

SGA Drama Club Presents "Baba Yaga – A Fairy Tale"

Over 100 guests attended the Saint George Academy (SGA) Drama Club's debut performance of "Baba Yaga – A Fairy Tale" which took place on May 30 at 6pm in the school auditorium.

The play was an adaptation of a Ukrainian fairy tale about the struggle between good and evil. Over 25 students participated in the performance as actors or members of the backstage crew. Some worked diligently throughout the school year, attending weekly rehearsals, designing the make-up and hair for each of the characters, and building the elaborate sets for the performance.



Kalyna (Anna Ovdii) and Baba Yaga (Karina Solomyana)

"Baba Yaga" was produced by SGA Principal Andriy Stasiw who secured the funding for the production and enlisted the help of IKO Productions, a professional sound and lighting company, who donated their services for the performance. The play was written and directed by Mrs. Liza Donovan, SGA Social Studies teacher and head of the Drama Club. Mrs. Iryna Chuyan, Ukrainian and ESL teacher, designed and created the costumes, and Dr. Kimberly Halverson, Math teacher, helped to design and build the sets.

Although the story was a Ukrainian folk tale, it was in English. Actors and crew were of Ukrainian, African American, Latino and

Asian descent. Following the play, the SGA Chorus performed four songs in Ukrainian including "Vyrostesh ty suny" and "Chervona Ruta".



Kalyna (Anna Ovdii), Ivan (Maksym Ivashkiv), Parania (Yana Andreychuk) and Yavdokha (Precious Mann)

Among those attending the debut were Bohdan Kurczak, CEO of Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union, Askold Lozynskij, former President of the Ukrainian World Congress as well as current Saint George Academy Foundation Board Member, and Father Emilian Dorosh, OSBM, Pastor of Saint George Ukrainian Catholic Church.



Student actors pose with teachers before the performance

Saint George Academy would like to thank all those who participated in the production of the play. We would also like to sincerely thank our sponsor, Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union, for their generosity and continued support.

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