

The Crow

EXPLORING THE HEART OF MAMMA MIA: THE POWER OF MUSIC AND DANCE IN GRADE 9'S PERFORMANCE

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On the week of February 9, 2025, the Grade 9 students took to the stage to perform the beloved musical “Mamma Mia!” with their own personal touch, their own style, and their own energy. It was a magical performance, one that not only captivated the audience but also brought a sense of joy and hope that will be remembered for years to come. The students did more than just perform; they shared a piece of their hearts. This performance was not just about the story of

Mamma Mia!; it was also a tribute to their dear classmate, Phoenix Lopez, who sadly passed away before he could witness this beautiful moment. The Grade 9 students dedicated the entire show to Phoenix, knowing that even though he couldn't be there physically, his spirit was with them, cheering them on and dancing with them from above.



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At the heart of Mamma Mia! is Sophie, played by **Kaila Ancheta**, a young woman brimming with excitement. Her wedding day is just around the corner. She's ready to say "I do" to the man she loves played by **Renz Silvero**. But a part of her feels incomplete. A question mark hangs over her past, a longing for a father she's never known. Sophie has a secret. She's read her mother's old journal, a diary filled with memories of a summer long ago. In those pages, she discovers three men: Harry Bright, brought to life by **Aaron Gida**; Sam Carmichael, played with a gentle warmth by **Ezekiel Rivera**'s passionate portrayal; and Bill Austin, portrayed by **Gavyn Mondares** with a touch of adventurous spirit. Each could be her father. Her mother, Donna, played by **Stef Estorgio**, is reluctant to share anything about Sophie's father, and instead, reminisces about her past days with two of her closest friends, Tanya and Rosie, played by **Bian Macabiog** and **Andi Desamparado**.

Mamma Mia! is a story about family, love, and the complicated journey of self-discovery. Sophie's journey is one of deep emotional exploration, as she tries to find the father she never knew. In the end, it is a celebration of Grade's 9's talents, as the whole class comes together to bring to life a wonderful musical that will never be forgotten.



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