

The Power of Truth and Understanding Explored in Burnaby Central's *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Vancouver, BC - Burnaby Central Secondary is proud to present the stage adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, on stage **March 6-8** at **Burnaby Central Secondary**. The haunting and powerful story set in 1935 in the racially intolerant, rural south is seen through the eyes of a young girl named Scout. Her discoveries become universal as Scout grows up, learns how to walk in the shoes of others, and reflects back on her childhood.

"Theatre has both the ability to entertain and the responsibility to provoke thought" says Director and Producer, **Carol Mann**. "I couldn't be more proud of this cast and crew for working so hard, and bringing to life such a beautiful, mature, and relevant story".

The poignant coming-of-age story still resonates today. Lawyer Atticus Finch teaches his children to fight intolerance and racism amidst a culture refusing to see the humanity inside all of us. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view . . . until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

Written by **Harper Lee** and published in 1960, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the United States. This past fall it won PBS's 'Best-Loved Novel' contest, receiving over 4.2 million votes. The play has performed across Canada and a new adaptation opened on Broadway in December of 2018, smashing box office records.

Theatre Company is a course that meets outside of the regular school schedule. Enrolled students who wish to be considered for a role in the Spring Play also take a drama/acting class. All students work on one or more crew positions.

LISTING INFORMATION *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Address: Burnaby Central Secondary, 6011 Deer Lake Parkway

Dates: March 6 – 8, 2019 at 7:00pm. March 6, Opening Night reception

Ticket Prices: Student / Senior – \$8. Adult – \$12.

Box Office: Tickets available at the door (cash) or by emailing carol.mann@burnabyschools.ca

Offensive language and situations. Tickets are for those aged 10 and up.