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## Classic musical returns

IT ISN'T often that a school gets to celebrate a revival of a stage production last presented by it 20 years ago.

But Victoria Park High School will do exactly that when Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's enduring collaboration, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, runs in the David Blake Hall from Wednesday to Saturday next week at 7pm each evening.

Award-winning Mariette van der Walt is the assistant director of this

Joseph revival, which will be directed in his debut for Victoria Park – by Wicus Jansen van Rensburg, of the school's music department.

A graduate of NMMU, he is better known by his stage name, Will Jensen, under which he is a member of the Centrestage All Star Band and also the vocal group, Escape.

Jansen van Rensburg not only directs but also plays the title role in this staging of the Lloyd Webber/ Rice peren-

nial. Matric pupil, Cayce Fielding, plays the other important role of the Narrator.

This talented young performer has earned herself much recognition in local and national singing competitions.

She won the 2008 Star Search Competition, and was overall winner of both the Susanna Fourie Singing Competition in 2009 and Elvis Competition last year.

Another Grade 12 pupil, Melikahaya

Xotyeni, currently a member of the Afro-Teens group, plays Judah in the show.

Marlon Louis, a veteran of many Showtime and VPHS productions, with a number of awards at both levels to his name, is the musical director.

Catherine Gouws, who claimed best choreographer honours for her work on *My African Dream*, has the cast moving numbers, like *Go, Go, Go Joseph, Any Dream Will Do, One More Angel in Heaven*, and the many other standards in this bright musical score.

As Wicus Jansen van Rensburg says: "Joseph is simply one of those musicals that appeals to everyone and anyone,

filled with beautiful music and a thoroughly enjoyable storyline.

"It was last presented by Victoria Park 20 years ago, and we thought it would be a most fitting tribute to past-pupils returning for their reunion this year to re-stage the production."

Avitech will be providing sound for the production while the decor, set design and props will be the responsibility of Chantal Fielding.

Tickets are available from the school, priced at R60 for adults and R30 for scholars. The Friday and Saturday night shows, presented in full stage cabaret style, with patrons seated at tables, carry a ticket price of R90.



Wicus Jansen van Rensburg (second row, centre), here with his stage "brothers", directs and plays the title role in Victoria Park High School's presentation of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In the Blake Hall at the school from Wednesday to Saturday next week at 7pm.