



**Cardinal Gibbon Drama
Department Presents
*In The Heights***

The Cardinal Gibbons High School Drama Department presents its first show of the fall semester if 2018. *In The Heights* tells the story of a vibrant Hispanic community in New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood - a place where the coffee from the bodega is always flowing, the windows are always open, and the streets are exploding with the songs and rhythms of three generations. It's a community ready for change, full of hope, dreams, and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

In The Heights is the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography, and Best Orchestrations. The show was conceived, and the music and lyrics were written by, Lin-Manuel Miranda who is best known today as the creator of *Hamilton*, which won 11 Tony Awards in 2016 including Best Musical. The book for the show was written by Quiara Alegría Hudes.

This production of *In The Heights* is directed by Erick Crow, Cardinal Gibbons High School Director of Choral Activities and Drama. Speaking about this production, Mr. Crow says:

"In The Heights is an exhilarating musical with a universal message to share. It is a story of spirited celebration, great loss, profound faith and resiliency. The play centers on a close-knit Dominican, Cuban, and Puerto Rican neighborhood facing financial fallout from the encroaching corporations which are squeezing out the local small businesses. The rapidly changing landscape of the neighborhood adds to the tension of an unsure future. One of the neighborhood members, "the one who made it out" Nina Rosario, returns home from her first year at Stanford University. She too has doubts about her future and questions about her place in the world. The show has lots of appeal and speaks to everyone about how we deal with home and belonging, staying and leaving, where we come from and where we need to be. *In The Heights* is a story of



nationhood, family, identity, and belonging. We're very excited to welcome audiences to experience this masterpiece of modern musical storytelling that is sure to uplift and excite audiences."

In The Heights runs October 5th through October 7th at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on the main campus at Nova Southeastern University in Davie (3100 Ray Ferrero Blvd. Davie, FL 33314). Performances take place Friday and Saturday at 8pm, with a matinee on Sunday at 2pm. The show is appropriate for middle school students and above. The production features a full band of twelve musicians from the local community and Cardinal Gibbons students.

Tickets are \$12 for advance sales and \$18 at the door. For more information visit www.cghsdrama6362.weebly.com. To purchase tickets, call (954)491-2900, ext. 135, or visit the lobby prior to each performance.

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If you have any questions or to schedule an interview with the director or the cast, please contact: Megan Price, Student Publicist, at 203975@cghsfl.org