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NEW QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR READY FOR THE FIRST PERFORMANCE

QUEEN CREEK, AZ, October 27, 2015 — Queen Creek High Theater Troupe presents the Tony award winning play, Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* October 29th and 30th at 7pm on stage at the Queen Creek Performance Arts Center. More than 60 years ago, Miller wrote what he imagined to be an American tale of fear, suspicion and religious extremism. The *Crucible* is not only a dramatization of the historical events of the Salem witch trials but commentary on the politically inspired Communist "witch hunt" of the 1950's McCarthy-era. Audiences have been captivated for years by this thought provoking production.

This is the first play directed by district's new theater teacher Kyle Spitler. In his former position at Poston Butte, Mr. Spitler built the theatre program by producing successful plays such as *Completely Hollywood*, *Who Will Carry the Word* and *Cinderella*. Mr. Spitler challenges his students with strong emotional plays. He believes that the Queen Creek High School Theatre Troupe is ready to bring their dramatic interpretation of *The Crucible* to the Queen Creek audiences.

Senior Trey Ervans steps into the lead role of John Proctor, the Farmer who is truly paying for his sins but is guided by his convictions. Sophomore Calista Davis takes on the difficult role of Abigail Williams, the child who screamed witch. The story that unfolds is, in Miller's words that "life is God's most precious gift; no principle, but however glorious, may justify the taking of it".

The *Crucible* opens on Thursday, October 29th and runs through Friday, October 30th. Presale tickets are available through the Queen Creek High School Bookstore for \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. Tickets are limited to 100 per performance.



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