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Kingston Catholic School Presents Streaming Performance of “Peter Pan, Jr.”

Triple threats, Thomas Netter and Nicole Tarcza, are 23 and 26 year-old actors, singers, and dancers, who are also theatre directors and teachers at Kingston Catholic School in Ulster County, NY. These talented and dedicated people are currently creating an extraordinary project - producing, directing, filming and editing a streaming production of “Peter Pan, Jr.” at Kingston Catholic School in Ulster County, NY, while adhering scrupulously to the strict mandates set forth by the Archdiocese of New York during the pandemic. The production includes 50 students in grades 1 through 8.

Thomas, the Music teacher at KCS, graduated from the prestigious Neighborhood Playhouse in NYC in 2018 and was performing and directing professionally until Covid 19 hit. Nicole, the Library, Religion, and Health teacher at KCS, graduated in 2017 from the College of Charleston with a degree in Theatre for Youth and is currently completing a Master’s degree in Childhood Education. They have been friends since Thomas was in Kindergarten, frequent partners onstage, and taught Broadway Bound together, a musical theatre workshop for young people. Both have performed in, or directed or produced, more than 50 shows for Kingston Catholic School and Coleman Catholic High School collectively.

In March of 2020, U.S. schools moved to online Zoom classes for the balance of the 2020 spring semester, but at Kingston Catholic School learning returned in person in this past fall for most students. Though families are grateful that the children are learning in person, school life is very different during a pandemic, and extra-curricular activities like sports, choir, clubs, and live theatre have been very limited.

Nicole and Thomas knew how badly students missed being able to rehearse and perform, so this school year they decided to present an original, streamed, Christmas musical performed by the entire student body, while adhering to the strict social distancing, cleaning, and occasional necessary quarantining guidance. This project allowed them to begin navigating the complexities and impediments of producing a socially distanced show in which students appear to be singing, dancing, and acting “together” but have actually never been in the same space at the same time. The fact that they successfully pulled off “The KCS Covid Christmas Extravaganza” online, led Thomas and Nicole to imagine presenting an actual, time-honored book musical this spring, albeit one with some very ambitious demands, big dance numbers, big sets, and flying sequences.

Kingston Catholic School has successfully remained open throughout the 2020-21 school year because students are divided into distinct small cohorts that are kept separated. While this was quite effective at keeping COVID outbreaks at bay, this presented quite a challenge for the Directors.

Ms. Tarcza stated, “Every aspect of production, from auditions to choreography to final editing, had unique hurdles. Sanitization periods had to be included in the filming schedule to prevent the mix of cohorts and cross contamination. All participants stayed in masks the entire time; the students rehearsed and performed in masks; they sang in masks.”

Tickets are available online for four streamed performances – Friday, May 28 at 7 pm, Saturday, May 29 at 3 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday, May 30 at 3 pm. Kingston Catholic School’s production of “Peter Pan, Jr.” will fly into ticket holders’ homes May 28, 29, and 30th. Visit this website to buy your tickets: [SHOWTIX4U.COM](https://www.showtix4u.com). Then, from the comfort of your own sofa, join these spunky students on their adventures and float away to “a place where dreams are born.”

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