



## Grass Lake Drama Society – Press Release

Grass Lake High School Drama Society to present *The Miracle Worker* a drama in three acts by William Gibson.

Set in the mid-1880s, *The Miracle Worker* recounts the story of Helen Keller's discovery of language through the teachings of Annie Sullivan. The play portrays the Keller family's struggle to forge roads of communication not only with their daughter, but with each other as well. Director Amy Janz says that the play is “so much more than a play about Hellen Keller but at its heart is a story of a blended family simply trying to figure out how to understand each other.” The cast stars high school senior, Rebecca Rigg, as Annie Sullivan, the young teacher who for personal reasons cannot accept anything short of a miracle to reach the blind and deaf Helen Keller, played by high school sophomore, Ruby Bernhard. “This show truly has a universal message. Life is full of different kinds of blindness, so everyone can find something to relate to within this play” says Rigg. Bernhard adds “in a situation where someone is deemed to be hopeless, *The Miracle Worker* shows that hope still exists and that no one is truly hopeless.”

The cast also showcases the acting talents of high school students: Eleanor Durkee, Chris Pongracz, Gabe Sweet, Elsa Miller, Annabelle Miller, Chloe Kyer, Xander Reynolds; middle school students: Layla Vermeyley, Avery Beeman, Katelyn Boomer, Clair Foster, Josie Downs, Natalie Farmer, Jonathon Tompkins; and elementary student, Jaida Zegarlowicz.

The production will run Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Grass Lake High School auditorium. For updates and sneak peaks of the rehearsal process, follow Grass Lake High School Theater on Facebook.

All tickets are \$6 and can be purchased online at [grasslake.ludus.com](http://grasslake.ludus.com), through the Facebook page, or at the door.

“The Miracle Worker” is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company.