

and That's the dad

Members of the Mamma Mia cast present who they think Sophie's dad is

"I think it's Sam, because he's the one that Donna likes the most and she keeps coming back to him."
(Photo: Wood)

Melissa Perry, senior



"It's 100% Harry, because he is so clingy towards her and is just always around Sophie." (Photo: Wood)

Koby Demaray, senior



"I think Sophie's dad is Bill because they connected on a really deep level, more than the other dads." (Photo: Wood)

Caidence Callender, freshman



like A Super Trooper

Two students receive nominations for a Michigan award from their performance in Mamma Mia

The Sutton Foster Awards is a large organization recognizing students in high school musical theater across the state of Michigan. Two of our students were nominated for this award from their performances in the musical Mamma Mia. Mentioned during one of their practices, the theater program now had members of Sutton Foster attend their shows and critique, allowing for more growth in the community.

As part of the Sutton Foster company, two students earned "Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role" securing nominations for the Sutton Foster Awards. Knowing that two people from Mamma Mia would be nominated, director, **Mrs. Deanna Flora** walked into sixth hour Spartanares announcing something which wasn't expected to either sophomore **Luis Rodriguez** or junior **Lilamae Frank**.

"It was actually during our choir class sixth hour, me and Lilamae found out and I just looked at her and we hugged each other. I was scared because I knew what she was doing, what she was gonna announce, but I just had the fear that I might have not made it, but I did, and it was a really good feeling," Luis said.

Just as it was a good feeling for Luis, it was a good feeling for Lilamae as well. A challenge Lilamae had through her theater journey was the amount of competition that theater brought which this opportunity helped degrade that challenge.

"I don't have the biggest range in the universe, so you're just surrounded by a ton of talented people and it does get a little competitive so sometimes the confidence is not there but it was really cool to see that I can do theater as well. So it kind of boosted my confidence a little bit more, especially now that I didn't have it before, now I do," Lilamae said.

Being nominated for the awards was rewarding for them both in different ways. From confidence to new opportunities, it allowed for them to do what they love on a new level. With that love, Luis was then named one of the 8 finalists, earning a scholarship to support his future theater journey.

"It feels very rewarding in a way. It's another opportunity to do what I love, which is always such a good thing, and so I'm really excited for the workshop. It's just an honor to be nominated," Luis said.

Kayla Wood

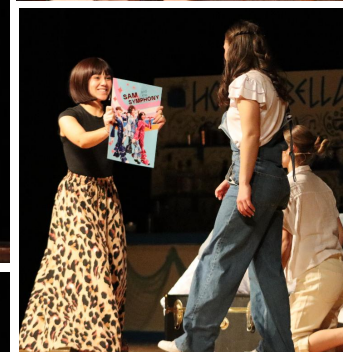
Pulling Through When she jumps with joy after seeing her best friends Donna and Tonya, Rosie who is played by junior **Brooklyn Berning** joins in the reunion. Brooklyn auditioned to be a part of the trio to which she obtained the role and took on the huge responsibility. "I was really excited, because that's who I had auditioned for, and I knew that being able to play here would be a huge responsibility for me, and I felt like I was really proud of myself for being able to pull through," Brooklyn said. (Photo: Wood)



Nervous Arrivals Just after arriving on the island, one dad, senior **Brady Callender**, listens to Harry sing. Brady expected to be nervous when he got on stage with the other dads, but it wasn't as bad as he would've thought. "I was expecting to be a lot more nervous than I was, but having these other dads to converse with was not mundane, but it was just exciting rather than being nervous. It felt a lot more natural than what I thought it would be," Brady said. (Photo: Wood)



Close Family With her friends, seniors **Alexa Anthony** and **Sema Frantz**, junior **Maya Looney** reads her mom's diary. Because she was in a smaller lead role, creating a family in the cast was something fun to Alexa. "My role is typically backup for everyone so it's kind of fun because you get to interact with everyone, whether they're leads, backstage, and also ensemble. And you get to know everyone really well and kind of create a family there," Alexa said. (Photo: Wood)



Photoshoot Shenanigans As she tries to cheer up Donna, sophomore **Lailynn Hecht** who is playing Tonya pulls out a poster of the group in their prime. The poster was a surprise to her, not because she didn't know it was there, but because the boys came in and recreated the photo. "One day after we were all rehearsing, all of us girls had left and the guys had come in and they had put on our costumes. They had done their own photo shoot recreating all of our photos, it was really funny," Lailynn said. (Photo: Russell)

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