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Fiddler on the Roof



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Staging great musicals is a "Tradition!" at MLC, and last weekend's Forum production of *Fiddler on the Roof* had audiences raving again.

Filling the lead role of Golde was **Zoe Scharf**, who's sung in musicals every year since her LPS days. *Fiddler* is a pretty special show, she says, "because of its timelessness. The music and storyline are still incredibly impactful and meaningful for audiences, even 60 years after it was written."

Ryan Boggs, another LPS alum, played opposite Zoe in the lead role of Tevye. He's got a lot of stage experience as well, so he really enjoyed the challenge of *Fiddler*. "Especially as a production that doesn't have a stereotypical happy ending," he says, "it challenged me as an actor to portray both humor and seriousness. Tevye was an awesome character, and I'm blessed to have had the opportunity!"

The creativity of Forum at MLC goes far beyond producing shows. A lot of deep friendships are created too. "Forum is so welcoming, loving, and, most importantly, Christ-centered," Zoe says. "It's the perfect place to make life-long friends!"

"Christ-centered" is actually a great word for the entire MLC college experience. Zoe continues: "What I love most about MLC is that everything we do centers around spreading the gospel, and having this as a foundation fosters unbelievable support, kindness, and mutual encouragement from everyone on campus, from the staff to the students."

Learn more at mlc-wels.edu/forum.

Pictured clockwise, from top left: Zoe Scharf and Ryan Boggs (both LPS); Zoe and Ryan; the whole cast—with fiddler Ella Wurster (MVL) on the roof; Olivia Robinson (LPS) and Bailey Schwab (Nebraska LHS); Bethany Spike (MVL), Emma Pufahl (WISCO), and Joe Schroeder (MVL); Ella Bergemann (LPS) and Jacob Bergstrom (West LHS).