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The Framingham High School Drama Company under the direction of Donna Wresinski has been selected to perform in the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). Each August, Edinburgh, Scotland becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from all over the world come to Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The whole city becomes a stage and visitors can view performances everywhere from playgrounds to conference rooms to city parks to churches. The Fringe Festival includes over 1,800 different performances of music, theatre, dance, and comedy during its three week run. Framingham High School's performance will be showcased at the AHSTF venue in Edinburgh.

Framingham High School Drama Company, long recognized for its entertaining and innovative productions, was selected by the AHSTF Board of Advisors to represent the United States as part of the 2010 AHSTF program. The Board reviews all completed applications and identifies the top high schools based on their most recent bodies of work, awards, community involvement, philosophies, and recommendations .In the past three years, the FHS Drama Company has received the title of state champion for their production of *Tales of Trickery* at the 2006 MHSDG Festival, the Moss Hart Award from the New England Theatre Conference, and 7 Spotlight Awards from North Shore Music Theatre including Best Musical for their production of *Once On This Island*.

While in Scotland, AHSTF's professional technical team ensures that the company's lighting, sound, and property needs are addressed. WorldStrides of Charlottesville, Virginia, the nation's oldest and largest student travel company will be planning the travel arrangements for each high school group.

As you can imagine, Framingham High School drama students, their parents, and teachers are heavily involved in fundraising activities to finance their two-week adventure to Scotland and England. Contributions and donations are welcome and more information is available by e-mailing FHSDCSCOTLAND@gmail.com or calling 508-620-4963 X1604. For more information about the festival go to www.ahstf.com .