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PLAINFIELD STUDENTS TO PERFORM PLAINFIELD HISTORY TIME LINE

An original production on the history of the Queen City from the 1800s to the present

May 1, 2019, 2019 – Students from Plainfield Public Schools will perform “Queen City Proud,” a play about the history of the City of Plainfield from its beginnings in 1869 to the present. The student performance will take place Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Emerson Community School, 305 Emerson Ave., Plainfield, N.J. at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

To RSVP please use evite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-city-of-plainfield-18605661289>

Queen City Proud is an original play, written specifically to mark the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Plainfield, designed for the students to perform. The concept of the play was created by theatre producer Onyx Keesha and co-written and directed by Danielle Tucker and Myra McDonald.

The cast members are Aaliyah Plummer, Amber Marino, Asher Roche, Fritz-Ann Mersola, Maleah Brooks, Chimeremya Odoh, Elijah Dore, Marcus Irving, Amir Felder, and Anaiyah Ruiz. The students, ages 8 to 16, attend various Plainfield Public Schools including Barlow, Cedarbrook, Emerson, Maxson, PAAAS, UC Teams, UC Vo-Tech and Kioana Academy.

The playwright and director, Danielle Tucker, explains that the process of creating this play was extremely exciting, and it required a lot of research. With the assistance of the Plainfield Public Library and the Drake House, she, and her co-playwright, Myra McDonald, were able to collect all of the necessary facts to write “Queen City Proud”.

“This talented and focused group of students made it easy to bring forth my vision of the play. The audience will leave more knowledgeable and intrigued to learn more about the rich history of Plainfield,” said Danielle Tucker.

Synopsis of the Play

A class assignment sends Max, Keesha, and Isaac through an unexpected trip into the history of Plainfield. The students meet Miss Queen City an exuberant, yet mysterious lady who will guide the students back in time. Both deeply educational and extremely contemporary, “Queen City Proud” is an original play about the importance of understanding your history to empower your future. Music, dance, and education fuel the timeline of this historical play- join the students on their exploration!

For more information, please call 908-731-4333 or email gmontealegre@plainfield.k12.nj.us.

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Queen City Proud Cast: (L-R) First Row: Aniah Ruiz , Amir Felder; Middle Row- Maleah Brooks, Chimeremy Odoh, Cailin Mersola; Back Row- Elijah Dore, Asher Roche, Aaliyah Plummer, Amber Marino, Fritz Ann Mersola Janae Hemmings.