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LOVE CONQUERS ALL IN DRAMATIC STYLE

May 8, 2019 - Duncan, BC, Canada – For generations, stories have been passed down to teach valuable lessons about life, love, pain, and hope. Few do this better than *Once On This Island Jr.*, the simple tale of Ti Moune, the peasant girl whose love for a boy from the wealthy side of the island takes her on a journey through all of life’s experiences and more, ultimately proving that the power of love is greater than prejudice, fear, and even death.

Director Tilly Lorence admits that selecting the style of a sung-through musical such as *Once on This Island Jr.*, was a risk, but one she was ready to take with the right cast. “Since I began teaching theatre 15 years ago, I have waited for the right group of young actors to perform this challenging play,” she says. “This is an advanced musical for children in Grades 4–7 as it has many working components and the cast is large—with over 30 actors and crew!”

With a story that puts a microscope on the topics of discrimination, racism, and social class segregation, *Once On This Island Jr.* is more relevant today than ever. “The deeper messages of redemption through love, provides us with hope for the future,” shares Lorence. “*Once On This Island Jr.* reminds us how community can truly come together through story.”

Performances on **May 15–16** at 6:00pm are already sold out, yet tickets are still available for the **3:30pm** performance on **May 16** in the QMS Fine Arts Hall. Contact QMS at reception@qms.bc.ca or 250-746-4185 to reserve seats.

About Queen Margaret’s School

As a trailblazing university-preparatory day and boarding school for girls and boys, Queen Margaret’s School (QMS) transforms how students learn through our unique programming. Experiential and inquiry-based learning, entrepreneurial thinking, and equine facilitated leadership development provides students with hands-on skills they need for an unknown future. We develop new generations of confident leaders of character and compassion empowered to create a more just and connected world.

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Photo: Agwa, God of Water (*Finn Dahlstrom*) laughs with fellow gods Papa Ge (*Milo McDonald*), Asaka (*Cienna Charania*), and Erzulie (*Yukari Stevenson*) when Ti Moune (*Maia Cassie*) prays for the love of a boy.



Photo: Peasant girl, Ti Moune (*Maia Cassie*), sings to the gods to grant her wish—that a boy she loves will return her affection.

