

TEEN E-ZINE QUARTERLY

HIGHLIGHTING THE ARTFUL YOUTH EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2020

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"WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE TO STAY SANE
DURING THESE
STRANGE DAYS?"

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LIBERTY OUTLAW

Liberty is a local teen who enjoys drawing and painting. She has participated in the Young Adult Department's Teen Artist Showcase, and last year she helped design a mural in the Teen Art Room. She created this painting while sheltering in place this summer.



Liberty Outlaw, July 2020

A. GARDNER

(A) GARDNER IS AN ARTIST, PERFORMER AND COSPLAYER. THEY HAVE APPEARED AT MULTIPLE CONVENTIONS ACROSS ARIZONA.

MOST NOTABLY FANDOMANIA AT THE PRESCOTT VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY. (A) GARDNER HAS BEEN BUSY DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS CREATING MORE ART AND COSPLAYS. THEY HOPE THAT ONCE THE PANDEMIC IS OVER, CONVENTIONS AND GATHERINGS WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL.

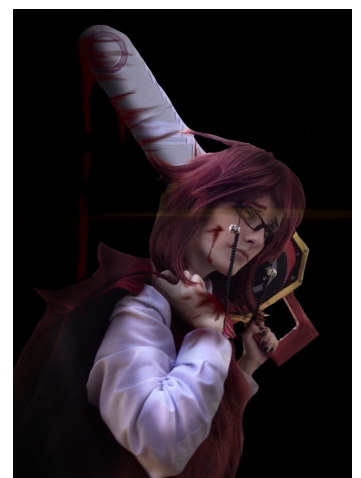
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Making it Through - With Rock and Roll and the One Ring

An Essay by Evelyn Belle

This year has been hard for many people all over the world.
Including myself. But I have found ways to make it through...

Nearly every single day, I listen to my favorite band: Switchfoot. I have been listening to them my whole life. They do not exactly have a genre, seeming to be in one all their own. But they might fall under simply: rock and roll (with a twist). And the BEST kind of rock and roll! Every time I listen to them, I am filled with a JOY and EXCITEMENT that no other mortal music brings me! Listening to Switchfoot, for me, is kind of like floating on air. Beautiful air. And Switchfoot has filled my life this whole time of chaos and breath-taking change; in more ways than one.

Each year, in Encinitas, California, Switchfoot holds their Bro-Am (derived from Pro-Am), which is a music/surfing event at Moonlight Beach, to raise money for at-risk kids. Loving to surf themselves (even going as far as to name their band after a surfing move), and loving to play their music, it is one of Switchfoot's favorite days of the year. Sadly, this year, with the fact that over two thousand people always attend, the Bro-Am was canceled. Or so we all thought. Not too long later, I found out that Switchfoot was going to do their Bro-Am anyway! And instead of performing it as usual, they were going to live-stream it! One of my biggest dreams has always been to go to the Switchfoot Bro-Am. And this year, my dream came true! I watched the Bro-Am! And it was AMAZING! People from ALL over the world watched it. And it will always be the Bro-Am to remember. Switchfoot, for the first time in months, was on stage again!

And Switchfoot's "Fantastic, NOT Traveling Music Show" continues: on the twenty-fifth of July, another live-streamed concert took place! It was well beyond epic, awesome and amazing. The next concert is approaching: on August 29th. I am counting down each minute until it is here.

Switchfoot – in short – has held my hand all the way from birth to now. And they are always holding on, helping me make it through.

Switchfoot is not the only band that has been back on stage. Before all THIS happened, I saw my second favorite band, The Gray Havens (second to Switchfoot), perform live in Phoenix. Since then, I have seen them live-streamed four times! And their concerts have made staying at home so worth it!

They fall under the genre of Pop, but call themselves "Narrative/Folk/Pop," which fits them exactly. They are quite different than Switchfoot, so I have been getting a good balance of rock and roll, and Narrative/Folk/Pop. More rock and roll than the other. So, to say the very least, Switchfoot (and The Gray Havens) are part of the air that is keeping me alive.

So is The Lord of the Rings.

I read The Lord of the Rings, by J.R.R. Tolkien, in 2019, and have LOVED it ever since! Reading The Lord of the Rings is like getting lost in another world. But it feels REAL. It is a long journey, but one that is entirely worth every second. It is a journey that everyone should take. I made the journey. And when I reached the end, I wanted to go back and take it all over again. The characters, places, and the story itself, have all become a part of me. And of course, there are the movies:

The Lord of the Rings movies are divided into three separate, long films. The movies are very different than the books, and yet, they are the same. And they have helped me through this by giving me another taste of the feeling of being lost in a different world, away from the reality I know.

Without a doubt, the books are better than the movies. So much better! Though the movies tell the story they cannot give the feeling of realness that the books do. Happily, my Middle-earth travels have not ended with The Lord of the Rings. I am reading The Silmarillion, which is a sort-of prequel to The Lord of the Rings. Although it is dark, sad and heartbreaking (as well as very disturbing at times), it holds a piece of the same feeling of reality as the story that follows it.

Gone away to Middle-earth is keeping me calm and alright in this present reality that we did not know was coming. The Lord of the Rings is another breath in the air I breathe. Tolkien's tales are helping me make it through.

In conclusion: I strongly recommend reading The Lord of the Rings, and listening to Switchfoot (and The Gray Havens!). They give hope and encourage us to keep going even when we cannot see what lies ahead because they are built on the Truth that carries us, even when we do not realize it. And that same Truth will be the reason we make it through.

Ricky Smart, 16 years old

Poetry

“Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.”
–Mario Fernandez

Ricky's response:

*After the storm the sun shines in a distance
and it gives you hope for lives you have risen within.*

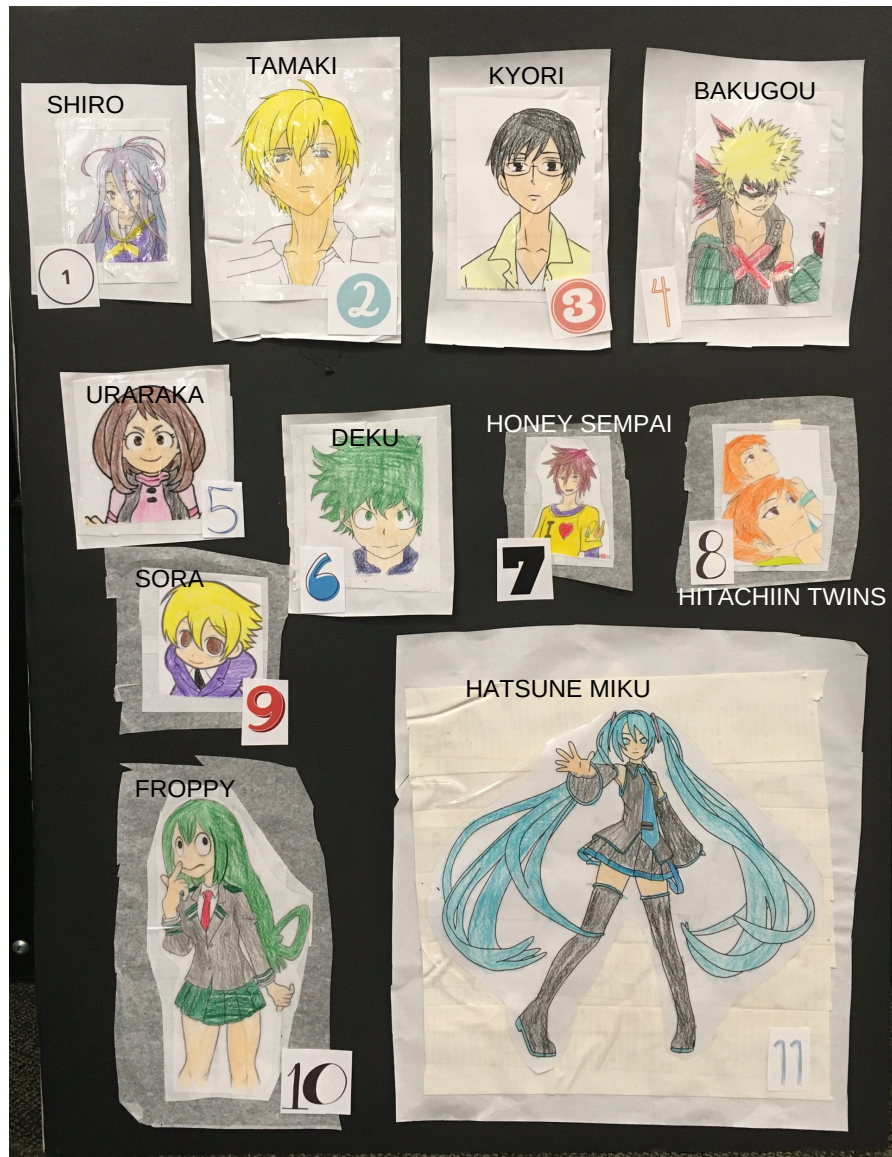
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