

STAND AND DELIVER

Auditions

Aug. 26th 1-5pm Foster Theater GCFA Aug. 27th 6-8pm Foster Theater GCFA

Note: *Please use the Security entrance (facing 11th Street)*

Actor Preparation: Cold readings from the script

Full Length Play

Comedy/Drama

Synopsis: A motion picture originally released by Warner Brothers, this Oscar-nominated drama is the compelling true story of a dedicated East Los Angeles teacher who surmounts overwhelming odds in his quest to turn inner-city students into whiz kids. When Jaime Escalante leaves a career in engineering to teach high school math, he is assigned to a barrio school with a reputation for gangs, drugs and dropouts, an ill-funded school that is also in imminent danger of losing its accreditation. Still, his quirky sense of humor, antics and offbeat teaching methods mesmerize and motivate his students. A class goal is set: to take the Advanced Placement Calculus Test, an exam so demanding that less than two percent of seniors attempt it. Pressure mounts! Escalante works his students and himself so obsessively that he suffers a heart attack a couple of days before the test; nonetheless, 18 students take the test. All 18 pass! However, the skeptical Educational Testing Service invalidates the scores because of the unusual similarity of wrong answers. Ambition and pride vanish in a single computerized keystroke. Reluctantly, the students agree to retest. The result provides the dramatic conclusion to this emotion-packed, inspirational, urban fairy tale.

CHARACTERS

The Faculty:

JAIME ESCALANTE - one of a kind

PRINCIPAL MOLINA - tough guy with a heart

RAQITEL ORTEGA - a self-assured woman

The Students:

JAVIER PERALES - a slim, middle-class boy

TITO GUITANO - a new-wave math student/musician

CLAUDIA CAMEJO - a moody and sexy fashion plate

FRANCISCO "PANCHO" GARCIA - a car freak

LUPE ESCOBAR - an outspoken flirt

ANA DELGADO - a flower ready to bloom

RAFAELA FUENTES - a recent immigrant from Guatemala

ANGEL GUERRA a member of the Maravilla Gang

The Community:

CHUCO – the macho leader of the Maravilla Gang

ARMANDO - the janitor

HECTOR DELGADO – Ana's father

DR. RAMIREZ - a yuppie Latino ETS official

DR. PEARSON – an African-American ETS official

Various Extras