BHS, BMS theater group to bring Christmas to life

Not only will toys come to life next week, but so will an entire stage.

Brownfield Middle and High Schools' fine arts departments invite the community to their long-anticipated holiday musical.

Performances of "The Little Match Girl" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the BMS auditorium and again Saturday, Dec. 15 at the same time and location. Tickets are $5 for the general public and $3 for students.

The Saturday performance will also proceed a Mexican stack-up dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the BMS cafeteria, with tickets $7 each. VIP tickets available for $30 include entry to both evenings' shows and to the dinner.

Faculty directors Jacob Lierman and Connie Russell encourage the community to attend the musical not only to support their talented young actors and singers, but to experience an evening's worth of live entertainment that will put them in the holiday spirit.

"It's one of those heartwarming Christmas stories," Lierman told the *News*. "It's a show that's good for the whole family."

Based on a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Little Match Girl" tells the story of a poor girl who sees spiritual visions while attempting to warm herself with matches she had been selling on the street.

Theater and choir students have been meeting all semester for twice-weekly after-school practices, and have devoted countless additional hours at home to perfecting their lines and songs.

"We've been practicing Mondays and Thursdays, and it's been really fun," said seventh-grader Edmond Bergara.

"We practice really hard, and we do it over and over and until we get it perfect," added Kylen Willis, who is also in seventh grade.

"It's been really fun, and I think the show's going to come out really good," said eighth-grader Lindsey Pauda.

All proceeds from the performances will go toward the theater department's preparation for year's show.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 637-4523 or 637-7521.

Fine arts Students (top row, left to right) Tommie J. Garcia, Mitchell Friesen, Veronica Molina, (center) Lexi Willis and (front, right) Lindsey Pauda rehearse a scene from their upcoming holiday musical. Performances of "The Little Match Girl" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the BMS auditorium and again Saturday, Dec. 15 at the same time and location.

Brownfield Middle School seventh-graders (left to right) Olivia Mendez, Alizae Gonzales and Emily Torres rehearse a scene from their upcoming holiday musical. Performances of "The Little Match Girl" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the BMS auditorium and again Saturday, Dec. 15 at the same time and location.