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## **Northwest Youth Theatre presents Bye Bye Birdie at Century High School**

*Hillsboro, OR – April 8, 2015* – Northwest Youth Theatre is proud to present over 30 local youth ages 9-14 in *Bye Bye Birdie*, a hilarious musical farce that will leave you in stitches. Performances are Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm at Century High School. Tickets are available online at [www.NWYouthTheatre.org](http://www.NWYouthTheatre.org) or at the door, and a portion of proceeds go to Century High School's Drama Department.

*Bye Bye Birdie* could easily be known as the original ***High School Musical***. Set in the late 1950's, it tells the story of teen heart throb Conrad Birdie, who has been drafted into the army. Millions of teenage girls across America are distraught to have his golden voice silenced for two long years while he serves his country. Why, it's enough to cause their parents to sing, "What's the Matter with Kids today?" and to cause teen boys across the country to burn with jealousy as girls everywhere are singing, "We Love You, Conrad."

However, Birdie's agent comes up with an amazing publicity stunt as Birdie's sendoff. It's a contest to have Birdie come to the home of one lucky girl on whom he will bestow "One Last Kiss" before boarding the train for boot camp. Hilarity ensues when the teen girls go gaga for Conrad while the parents yearn for the days of yesteryear.

The cast is made up of 30 local children, ages 9-14. Students have come from all over Hillsboro, Beaverton, Aloha, Tigard and parts of Portland to participate in this production, which features awesome musical theatre hits including "Put on a Happy Face."

"The thing that sets Northwest Youth Theatre apart is our mission," says Karli Winters, President of Northwest Youth Theatre. "We believe that every kid is a star and we work hard to make sure each performer feels like one. Since our founding in 1994 we have striven to provide a place where children can feel safe enough to get outside of their comfort zone, learn about teamwork and just have a lot of fun."

***BYE BYE BIRDIE*** is co-directed by Karli Winters and Lois Lents. Lents is one of the founding members of the organization in 1994. The non-profit organization has been producing musicals with children in Hillsboro since 2009.

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