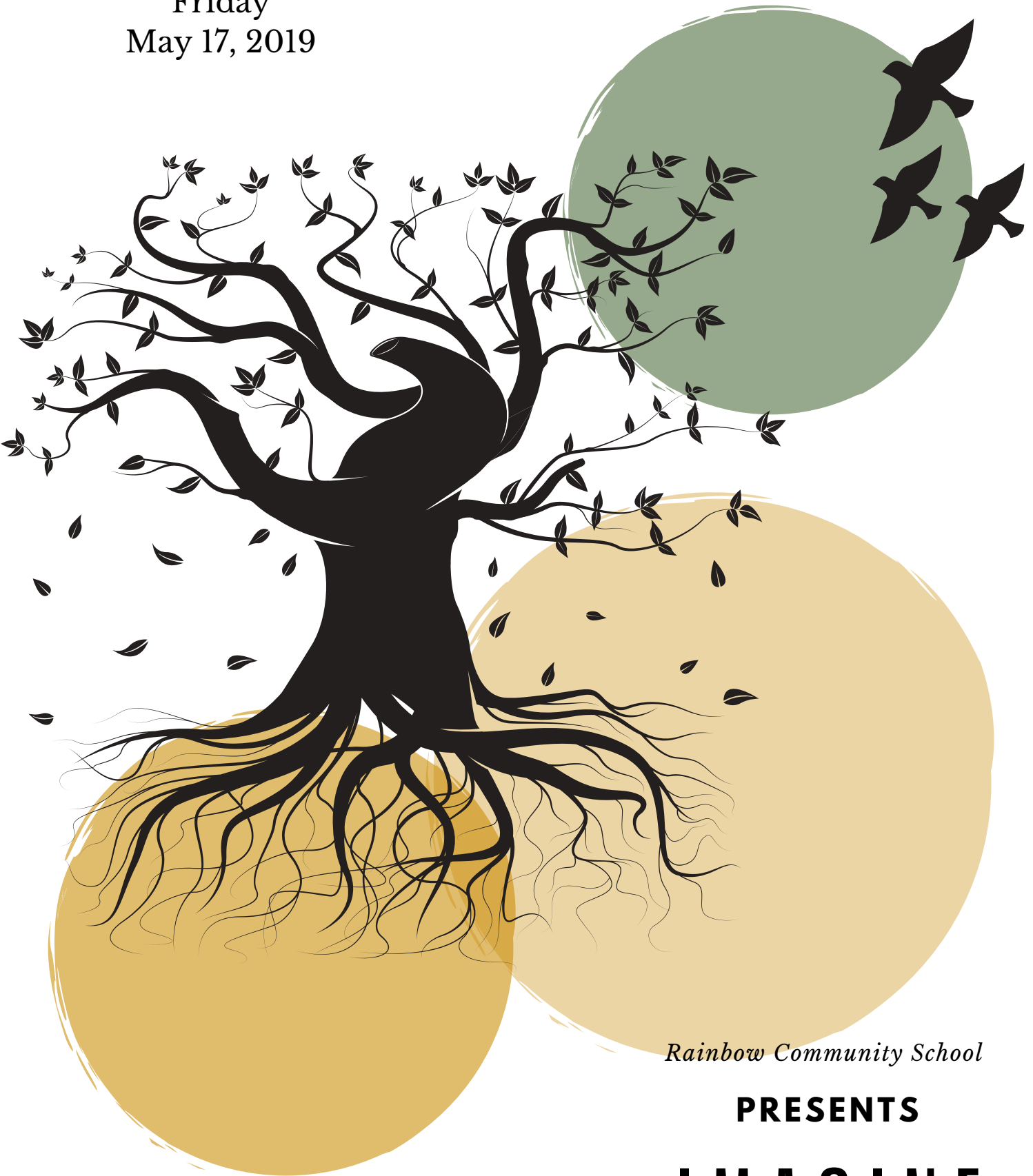


Friday
May 17, 2019



Rainbow Community School

PRESENTS

IMAGINE

Directed by Justin Pilla

Written by Justin Pilla and the Omega class



WHO BE THE WHOMAN

Directed by Justin Pilla
with assistance from Sue Ford and
Jason Cannoncro

Written by Justin Pilla and the Omega class

With original music,
“Song of Awakening” by Justin Pilla
and Sue Ford

“Panda Party” by Justin Pilla

“Apex Predators” by Justin Pilla

Omega Marimba “Traveling Music”
by Sue Ford and “Spider Music” by Brent Holl

In addition to the performing arts, Imagine is also a celebration of Rainbow’s visual arts program! As you sit in the auditorium, you are surrounded by artwork created by every student in kindergarten through fifth grade. Please take time to look closely at the work and read the descriptions. There is additional artwork displayed in the foyer, including work by our Omega students.

This year’s Imagine opens with the following lines:

Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going?

These are the questions humans have been asking themselves for as long as they have dwelt in this world.

But how to answer such eternal questions? As we always have... with a Story.

This story is set in the pre-human world, and it is told from the point of view of the animals. Several animals discover the "soul seed" of a mysterious creature. They learn it is the soul seed of the "whoman," and it will be very different type of animal -- powerful beyond imagination. Knowing that their world will be forever changed when this “whoman” seed awakens, what should they do with it? Should they protect it...or are they better off without it? Can they love and support this new creature, despite, or because of, its awesome potential?

Heavy questions for a grade school play, but here we are in 2019!

As always, this year’s Imagine is an original play, with almost all original music written and composed by teachers and the children. Imagine uses the arts as a medium to explore complex questions and to revel in what creative and vibrant creatures we are. Through the arts, children can learn concepts far beyond their years, and they can express wisdom beyond what any facts could ever convey. In an age when facts are often labeled as “fake,” the arts speak the Truth.

Thank you for supporting the arts at Rainbow, and thank you for providing your child with an education that matters. May you leave Imagine with renewed hope for the world, because that is what your child brings to us every day.

~Renee Owen, Executive Director & Justin Pilla, Rainbow Creative Coordinator



MORNING PERFORMANCE

Preschool - “My Roots Go Down” song lyrics and music by Sarah Pirtle

Kindergarten – “Root Children” skit adapted from the book by Stephanie Nixon.
Song adapted by Eddy Webb from the book “When the Root Children Wake Up” by Audrey Woods. Accompanied by Eddy Webb and Sue Ford

ACT I

Third Grade- “The Beauty, Chaos, & Mystery of the Universe” Music is an excerpt of “The Great Gig in the Sky” by Pink Floyd, performed by Dalton Howes and Sue Ford and “Magoo Opening” by Cornelius. Choreography by Melissa Scott and the 3rd Grade Ligers.

Second Grade- “Insect Metamorphosis”
Dance and Rap by Eddy Webb and 2nd grade Horses.

First Grade – “Down by the Ocean”
Song lyrics by Sue Ford. Music from the song, “Under the Boardwalk” by Kenny Young and Arthur Resnick.
The Ocean Band: Eddy Webb, Renee Owen, Sue Ford and Omega marimba students

Fourth Grade - “Believe”
Skit by the 4th Grade Bigfoot.
Dance choreographed by Julie Chapman.
Music “Don't' Stop Believing” by Journey
Costumes by Molly Sawyer and Bethany Hoffman

ACT II

Fifth Grade - “Creatures of the Night”
Skit by the 5th Grade Grolar Bears and April Dorion and Emmaly Rogalski
Song was originally written by Annie Lennox and David Stewart, and was adapted by Bryan Warner.
The lyrics to our song were written by Nick Vall and adapted by April Dorion

Thank you to our
TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

Max Mraz &
Cynthia Calhoun



ARTISTS

Justin Pilla: Justin is a musician, myth maker & part time sorcerer. Imagine is a magical opportunity to combine many arts & skills while sharing this knowledge & passion with students. This is the 7th Imagine production Justin has been a part of... one for each domain!

Sue Ford: Sue Ford was Rainbow's music teacher from 2002 - 2006 and then returned in 2013. This year's Imagine is her 7th. She has been a performer for over forty years, singing, playing piano, percussion, guitar and banjo. Collaborating creatively with other adults and children is Sue's passion and joy. She deeply appreciates how the Rainbow community values the arts.

Eddy Webb: Eddy, the 2nd grade teacher, grew up singing in a church choir and playing in rock and roll bands. He loves singing and dancing with his students everyday, where his expectation is that everyone participates.

Julie Chapman: Julie is a dance instructor who loves to choreograph with her daughter, Avalon, a fourth grader at RCS. Sharing her love of styles such as hip hop, bhangra and belly dance, Julie is committed to creating choreography that's accessible to everyone and spreading joy through dance.

Tracy Hildebrand: Tracy has been teaching art at RCS for eight years. She has loved making art since her earliest memories as a child, and double majored in fine arts and art education in college. Tracy loves working with all the different age levels at rainbow, sharing what she loves, and learning new things with her students!

Molly Sawyer: Molly, the 4th grade teacher, started sewing clothes for herself when she was 10 years old. She's always loved the creative domain and enjoys creating with her students. Many thanks to parent, Bethany Hoffman, for help with the costumes.

Melissa Scott: Melissa, 3rd grade teacher, She started dancing when she was 4 years old and has experience with ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, and African dance. She loves the connection between music and movement and how movement gives us a way to express ourselves. She enjoys shaping movement into choreography, and has choreographed dance for various groups of people, including for classes here at Rainbow for our Imagine and Winter Show performances!

Mark Hanf: Mark has been part of the Rainbow Community since 2001 as a teacher and a parent. For this year's Imagine, he enjoyed working with the Omega Middle School students and Hobey Ford (puppeteer and Sue Ford's husband) to create shadow puppets and marionettes.