



*“Theatre is a verb before it is a noun, it is an act before it is a place.”*



On the 15th of October, 2022, from 6 PM onwards, the Bishops Junior College staged their long-anticipated play, *‘Dynamic Mrs Doubtfire.’* Inspired and adapted from the 1993 comedy film, *Mrs Doubtfire*, and written and directed by a staff member, Mrs Gulnar Mistry. The children and staff of the Junior College provided a fresh and hilarious take on the classic.

With ticket sales through the roof, viewers arrived in droves at the Lorna Roberts Auditorium. There was a restlessness in the hall, the audience quivering with anticipation to watch the promised *‘dynamic’* show. The evening began with a solemn prayer from our Principal, Mr Joel Edwin, and with the outset of suspenseful, exhilarating music, the play began.



The opening scene starred none other than the talented Zynn Kothavala, a student of Class XII, in the protagonist’s role of Daniel Hillard, who would soon transform into the titular character, Mrs Doubtfire. The maiden scene established Daniel as a compassionate, thoughtful person with a brilliant sense of humour who loves his children with his entire being.



As the play unfolded in its dramatic, astonishing glory, more characters were revealed to the enraptured audience.

Freiya Havewala as Miranda Hillard, exhausted mother to a handful of three children and the deuteragonist, made a devastating entrance that shook the foundations of Daniel's family. Other characters in the ensemble cast, such as Ahaan Ganguly as Stuart Dunmeyer, Tiahna Anklesaria as Lydia Hillard, Rujul Soman as Christopher Hillard and Ritu Wadekar as Natalie Hillard performed memorably, inciting raucous laughs while capturing the hearts and minds of the audience.



Throughout the performance, the Junior College choir, comprising over ninety students, punctuated the scenes with heartfelt and engaging musical numbers, singing beloved classic melodies such as Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley, Treat You Better by Shawn Mendes, and Grace Kelly by Mika.



To thunderous applause, a play that made a solid, striking impression with a heartfelt message came to end.

The curtain call then commenced, a joyous

parade of faces whose immeasurable contributions lead to the frutification of an enthralling play. The students of the backstage crew, photography team and IT department were each bestowed with small, meaningful gifts as a sincere mark of appreciation on behalf of the school.



Our principal, Mr Joel Edwin then felicitated the governing body members of the school, and Mrs Blossom Lillywhite delivered a few invaluable words of appreciation.

Ms Madhu Hora, Dean of the Junior College delivered the vote of thanks, gaily acknowledging the teachers who worked tirelessly to make this program a success — Mrs Sonam Barton and her team who worked on the presentation and digital effects, Mr Yogesh Ghadge and his team, who worked on the breathtaking scenery and transformed the stage, Ms Rachel Thomas, the music director, and finally, to wild whooping, Mrs Gulnar Mistry, scriptwriter and director.



An unforgettable evening with memorable, scandalous scenes, enjoyable and loveable characters, fantastic live music and a lovely, earnest message, this year's Annual Concert will surely enshrine itself in the memory of its audience for a long time to come.



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