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Students from The Saklan School Perform in the Musical "13"

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Middle school students from The Saklan School performed the coming-of-age musical, 13, April 27 and 28 at the Town Hall Theater in Lafayette. The annual musical has grown to be one of the most popular parts of the middle school music curriculum at The Saklan School, despite the fact that participation by every student is mandatory. Music teacher Grace Chaffey instituted the annual musical production when she started at the school in 2008. Because of its popularity, this year she began directing musicals for Saklan's elementary students, too.

At The Saklan School music is taught in Pre-K through fifth grade three times per week. Middle school students meet in larger, mixed-grade ensembles where they develop skills in instrumental and vocal performance. In addition to her role as Saklan's Pre-K through eighth grade music teacher, Chaffey also serves the community as the vocal director for the Campolindo High School Musicals and teaches at the Town Hall Theater's Educational Program.

From left: James Rokas, Mac Goldman and Orion Binder perform in the musical 13. Photo Carol Goldman

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