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The North Penn High School Theatre & Thespian Troupe 5464

production of

Disney's

DESCENDANTS

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Vocal and Incidental Arrangements by
Madeline Smith

Additional Lyrics by
Nick Blaemire

Orchestras by
Mathew Tischler

Music Produced by
Matthew Tischler

Songs by

Johan Alkenas, Adam Anders, Aristeidis Archontis, Antonina Armat, Howard Ashman, Peer Astrom, Stephen Mark Conley, Doug Davis, Charity Daw, Andrew C. Dodd, Josh Edmondson, Pipo Fernandez, Nikki Hassman, Samuel Hollander, Ben Hostetler, Tim James, Hanna Jones, Jack Kugell, Craig Lashley, Andrew Lippa, Jeanine Lurie, Alan Menken, Grant Phillip Michaels, Anthony Mirabella, Shayna Mordue, Chen Neeman, Susan Paroff, Shelly M. Peiken, Joacim Persson, James K. Petrie, Adam Schlesinger, Adam Schmalholz, Tyler Shamy, Jodie Shihadeh, Nikki Ann Sorrentino, Thomas Armato Sturges, Ali Dee Theodore, Matthew Wong, David Zippel

Based on the Disney Channel Original Movies
Written by Josann McGibbon and Sara Parriott

Do you ever feel a bit evil? But do you also wish to live in a world that is “better together”? If so, tune in Friday, May 14th, Saturday, May 15th; and/or Sunday, May 16th for the streamed performances of North Penn High School Theatre and Thespian Troupe's production of *Disney's Descendants, the Musical*. Disney's *Descendants* franchise was a major phenomena when it hit TV screens all over the world. The movies introduced a whole new generation of enjoyable characters and songs descended from classic Disney stories and fairy tales. *Disney's Descendants, the Musical* is full of fun, lively music that will remind you of all the childhood stories you loved and the continuation of those stories through the children of our favorite characters.

North Penn High School theatre students from grades 10 -12 have been working tirelessly since March to bring the magic to the screen. The students put in countless hours that went to bringing the characters of Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Ben, and a whole host of villains to life -- those you love to hate and Auradonians you love to love.

Prince Ben (Eric Lewis, *junior*), feels the pressure building as he is soon to be crowned king allowing his father The Beast (Nick Bressler, junior) to retire. Wanting to make a real change he invites some children of famous villains, now exiled to the Isle of the Lost, to come join him and the children of the “good” fairy tale characters at their school on Auradon. You've heard about their parents, Maleficent

(Olivia Greco, *senior*), Jafar (Nick Nardone, *sophomore*), Evil Queen Grimhilde (Ella Notte, *sophomore*), and Cruella De Vil (Genesys Perez-Berrios, *junior*). Now it's time for their children, known as "The Evils", to try to behave in the civilized world. Mal (Fiona Hodgson, *junior*), Jay (Keenan Washington, *senior*), Evie (Ally Wolfe, *junior*), and Carlos (Jeremy DerMovsesian, *senior*) must try to fill in their parents' shoes -- or will they since they are "Rotten to the Core". Sent into the Auradon world of princesses and princes, these mischievous teens must find out if "Good is the New Bad" or if they will be "Better Together". Which side will they choose?

"Be Our Guest" as we celebrate 50 years of NPHS Theatre with a show like no other in the past half century of quality high school shows. Enjoy "almost live" theatre as you sit in the comfort of your home. Delight in this refreshing musical with a message that "we are stronger side by side" as you sit side by side with your family. Toast the talents of some amazing young performers and technical crew members who created this musical in six weeks to share with our community. And consider supporting your favorite local restaurants with "take out dinner and show!" Theatre's back -- almost live and certainly well -- at North Penn High School. Pop that popcorn, cuddle up in your favorite chair, and join us!

Disney's Descendants will stream for FOUR performances ONLY on Friday, May 14 @ 7:30 PM; Saturday, May 15 @ 7:30 PM; and Sunday, May 16 @ 1:30 and 4:30 PM. (All times EST.) The performances will only be available on these dates and times. Tickets are \$5 for Students, \$10 for Adults, and \$25 for a Family Package. Purchase your tickets on-line at www.npenn.org/theatre. (Some handling and credit card fees will apply.) Due to the streaming and licensing issues, there are no Gold or Silver Tickets for this show. Questions or Assistance needed? dardemb@npenn.org or call 215.853.1309. (This information may be shared on social media!)

A promotional poster for the musical "Disney Descendants: The Musical". The background is a deep purple with abstract, darker purple shapes. On the left, there is a stylized logo featuring a red apple with a yellow vine and a yellow "D" that incorporates a cross-like symbol. To the right of the logo, the word "Disney" is written in its signature script, followed by "DESCENDANTS" in large, bold, yellow capital letters, and "THE MUSICAL" in green capital letters below it. On the right side of the poster, the word "streaming" is written in a white, italicized font. Below it, the performance schedule is listed in white capital letters: "FRIDAY, MAY 14 @ 7:30 pm (ET)", "SATURDAY, MAY 15 @ 7:30 pm (ET)", and "SUNDAY, MAY 16 @ 1:30 pm AND 4:30 pm (ET)". At the bottom, the text "ALL Ticket & Streaming Information:" is followed by the website "www.npenn.org/theatre" in a bold, orange font.

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