Post academy student, performs in New York

By Elizabeth Kline

The home-schooled actress KerryAnn Zun, 19, started her first stage plays in preschool. She has worked with such notable theater groups as the First Stage Theater and the Second Stage in New York City. KerryAnn is now performing at the New York University with a few special studies and will now be in New York sometime in her shoes.

Witness the change

I have you a moment in your life, when you were aware something that you wanted to change, and found yourself no longer wanting just to bear witness to what was happening, but took a risk and stepped in to make the change?

How did you feel?

Join the discussion* by leaving a comment at witness.thechangenewyork.com for chance to win season tickets for the 2009-2010 season, meet playwriting and more.

*Offer open to all CTS students until January 11, 2010

Witness opens on January 23, 2009 at First Stage

Photo by Kelly Driscoll

Excerpt from the First Stage Blog

By young and promising Melanie Kline, and Jane Wilde in Harry Potter, A YULETIDE MOVIE

The happiness of Harry Potter, 10, “is a YULETIDE MOVIE.

Everyone is relaxed, focused and ready for anything and everything. Another thing I love about First Stage is that everyone is welcome into the First Stage family. I was elected to meet new people because I didn’t recognize many names on the cast list, but the people who were there had been friends with them forever...

Read more at firststage.horantierobert.blogspot.com

Harry Potter, 10, is THE YULETIDE MOVIE playing now at First with December 1st.

Photos by Michael Montana ( practicing as Dobby the Elf and Harry Potter as Dobby the Elf) from the movie, The Yuletide Movie. Four students from the First Stage Academy, John Zun, 17, Michael Montana, 18, Alex Lawrance, 15, and CTS students Margaret Ackerman and Armande Osaka, 19, are featured in the movie, The Yuletide Movie. They were featured in the movie by our school, First Stage Academy.

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“A list of these children have not experienced live theater before. We can weave arts into education and make fun.”

Xan S. Johnson, Ph.D., Director

First Stage Stage's Bully Ban workshop helps Wisconsin schools

By Elizabeth Krumnow and Julia Masaracce

The photos are courtesy of First Stage. The photos show young performers. Some of the photos depict the performers in a stage setting, while others show them in a classroom or a schoolyard. The words are written in a flowing, elegant font, and the layout is clean and organized. The overall design is professional and visually appealing, making it easy to read and understand the content.