

Dollar Academy 13: The Musical by Jason Robert Brown



A hilarious, coming-of-age musical about discovering that "cool" is sometimes where we least expect it

Geek. Poser. Jock. Beauty Queen. Wannabe. These are the labels that can last a lifetime. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer, **Jason Robert Brown**, (*Parade*, *The Last Five Years*, *Bridges of Madison County*) **13** is a musical about fitting in – and standing out!

Evan Goldman is plucked from his fast-paced, preteen New York City life and plopped into a sleepy Indiana town following his parents' divorce. Surrounded by an array of simpleminded middle school students, he needs to establish his place in the popularity pecking order. Can he situate himself on a comfortable link of the food chain... or will he dangle at the end with the outcasts?'

This August, **Dollar Academy** pupils are putting on their production of **13**, the musical by Tony Award-winning composer **Jason Robert Brown**, as a part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe programme. The production is a part of the school's bicentennial celebrations. The cast is made up entirely of **Dollar Academy** pupils in Forms I, II and III (none of them is older than the show's title). This brings an unrivalled youthful energy and enthusiasm to the stage. The show is produced by Mr **Simon Burbury** (Assistant Rector of Dollar Academy) and Mrs **Karol Fitzpatrick** (Director of Music). This talented cast is comprised entirely of teenagers, but the stories that come to life here are ageless, the emotions they explore timeless, the laughter and the memories they provide priceless.

Notes to Editors

A day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 5-18, **Dollar Academy** was named the Sunday Times Scottish Independent Secondary School of the Year for 2018 and is one of Scotland's largest and best performing schools. www.dollaracademy.org.uk In 2018, Dollar Academy also celebrates the bicentenary of its founding in 1818 by Captain John McNabb. The school's Bicentenary Year will be launched on Sports Weekend in June of 2018, kicking off a year of celebrations and special events.

Dollar Academy's Music Department provides a tremendous range of musical activity and experience. Situated within a large, purpose-built environment, equipped to the highest standards, the school has four large teaching rooms for class teaching, a suite of practice rooms and a state-of-the-art auditorium equipped with a Pro Tools HD recording facility.

In addition to curricular music tuition, the school offers individual tuition across the full range of instruments. A tremendous number of ensembles (six choirs and six orchestras among many others) put on many performances every year including a Christmas concert (usually in Edinburgh's Usher Hall) and a large-scale musical (recent shows have included, *We will Rock You*, *Cats*, *The Addams Family*, *Chess* and *Oliver*).

Listings Information

Venue	C, Adam House, Chambers Street, EH1 1HR, venue 34
Dates	14-18 Aug
Time	16:00 (1hr45)
Ticket prices	£9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / under 18s £5.50-£7.50
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