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The definition of CoSA's *Spelling Bee*? Pure Entertainment

October 2010, Coronado...Get out your dictionaries! Coronado School of the Arts (CoSA) Musical Theatre Department will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at the Black Box Theatre on the campus of Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue, on October 22nd, 23rd, 28th and 29th at 7:00 pm and October 24th and 30th at 2:00 pm.

In this musical comedy, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. Songs like "Pandemonium" and "The I Love You Song" feature wit, wonderful timing, and beautiful harmonies and each member of the cast brings a quirky and recognizable character to life. *Spelling Bee* won a Tony for the best book in 2005 for good reason.

"Since *Spelling Bee* features a small cast – only nine – we have double-cast the show so that more of the actors who auditioned may showcase their talents," says Dr. Barbara Wolf, director of the production and the CoSA Musical Theatre Department. "This means each cast member has a bit of a different take on his or her character. It is great fun to see the differences between the casts. Come see both!"

The intimate Black Box Theatre is a perfect setting for this production. All spelling bee veterans will feel right at home. In fact, you can register before the show to be a part of the "Bee." Four audience members will participate each night which leads to guaranteed unpredictability and hilarity.

Tickets (\$10 Adults, \$8 Senior Citizens and Military, \$7 Children and Students) for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* may be ordered in the CoSA office at 650 D Avenue, Coronado, or purchased at the door. Please visit www.cosafoundation.org to order tickets in advance -- shows are selling quickly!

CoSA is a public arts conservatory for high school students that embraces and encourages artistic creativity and academic excellence. This pre-professional arts program reaches out to talented students from all over San Diego County and offers a nurturing environment focused on individual growth, opportunity, and diversity. For more information on CoSA or the Foundation, call 619.522.4050 or visit www.cosafoundation.org.

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Photo Caption: Both CoSA casts get in character for *Spelling Bee*.

Spelling Bee Cast October 23, 28, 30

Panch.....Aidan Ling
Rona/Olive’s mom.....Olivia O’Connor
Mitch/Olive’s dad/Schwarzy’s dad.....Jake Gomrick
Olive.....Cierra Bartelt
Barfee.....Dakota Ringer
Marcy.....Miki Holmes
Chip/Jesus.....Zach Bunshaft
Schwarzy.....Samantha Littleford
Coneybear/Schwarzy’s dad.....Gabe Lazard

Spelling Bee Cast October 22, 24, 29

Panch.....Aidan Ling
Rona/Olive’s mom.....Betsy Salazar -Dunbar
Mitch/Olive’s dad/Schwarzy’s dad.....Jake Gomrick
Olive.....Cierra Bartelt
Barfee.....Dakota Ringer
Marcy.....Molly Moreau
Chip/Jesus.....Alec Oval
Schwarzy.....Elise Napier
Coneybear/Schwarzy’s dad.....Chase Fischer

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