

Orange's 'Caesar' takes stage tonight

Students from the Visual and Performing Arts Department of Orange High School, joined by Orange Preparatory Academy students, will present William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in four performances beginning tonight.

Directed by Maren Sugarman, drama instructor at Orange Prep, "Julius Caesar" presents a tale of power, politics, assassination and war. Sugarman said the audience will enjoy the contemporary and interactive production of this classic story. Performances are scheduled for today through Saturday at 7 p.m. each night, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. The performances will be in the Orange Prep auditorium. Sugarman said she is excited for the opportunity to direct a full Shakespeare production for Orange High School after doing Shakespeare scenes and abridged plays with the Orange Preparatory Academy Drama Society during

the past five years. She leads a cast of more than 30 students from Orange High and Orange Prep.

Some of the students in "Julius Caesar" are experienced members of the high school drama department and have performed in previous productions such as "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Dracula" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." For many others, "Julius Caesar" marks their acting debut.

Orange Prep is located at Central and Lincoln avenues. The auditorium is wheelchair accessible and has assisted-hearing units available for the hearing-impaired. Tickets are available in advance, by calling M.J. Cunningham at 973-677-4000, ext. 5017, or at the door.

Additional information about "Julius Caesar" and other art activities at Orange High School are available through the website www.orangearts.net.