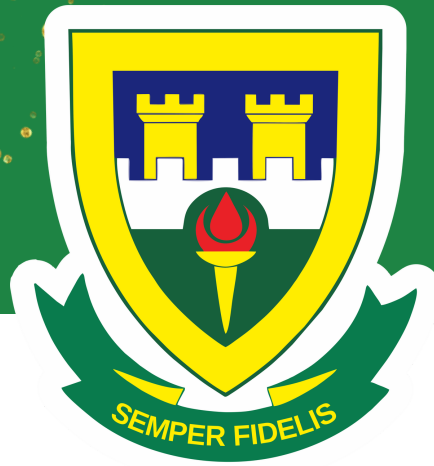




JUNIOR

One Act Plays

PROGRAMME

Welcome! This production showcase the talents of our learners as they take on the challenge of writing, directing, casting, and designing their own plays. Through this process, our students have the opportunity to explore character development and storytelling.

Develop their scriptwriting skills, showcase their creativity and originality. And to bring their unique perspectives to life on stage. Sit back and enjoy the productions our learners have prepared for us!

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026
18H00–20H30
STIRLING HIGH SCHOOL HALL

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ONE OF US

Written & Directed by: Alizwa Koninga

Assistant Directors: Onika Bikani, Silwange Millie, Nalukhanyo Yaka, Luyanele Madikizela

A psychological drama about friendship, love, jealousy and betrayal. After Lia is attacked, she loses her memory and struggles to remember what happened. As she tries to rebuild her life, the people around her become more and more suspicious of each other because no body knows who attacked her. Ethan stays by Lia's side even though she no longer remembers their relationship, while Maya is determined to find out the truth. At the same time, Ava secretly manipulates everyone and tries to make Maya look guilty to hide what she has done. As tensions rise and friendships fall apart, Sam finally reveals that he saw who attacked Lia. The play explores how trauma can affect a person, how jealousy can lead to terrible choices and how easily the truth can be hidden by lies.

CAST

- LIA: Liso Mnotoza
- ETHAN: Thabiso Fitzgerald
- MAYA: Zariya Bhyat
- JADEN: Sotho Mxuma
- AVA: Kyra Kok
- SAM: Caleb Bennetts
- TEACHER: Lunathi Titima

MISSED MOMENTS

Directors: Lily Deenik, Robyn-Leigh Subrayen, Lienke van Jaarsveld

Writer: Lily Deenik

A young girl starts High School and battles to keep up with school, friends, her parents and still maintaining a close relationship with her grandparents. She realizes in the end all the missed moments she could have had before things change.

CAST

- MAYA: Nabeeha Raja
- MOM: Phalo Yoyo
- DAD: Liveni Nyosi
- GRANNY: Aluqine Galela
- GRANDPA: Caleb Bennetts
- BEST FRIEND: Rylee Kretzman
- FRIEND 1 (WAITER): Joshua Godfrey
- FRIEND 2: Buhlebemvelo Mdalo
- FRIEND 3: Sotha Mxuma

THE LAST SIP

Directors: Bonga Mjila, Isabel Dowie, Peter Rautenbach

Writer: Bonga Mjila

On a stormy night, Edward is confronted by his son, Jonah, who has discovered that his father has been having an affair with his wife, Veronica. Consumed by betrayal and years of emotional abuse, Jonah secretly drugs his father's drink, believing he has killed him. When Edward is found dead, Detective Moriarty and Officer Smith investigate the case. As they question each family member, hidden secrets, broken relationships, greed, betrayal, and resentment come to light. Every suspect has a motive for wanting Edward dead. Although Jonah eventually confesses to poisoning his father, forensic evidence reveals that the deadly poison was not in the whiskey he served. Instead, the detectives discover that Valentina Reed poisoned Edward's tea after learning that he planned to remove her from his will and cast her aside after years of loyal service. The play ends with the Hawthorne's facing the painful truth that greed, revenge, and deception have destroyed their family, leaving them with only regret and the possibility of rebuilding their lives through honesty.

CAST

- EDWARD HAWTHORNE: Joseph Pretorius
- ELIZABETH HAWTHORNE: Ndalo Zilimbola
- VERONICA HAWTHORNE: Isithandile Yeko
- LUCAS HAWTHORNE: Liveni Nyosi
- MS DARTON: Emily Roach
- DETECTIVE MORIATY: Amahle Totana
- VALENTINA REED: Khloë Vasi

Our Adjudicators



Kristy du Plessis is a past pupil of Stirling High School who matriculated in 2019 and went on to study Drama and Theatre at Stellenbosch University, completing her Honours in 2023 with a specialization in Children's Theatre and Puppetry. She's since moved back home to East London, where she's completed her PGCE and now works as a teacher, teaching drama to primary and high school students. During her school and university years, she took part in many productions and theatre festivals, and along the way picked up her Associate diploma from Trinity College London. Kristy has a genuine passion for the arts and is always eager to learn – and to teach. She runs her own drama school, OntPOP, and is a presenter at LinkFM. She's also no stranger to the East London stage, having appeared in shows like Thabo the Space Dude and Fab Farm.



Michaela Kirby is a passionate teacher with a background in Psychology, having completed her Honours degree before pursuing her PGCE alongside her husband. Her love for teaching comes from a genuine desire to inspire learners and help them discover their potential. She has a particular passion for English and bringing literature to life through dramatic readings, role-plays and plenty of enthusiasm—earning her a memorable reputation as the “crazy English teacher”! She believes teaching goes beyond the curriculum; it is about creating meaningful experiences, encouraging learners to think differently and fostering a lifelong appreciation for language and literature. Outside the classroom, Michaela is a busy mum of two young children, her proudest achievement. She enjoys home décor, gardening, cooking and creativity, always adding warmth and personality to everything she does. She embraces life with purpose, humour and gratitude.



Shannon Venter is an educator, director and former theatre performer with over 10 years of experience across these three fields. He holds a Bachelor of Education Degree in Senior and FET phase, majoring in English Language and Literature from UNISA, an ATCL Dramatic Teaching Diploma from Trinity London College and a Creative Performance Level 8 from the SA College of Speech and Drama which he obtained in his matric year. A former pupil of Stirling High School and no stranger to the Drama Department, Shannon Venter has participated in many eisteddfods and performances, as both performer and director, including Junior and Senior One-Act plays and school productions. He has co-directed 5 Primary School Shows and is currently preparing for a 6th show – Charlotte's Web. He is passionate about theatre education within schools and is thrilled to be entertained and to support the young performers at this year's One-Act play festival.