

Centre Stage: DRAMA



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TDChristian Improv takes Bronze in Toronto!

The Junior Improv Team played Wednesday of the Toronto Regional Competition, having been bumped up to the Senior competition. Despite being a younger and smaller team, they showed incredibly well. We have much to be excited about with this crew as they grow and gain experience. Players are now beginning to integrate into our Senior Improv Team, and you can catch them at our “Fire Hall Show” Saturday, June 18th.

Our Senior Improv Team played Friday, with a first-place finish for the night and went into the finals ranked second overall.



Our new presentations centre had its biggest crowd yet on the Saturday finals with over 250 people watching the top five teams in the Toronto Region compete. We took the bronze with some fantastic performances, and a crowd-favourite “Style” event (in the style of a D&D roll-playing game).



The bronze now gives us two to go alongside our two gold from the last five in-person Toronto Regional Tournaments. Plans are already underway for 2023! CIG was so thrilled with our venue and our hosting that they are securing dates for next year. Can we bring the cup back to TDChristian? Stay tuned!!!

Weekly lunchtime performances of adLIBB continue – now with the murder-mystery long form improv “One of us is a Killer.” We are running it as a three-act, three-day extravaganza.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Join us June 2nd for this classic tale as an entirely student-led ensemble. The night of the music concert, we will travel through the wardrobe, turning the presentations centre into Narnia for the second half of the night. See you there!

TDChristian has an extensive Drama program overseen and led by Mr. Peters that produces a constant buzz of activity throughout the year. Here is a sampling of what we are aiming to do this year, given the pandemic.

The Black Box: Make sure to visit one of the best classrooms in the school. This room is equipped with lighting, sound, and a growing costume and properties room for tech and design students to learn their trades.

The Presentation Centre: Construction was finished on our 8-Million-dollar theatre expansion in 2020. We are now in the process of outfitting the space with state-of-the-art lighting, sound and multimedia equipment. If you would like to be involved in seat campaign, “Kristina’s Wish” you can find more information at <https://www.tdchristian.ca/wish>

Mainstage Production: Last year, our intrepid thespians tested, isolated, formed a bubble, and set up residence at the school during the April Break in order to put on our production. Days away from our performance simulcast, word of a complete shutdown was announced, and we were forced to go our separate ways. While disappointing, it’s this level of commitment and determination that our theatre department shows year after year. This year, Drama@TDChristian will be performing a series of radio dramas. Students who wish to know more or get involved in any aspect of the show can email peters@tdchristian.ca.

Improv: All Grade 9 students are required to take Grade 9 Drama, focusing exclusively on improvisation. While few students will continue to perform after graduation - the skills learned, the confidence built, and composure under pressure serve them for the rest of their time at TD and throughout their lives. On many Wednesdays and Fridays our Improv Games teams perform improvised comedy in the Black Box! Our Senior and Junior teams will once again participate in the Canadian Improv Games. Our first eight years competing have resulted in tremendous learning and some excellent showings, including two 1st place finishes in the Toronto Regionals, and at 6th place finish in the Nationals held in Ottawa. Last year, our two-person team placed 11th in the entire country in the National Online Competition. Email peters@tdchristian.ca to find out more.

Volunteering: Do you have skills in design, scenic painting, construction, sewing, or even scrapbooking? Contact Drama teacher Richard Peters at peters@tdchristian.ca to earn volunteer hours if we have a “role” that you can play in Drama@TDChristian!