Chinese YMCA
Secondary School
presents

"Romeo and Juliet 2010". This is an adaptation of the Shakespeare love-tragedy and it will be performed May 7th at the Yuen Long Theatre.

The story is about a pair of lovers who meet and fall in love while at a boarding school in Europe. Unknown to each other though, their parents are bitter enemies. Juliet is unhappy with her family's dark reputation and for this reason, she feels she cannot allow her love for Romeo to blossom. Romeo declares his love for her but thinking of his safety, Juliet turns him down.

In the City of our story, the parent families of Romeo and Juliet are getting ready for a final showdown. Meanwhile, the children have graduated and returned to the City. Romeo is being groomed by his father to manage the Montague family while Boss Capulet has planned for his daughter to marry Paris, the policeman son of the corrupt city mayor.

Juliet feels hopeless in this situation, and turning for advice from Natasha, her friend and bodyguard, she decides to protect Romeo from her family and marry Paris. However, when confronted with the fact that they are the children of sworn enemies, the teenage lovers decide to marry. Their plan is to end the bloodshed and violence that has rocked the City for so long. The priest is hesitant to help, but finally agrees to marry them.

The day after the wedding, Romeo visits his friend Mercutio. While visiting, Tybalt Capulet arrives and tries to pressure Mercutio to take sides with the Capulet family. Romeo is identified as a Montague and Mercutio comes to his defense by attacking Tybalt. Tybalt shoots Mercutio and after taunting Romeo for being a coward he leaves. With his dying words, Mercutio makes Romeo swear to avenge him and kill Tybalt. Romeo does so and that same night he enters Tybalt's complex and guns him and his men down.

Romeo is forced into hiding as the police, a hitman and the Capulet family are now hunting him. Meanwhile, Juliet is distressed and disturbed by what has happened. Her parents mistakenly think Juliet has attempted suicide and she is rushed to hospital.

Romeo hears that Juliet has killed herself so he rushes to the hospital. He is confronted by Paris and they fight. After being defeated Paris begs for Juliet's life and Romeo realizes that she's not dead. He enters her room and they are reunited. They confirm their love for one another and decide to flee the city.

How will our adaptation end?
Will the young lovers find happiness or die in their attempt to unite their families?

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Friday May 7th. Yuen Long Theatre