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***The Comedy of Errors –
Shakespeare with a San Diego Twist***
Coronado High School Performing Arts Center
January 30 – February 8

Coronado, CA, January 13, 2009 – Coronado School of the Arts' (CoSA's) production of *The Comedy of Errors* will have you rolling in the aisles. Performances take place *January 30-31 and February 6-7* at 7:00 p.m. and February 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Coronado High School Performing Arts Center, 650 D Avenue.

William Shakespeare's slapstick farce, *The Comedy of Errors*, involves two sets of identical twins that were separated at birth and are unknowingly reunited and caught in a series of mishaps. The ensuing mistaken identities lead to wrongful beatings and arrest, as well as mistaken attraction. Shakespeare's *Comedy* engages the audience with witty dialogue employing clever puns and wordplay for a fun and entertaining production.

While staying true to the Shakespearian script, Director Kris McClung set the play in the present in San Diego during Halloween. This twist exposes young actors to the power of Shakespeare while also making it more relevant to them.

CoSA actors and CoSA digital media students worked together to create a short film for the opening scene of *The Comedy of Errors* that was shot on Coronado Beach. The movie includes a guest appearance by Coronado Mayor, Casey Tanaka, playing, of course, a mayor. CoSA provides interdepartmental work opportunities for students whenever possible. "Collaboration among the different departments at CoSA enhances the students' experience and often opens their eyes to other arts," says CoSA Director, Kris McClung. "We find that students often change from one art form to another later in their careers, so exposing them to variety early on helps broaden students' perspectives."

The CoSA students performing in *The Comedy of Errors* come from all over San Diego County to attend Coronado High School and Coronado School of the Arts. In addition to CoSA conservatory-style classes in acting, vocals, and dance that occur after the academic school day is done, actors rehearse most evenings for months before the show opens. It is a demanding schedule, but the students attend the program exactly for such training. These are the actors, singers, dancers, directors, and technical theatre experts of tomorrow.

The Comedy of Errors is a great start to 2009! Enjoy this fun production in the comfort of the state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center on the campus of Coronado High School. Tickets cost \$15 for reserved seating and \$12 for general admission, with discounts for students, seniors, and military. To purchase tickets or learn more about the CoSA program, please call 619.522.4050 ext. 3, or visit www.cosafoundation.org.

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About Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA)

CoSA is a public arts conservatory for high school students that embraces and encourages artistic creativity and academic excellence. This pre-professional arts program reaches out to talented students from all San Diego County, offering a nurturing environment focused on individual growth, opportunity, and diversity.

CoSA is made possible by the CoSA Foundation, whose mission is to perpetuate a regional public school of the arts at Coronado High School that offers the opportunity for the best possible arts education to all qualified students in San Diego County. The foundation is committed to inspiring broad community support and engaging other foundations, educational and arts institutions, and community organizations in partnerships to fulfill this mission.

For more information on CoSA, call 619.522.4050 or visit www.cosafoundation.org.

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***The Comedy of Errors* Cast List by Neighborhood**

Coronado

- Emily Chiras (Adrianna)
- Krista Feallock (Luciana)
- Samantha Hemp (First Merchant and Lifeguard)
- Sarah Kilcline (Angelo)
- Alec Oval (Balthasar, Coronado City Councilman, and Coronado Police Officer)
- Michael Silbertblatt (Antipholus of Ensenada, Antipholus of Coronado)
- Casey Tanaka (Mayor in The Movie)
- Travis Wright (Dromio of Ensenada, Dromio of Coronado)

La Mesa

- Aiden Ling (Egeon)

Paradise Hills

- Marielle Bardos (Police Officer and Courtesan)
- Zoe Smith (Luce)

Point Loma

- Sydney Hayes (Coronado Police Officer and Second Merchant)
- Dillon Evans (Stage Manager)

San Diego

- Victoria Gonzalez (Dr. Pinch, Lady Abbess, and Lifeguard)

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