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MEAA Produces Student Written Musical, "The Queens of Brimstone"

**Sidney, ME**- Maine Arts Academy Student Theater will present an original student written musical entitled *The Queens of Brimstone*. The musical is written by MEAA junior, Isabella Coulombe with songs by Isabella Coulombe and MEAA junior Aaron Walsh. The play is directed by MEAA junior Natalie Gilbert and is suitable for children of all ages! The public performance for *The Queens of Brimstone* is on Saturday, May 11 at 2pm on the Alumni Stage, Maine Arts Academy in Sidney, ME. Tickets for the event are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for students and children under 18. The musical will go on to tour to area elementary schools the following week.

*The Queens of Brimstone* is a fun and uplifting play that takes place in a "suburban fairytale world" with fairytale style sets and costumes. This play illustrates the power of positive thinking and proves that true friendship and positivity can always light the way home, no matter how lost a person gets! The performance runs 50 minutes.

Although playwright Isabella Coulombe could be considered a prolific young playwright, *The Queens of Brimstone* is Coulombe's first play to be produced. Breaking into a huge smile, Coulombe comments, "It's really exciting! It's so cool to see everyone doing their best to bring the characters to life!" The Maine Arts Academy theater program is dedicated to developing and fostering young theater artists like Coulombe. Theater students at MEAA spend a good part of their day participating in acting, directing, playwriting, and theater leadership classes. There, they learn the skills necessary to collaborate with each other as young creative artists. "We have a collaborative process

that absolutely nurtures the work of these talented students. They learn to both relate to the world through their art form and express their unique place within it. I am blessed to work in such an inspired and creative environment." says Jeri Pitcher, Director of the Theater Program at MEAA.

For more information about *The Queens of Brimstone* performance on May 1, 2019 or the MEAA Theater program, you may contact Jeri Pitcher at <a href="maineartsacadmy.org">jpitcher@maineartsacadmy.org</a> or visit: <a href="www.maineartsacademy.org">www.maineartsacademy.org</a>