause it's our own.





MY TREEHOUSE

Just me up here in my treehouse. Not much to fear in my treehouse.

I'm all alone but I feel I belong here. Just me and leaves in my treehouse.

A calming breeze in my treehouse.

It may sound simple, but I can't do much wrong here.

"Cause in my tree freedom reigns. So much to see above the plains. Just little me,

no one complains. So safe and sound in my treehouse,

I won't be found in my treehouse. Unless I want to be.

WHATEVER CHARLIE WANTS

Whatever Charlie wants, Charlie gets. It's like we're mindless doll, silhouettes.

He gives a snap we bow like her pets. "Yes, Queen Charlie?"

Whatever Charlie wants, better jump! Oh yes, ful fill your role Charlie's chump.

She struts around like gold in the dump. "I'm Queen Charlie."

I'd rather eat a bowl of squirming beetles. I'd even sleep in Calamari.

Or walk across a floor of slimy needles. If I could make her say "I'm so sorry.

" Whatever Charlie wants, gotta do. Although she makes a fool outta you,

I know if you were us, you would too! Bow to Charlie,

Dah, Queen Charlie, Love you Charlie!

Whatever Charlie wants, good or bad, you better do or get Charlie mad.

And even when you know you've been had.

Bow to Charlie, Doh, Kind Charlie, Love you Charlie!



PRE-CHARLIE DAYS

Back in the days when I was a child. I'd run through the yard so giddy and wild.

My mum and dad said "Please go and play."

I was out having fun doing things my own way. But nothing I do now is fun.

I go through the day just wishin' it done. And it's hard, hard, this work all day craze.

How I long to go back to those pre-Charlie days,

I gotta go back to those pre-Charlie days.

Free me, Guide me, Hold me, Hide me, Love me, Leave me,

But don't deride me. 'Cause nothing I do now is fun. I go through the day just wishin' done.

And it's hard, hard, this work all day craze.

How I long to go back to those pre-Charlie days,

I gotta go back to those pre-Charlie days.

I know it way seem like I want my own way. But I'd never say to bow down and obey.

So come and join the Skymerican team. Come enjoy the Skymerican dream!

Together wel'll enjoy the sun. We'll rewrite the rules of how countries should run.

'Cause it's hard, hard, that work all day craze.

But we're gonna go back to those pre-Charlie days,

we're gonna go back to those pre-Charlie days.





CHARLANDIA REPRISE

Though we're hungry and scared, all together we'll make things livable.

Knowing ev'ry thing's shared. Charlandia. We'll make sure life is fair.

Make these hard times a lot more fortunate.

Help each child prepare. Charlandia. Charlandia. Charlandia.

It's our right doing things our own way. We don't need an angry ruler.

Don't forget this is a brand new day. Peace and love are so much cooler!

Skymerica? Skymerica? Skymerica!

BE BRAVE

(Part I)

Darkness may surround your journey and grab you tight. Be brave. Be brave. You will be an inspiration, help spread the light. Be brave. Be brave. Though it's normal to tremble afraid, you'll be proud of the choices you've made. Think about the future out there that we can save.

Be brave, be brave.

(Part 2)

All of us will do our duty, and we will win. Be brave, be brave.

All their words and proclamations, it's all just spin. Be brave, be brave.

Though it's normal to tremble afraid,

We're still proud of the choices we made.

We will stand up for our country, and we will win.

Be brave, be brave.





THE MOST EDIC BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER

First Charlie said how the world should be. Then Skyler went off into her tree.

Our real lives were behind us. We all got swept away.

Into the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

It was the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

Two countries, two leaders one preferred. Small voices demanding to be heard.

It somehow redefined us. Now all that's left to say...

This was the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

It was the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

The whole world changed, we fought too much.

We tried our best, but all lost touch. And then the rain, reminded us.

This was the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

This was the most epic birthday party.

The most epic birthday party the most epic birthday party ever.

This was the best birthday party.



Joining an English musical is awesomell
Not only does it help me improve my
English skills through songs and
dialogue, but it also gives me a
chance to shine on stage and build
my confidence. Plus, I get to meet
new people and make friends who
share my love for music and
performance. It's a fun and
rewarding experience that can bring
a lot of joy and fulfilment to my
school life!!!

58 Mandy Read

I really enjoy singing and acting. So, it's definitely a valuable and precious experience for me. I learned how to express feelings through the character. Besides, I also feel really grateful to have such a chance to work as a team and finally be able to perform on stage! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard during the process.

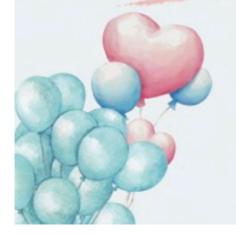
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As a long-time member of the musical club, I've always dreamed of performing on the stage. However, due to the pandemic, I've never had the opportunity to do so. The past few years were really tough for me and the entire club. So, I'm incredibly grateful that we finally have a chance to play a musical on the Aesthetic Night this year. Although it means there are additional obstacles to overcome, such as memorizing the dance steps, moves, and combining them all with singing, It is still a great experience for me.

5A May Pan

It was a challenging experience for me. Since musicals combine acting, singing, and dancing to tell a story ,I needed to learn the songs, choreography and lines for my role. But I am honoured to perform on the ctage. Also it was memorable, as I met many friends through the musical. I am really grateful to practise and perform with them!

58 Choc Chen



Students' Reflection

I'm glad that I can be a member of the Musical.

I already had an experience of English musical in primary school before and I'm happy as I can show my talent to people who come and watch our show again! I hope that I could be the main character of the musical next time if I had another chance to join the musical.

In conclusion. I believe acting is really a nice experience for everyone as we can act whatever we want dedicatedly!

30 Charlotte Hac

I am honoured to be able to participate in Musicall I made a lot of friends in the actress team. All actresses are friendly. When I don't understand the steps, lyrics, and pronunciation, they are willing to answer me.

Moreover, I learnt several English vocabulary after I had joined Musical. Therefore, my English ability was enhanced by being an actress. Besides, I am extremely grateful to Ms. Ko for her patient teaching. This is an impressive as well as enjoyable experience! I am going to join Musical again next year!!

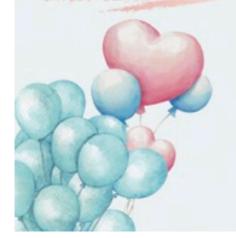
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It's an unforgettable experience for me to enjoy an English Musical. And I have never tried it before. I'm not good at singing and speaking English. Through the musical I not only have more confidence to speak in English, and also I learn the skills of singing.

Moreover, I wholeheartedly
thank my musical teacher Miss Ko
for everything. She patiently
teaches us. And she taught us
what is teamwork is.
Thank Miss Ko for us guidance

Thank Miss Ko for us guidance and support.

4C Stella Shin



Students' Reflection

It was an amazing experience being in the English Musical. I couldn't be more happy to see all the progress we made from our first to last dance. We only have one month left until we need to perform in front of the crowd. It's an honour to be a part of this and I couldn't be more grateful, thank every single one of you.

10 Comma Tong

I am glad to have joined the musical. It is fun and I get to meet and work with schoolmates who I don't know well. I learned to be more confident and perform on stage. The teacher, Miss Ko, is a good director and corrects our mistakes and reminds us about the steps we missed. I am grateful for this opportunity to perform on stage for the first time in years! I hope I can be part of the east for the next play.

I am so grateful to be a part of the musical. The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever. I enjoy being on stage and dancing with the seniors and cooperating with everyone. Miss Ko is also nice, she has taught us and corrected us to make the performance better. We all practised so hard for the last preview performance, we all put our heart into it and always try our best to work hard in rehearsals. I hope I can be part of the cast again!

This is really the best birthday party ever!!

18 Chu Mary Magdalea

I love going to musical rehearsals. I think it is fun and I can learn a lot of things. Also, I can practise speaking English and be confident. I will join next year.

18 Sarah Lau



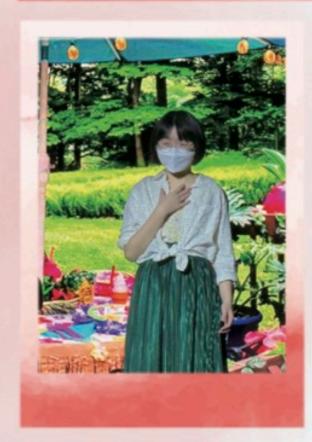
Students' Reflection























PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: Ms Joanna Ko

Stage management:

Jacquline Yung (4S)

Hailey Chung (4G)

Elver Cheng (5S)

Maggie Ngau (5S)

Minnie Kwok (5S)

Cindy Kwong (5S)

Props and Set

Hailey Wu (1D)

Christy Yuen (3B)

Sherry Shum (3C)

Tina Lam (3D)

Mandy Lai (4S)

Kary Lam (4S)

Kelly Yip (4S)

Kiki Deng (4G)

Costume and Make-up:

Angela Cheung (IC)

Yammy Choi (1C)

Charlene Wong (IC)

Yani Wong (IC)

Candy Wong (2D)

Candy Kiong (3A)

Amber Lai (3B)

Gladys Lam (3C)

Yuki Feng (4S)

Sarah Jiang (4S)

Carman Wong (4S)

Aurora Wong (4S)

Rachel Cheung (4A)

Yan Cheung (4C)

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