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**New Rochelle High School TheatreWorks
Invites You to 'See Rock City'**

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (March 12, 2019) – Get ready to see Rock City.

The TheatreWorks performers at New Rochelle High School want to take you there and some other tourist-luring locales in the musical “See Rock City and Other Destinations,” playing this weekend in the school’s Linda E. Kelly Theater.

Never heard of the show? That's just fine with the actors, who are eager to be the first ones many audience members see performing it.

"It brings a new level of interest, because you don't know what to expect," said senior Chloe Werner, who plays a Niagara Falls tour guide.

Director Anthony Stirpe steered clear of the more famous musicals and chose this relatively unknown show of vignettes of self-exploration, each centered on a different landmark.

"This show is about community and taking chances while moving forward," Stirpe said. "That's what we need right now."

Showings are Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee at 2 p.m. on March 16. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. The LEK Theater is near the school’s Braemar Avenue entrance off North Avenue.

Theater-goers will see the story of three sisters who travel together to scatter their father's ashes on Glacier Bay, and of Kate, a runaway bride, who is tempted to take a risk by the Niagara Falls guide.

"We're all trying to find something," said Anthony Johnson, who plays Jess, the character who heads to the titular Rock City with Dodi, played by fellow senior Melissa Ramondelli.

Students were enjoying the challenge.

"A lot of the harmonies are very complicated, and we tackle a lot of sensitive topics," said Donatello Immediato, a senior. He plays one of two friends who skip school to take a trip to Coney Island.

(The show also includes some slightly stronger-than-usual language, which Stirpe advises may be inappropriate for children under 13.)

The students also enjoyed putting on a show with plenty of substantive parts to play.

"There is no one character who's the lead," said junior Dylan Feldman, who plays Grampy. "Everyone gets to show their talent."

CUTLINE: Melissa Ramondelli and Anthony Johnson in a scene from "See Rock City and Other Destinations"

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