

Curtains Going Up Again

Encore will help pay for CHS trip to NE drama festival

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COVENTRY — An encore performance by the Coventry High School Drama Club for “The Face is the Place” will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the high school.

The play, which made its national debut on the high school’s stage, was written by Beth Goobie, a major author of young adult literature in Canada who personally gave her permission for this production, according to Director and drama teacher Mychael Wilkinson, who explained what the production is about.

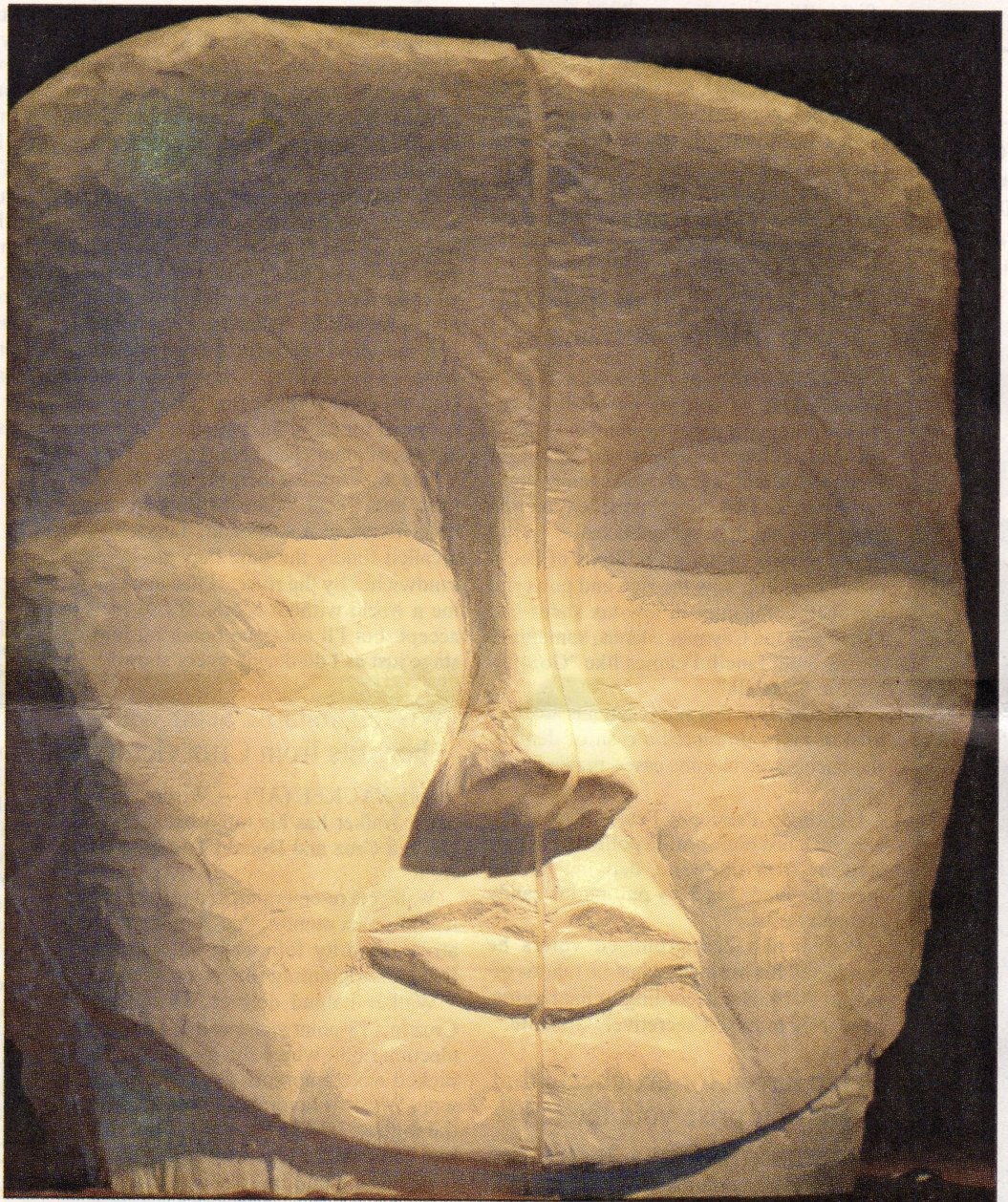
The one-act play is contains mature themes and language and is best suited for those ages 12 and older.

The show is a frank and highly dramatic play, which explores the issues of bullying, social profiling and stereotyping within the modern high school community.

“The story deals with a group of ‘popular’ girls who use threats of violence to get what they want and how the outcome of these tactics affects the lives of all those involved,” he said.

The cast of 12 performed this

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The background for the Coventry High School Drama Club’s “The Face is the Place,” which was the winning entry at the Rhode Island High School Drama Festival performed at Prout High School last month.

Encore curtains rise Monday at Coventry High

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play last month at the 2016 Rhode Island High School Drama Festival competition, performed at Prout High School, where they won first place.

The encore performance is also serving as a fundraiser to get them to the New England Drama Festival, which will be held in Connecticut from April 20th to the 22nd.

Hannah Lanowe, Lissy Shortfall, Guinevere Fertado, Harris Cook-Hynes and Sabrina Peltier received awards for Best State Acting, as did Gavin DeFranco.

"The New England Festival is not a competition but it will be expensive to get the students there and pay for hotel and food, et cetera," he said.

Wilkinson said bullying is such a large issue in the country and students have come to feel that they need to wear a mask and it's about what happens as a result of some speaking up, and while the outcome of this play may not be the outcome of what everyone experiences in high school, he said, it will spread more awareness.

Tickets for Monday's show are \$10 for students and \$15 for the general public. Those who purchase the \$15 tickets will be invited to a small reception in the library following the show, where the cast will receive recognition from members of the school committee.