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## **Harding Fine Arts Performs Shrek The Musical**

Students from Harding Fine Arts Academy will be performing the musical adaptation of the hit movie Shrek. Set in a mythical “once upon a time” sort of land, Shrek the Musical is the story of a hulking green ogre who, after being mocked and feared his entire life by anything that crosses his path, retreats to an ugly green swamp to exist in happy isolation.

Shrek The Musical is a musical with music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. It is based on the 2001 DreamWorks film Shrek and William Steig's 1990 book Shrek!. Many of the iconic Shrek songs will be performed by cast members including “I’m A Believer,” “Story of My Life,” and “Beautiful Ain’t Always Pretty.”

Rehearsals began at the end of February with a cast of 30 HFAA students. The musical version of the Dreamworks movie stars senior Emily Johnson as Princess Fiona, sophomore William Day as Shrek, juniors Aaron Traylor as Donkey and Sean Smith as Lord Farquaad.

All costumes, the set, props and technical work is created is performed by HFAA students.

Performances are Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Tickets, which are sold at the door, are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Senior Citizens & Military, \$3 for students and children.

Harding Fine Arts Academy is a non-selective, tuition-free charter school located in Oklahoma City that prepares high school students for college in an academically challenging, arts-integrated environment and has recently been named a 2015 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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