Assumption High School's Rose Theatre Company invites grade and middle school classes to experience its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, **BRAVE NEW WORLDS!** We are thrilled to bring our audiences two captivating stories about **family**, **identity**, **resilience**, and **finding one's place in the world**. Join us for a season of theatre that will inspire and delight audiences of all ages!

**Fall musical** – **ANASTASIA** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade): Based on the beloved 1997 animated film, the musical presents the story of Anya, a brave young orphan who sets out to unravel the mystery of her past, taking her from the twilight of the Russian empire to the dazzling lights of 1920s Paris. With memorable songs like "Once Upon a December" and "Journey to the Past" as well as new additions for the stage, this historical legend-meets-fairy tale is sure to enchant fans of the movie and newcomers alike.

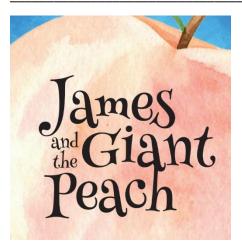
Our performance provides rich connections for the classroom, especially for **Social Studies** (early 20<sup>th</sup>-century European history, including the Russian Revolution and cultural shifts of the 1920s).



School Performance Date: Tuesday, November 11

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm (Buses should arrive at 9:10am, to avoid overlap with Assumption's drop-off)

- Runtime TBA, but anticipated at 2.5 hours, including 10-minute intermission
- After the performance, audiences may participate in a brief talkback with the student company.



Spring play – JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade): Roald Dahl's classic comes to dynamic dramatic life in this stage adaptation by David Wood! Young James escapes his dreadful existence with his aunts and discovers a wondrous world of "marvelous things," talking insects, and a giant, magical peach! This unforgettable adventure across the ocean is bursting with audience interaction, puppets and high theatrics, and plenty of laughs – A perfect introduction to theatre for younger audiences.

Potential classroom connections: **English/Language Arts** (storytelling and character, adapting literature) and **Science** (insects and ecosystems, natural phenomena).

School Performance Date: Tuesday, April 21

Time: 9:30am-11:30am (Buses should arrive at 9:10am, to avoid overlap with Assumption's drop-off)

- Runtime TBA, but anticipated at 1.5-2 hours, including 10-minute intermission
- After the performance, audiences may participate in a brief talkback with the student company.

**How to Attend**: Seating is limited (275 total capacity), and we anticipate sell-out events! Secure a spot for your students using our 2025-26 RTC interest forms on Assumption's Theatre Arts page. We will book school groups on a first-come, first-served basis using the timestamps of interest forms. The links will post and go live at 10:00am on September 2.

(**Please note**: There will be <u>no</u> reservations or holds. A completed interest form indicates the group's commitment to attending, provided spots are still available.)

Schools who book will receive a follow-up email with information about drop-off and pick-up, on-site parking if needed, and more.

Questions? Please email Theatre Program Director Andrew Stairs (andrew.stairs@ahsrockets.org)