

# Secrets lie within her garden

## Musical proves to be huge success

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Numerous rehearsals and endless nights of song helped to make the show enjoyable for each and every person out in the audience. It was a ton of work, but it was well worth it for "The Secret Garden."

Hours quickly added up for the cast and crew, increasing as the performance date came closer. Practice made perfect, though, and it certainly showed at the performances.

"We worked very hard because there were so many intricate details, and since it was a drama and not a comedy, we had to pay more attention to the acting. There was so much to think about, especially when you add singing to the equation. There were some extremely rocky moments but I think everyone (cast, crew, audience, director) was impressed at how it all came together,"

said Hilary Fingerman, 12.

Their long hours of hard, dedicated work really paid off. They had outstanding performances each night with amazing musical and acting talent.

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No matter what, students' dedication showed through, but they seemed to have a fun time, too. Cast and crew alike commented on how much they enjoyed working with such great people and just having a good time all around.

"'The Secret Garden' was a phenomenal experience. There was an extremely talented cast that brought forth a superb show. Congrats everyone!" said Brandon Cole, 12.



Martha, played by Amy Morton, 11, wakes up Mary, played by Hilary Fingerman, 12, from her good night's rest. Rarely leaving out emotion in everything they did, Fingerman and Morton always added their unique touch, thus jazzing up the musical. With their special touch, and many scenes of interaction, Morton and Fingerman became interesting people to watch throughout "The Secret Garden," especially as their characters grew and developed more.

"This has probably been the BEST musical I have ever been in—it was fantastic. I learned a great deal and enjoyed the people I had a chance to work with."

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