

Bye Bye Birdie at Orinda Intermediate School

Submitted by Carol Ann Barber



Ron Pickett rehearsing with Teenagers

Photo submitted

The Bulldog Theater Company at Orinda Intermediate School will perform one of the most captivating musical shows of our time, Bye Bye Birdie, on November 7-10, 2007. The production is directed by Ron Pickett and produced by Amy Bush and Kathy Simon. The cast includes 70 OIS students in two casts with 25 additional OIS students as tech crew. Each of the actors' families has taken a role in the production

from set design, costumes, makeup, publicity and many other critical tasks.

Bye Bye Birdie is a satire done with the fondest affection and is tops in imagination and frivolity. It tells the story of Conrad Birdie, a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. Conrad's agent and secretary concoct one final national publicity plan before his induction. See what ensues when Con-

rad bids a typical American teenage girl goodbye with an all-American kiss! Songs An English Teacher, The Telephone Hour, Put On a Happy Face, One Boy, A Lot of Livin' To Do, Kids, and Rosie are musical theater classics.

Working on a play is wonderful experience for these OIS students. As 8th grader Matthew Barber said at a recent rehearsal, "I like to sing and act, but the most important fact is that it is FUN!" Many of the kids have been in productions over the years and developed friendships. For the 6th graders, it is exciting to be immersed so quickly into a school production. Amrita Newton comments, "I have been in several plays and I always love the feeling of being on stage. I am really excited that I was cast as a Teenager in Bye Bye Birdie at OIS!"

Tickets are \$5 for the preview shows on Wednesday and Thursday, \$6 for General Admis-



sion and \$10 for Reserved seating for all remaining shows. General Admission tickets are available on the OIS website, Reserved tickets are available at the box office. Performance times are: Wednesday, November 7 at 4:30 pm (preview show), Thursday, November 8 at 4:30 pm (preview show), Friday, November 9 at 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm, and Saturday, November 10 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendar and join the excitement us OIS, 80 Ivy Drive, for what promises to be a great family event! Check the website for more information, www.orindaschools.org/ois.

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