

A CUP OF TALENT

Bringing the Artistic Side Out of Students

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Singing, playing, and showing off their talents is what these students do for Westmont's annual Coffee House. After 13 years the tradition is back for yet another year, and the performers continue to bring back their talents or decide to show them off for the first time.

For weeks the students spent countless hours together practicing and perfecting their songs, while seniors Madison Reitter and Simon Joseph took hours out of their days to plan and set up for their senior project. "I thought it was a lot of fun. It's really cool to see all this stuff come together" said Joseph. After they finished setting up, raindrops, clouds, and beautiful spring flower decorations filled the room with good vibes and set the perfect mood for the night.

Although Coffee House is mainly about the music, there were also amazing pieces of art that made the hallways pop and the crowd could enjoy while the performers got ready. The decorations and art pieces made by the students gave them an opportunity to show off their designs and hard work. The creativity doesn't stop there, with a variety of different songs and genres, the performers shined through on stage with all of the different music acts. "I think Coffee House brings out the artistic side in students because it allows them to share their passion and love of music" exclaims first time performer senior Gabby Nash. With busy schedules and other after school activities, students don't always get to show their artistic sides in school so this is the perfect opportunity for them. Faculty advisor Mr. Aurandt says, "It gives students a place where they are free to try different things and to perform pieces that they prepare themselves in a very supportive environment."



The band Surge rocks out on stage and pumps up the crowd as they play their own original songs.

Source: Garrett Crans

The black box theatre gave the students a new perspective on Coffee House as this has been the first year having it there. The fun atmosphere let the performers and the audience have a perfect first experience. Senior Jake Law says "Coffee House is something I've looked forward to every year because it's the only time I have the chance to perform in front of anyone, and the whole night is just a blast." So as things came to a close and the decorations came down, everyone reminisced on how great Coffee House truly was. ■

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