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## Miramonte Student Production Benefits "Free The Children"

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Nearly 50 Miramonte students, from freshmen to seniors, will take the stage tomorrow night as part of the variety show Performers for Progress - a cabaret-style production filled with singing, live music, acting, dancing and even an entrhralling magic trick. Another 14 students will work behind the scenes on the production team, helping with concessions, ushering, lights/sound, stage managing, and acting as house manager.

Co-producers Samuel Shain and Amrita Newton ran the auditions for the show and facilitated the production. "The audition process was simple," Shain said. "Sign up for a time on the choir door, fill out an audition sheet, and perform the piece. Anyone in the entire school that is a student could audition."

Since the show is cabaret-style, each act prepared themselves individually. "We were not in charge of monitoring their progress," Shain said, but he noted the students did have a final tech/dress rehearsal to get the production team comfortable with the show.

Proceeds from the show will benefit "Free The Children," a non-profit that engages youth to fulfill their potential to become agents of change. "A lot of work goes into finding a suitable charity," Shain said. "We do our research through several charity search engines. Every charity Performers for Progress has donated to in the past

has a mission that creates a long-term positive impact. This year we decided to support our school leadership's charity: Free the Children. We respected its mission, and thought it would be a great way to work collaboratively with the school."

Performers for Progress was co-founded in 2007 by Madeline Vann and Emilyn Kowaleski. Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25 and Saturday, April 27 at the Miramonte High School Theater. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$12 for adults, and are available at the box office. For more information about "Free The Children," visit [www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com).

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