Sidney, ME- Maine Arts Academy Student Theater Company will present REQUIEM, an
tonight that tells the untold story of the band members who played on the Titanic. The play,
written by MEAA sophomore Emily Carlton, tells the captivating story of the band members, and
the events that took place in the hours before the ship's sinking. The production will take place on
Tuesday, January 25, at 7:00pm; Wednesday, January 26, at 4:00pm; and Thursday, January 27,
at 7:00pm. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. The story of the Titanic
involves mature themes, and is recommended for ages 10 and above. A talk back with the cast
and crew will follow the performances. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, performers and
audience members will be masked during the performances.

Carlton’s play follows the band members of the Titanic, and the events leading up to the sinking
of the ship. “You’re going on a journey” reflects playwright Carlton, “These people are seeing
their whole lives descend into chaos, yet they keep returning to doing what they love until the
very end.” The Student Theater Company at MeAA focuses on collaboration between student
actors, directors, playwrights, and technical team to achieve a common goal. “You dive into all
of these different aspects of your craft, and it’s so rewarding to be able to take these classes at a
high school level.” states student director, Amara Aiken (senior), “I’ve learned the language of
the actors, the director, and the playwright. Being able to communicate with professionals and
understanding these aspects of theater is an experience that I could only get here at MeAA.”
REQUIEM features original music composed by MeAA’s Electronic Music Ensemble, which
will be performed live during the performances.

The Maine Arts Academy Theater Program is run under the direction of Jeri Pitcher and focuses
on the creation of original theater through a collaborative workshopping process. All proceeds
from REQUIEM will benefit the MeAA Student Theater Company and future productions.

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