

# CAN'T HYDE TALENT

## Bath school hosts 9th annual Student Songwriter Showcase

BATH — For the ninth consecutive year, Hyde School will host a five-day music workshop to be held on Jan. 29 through Feb. 2.

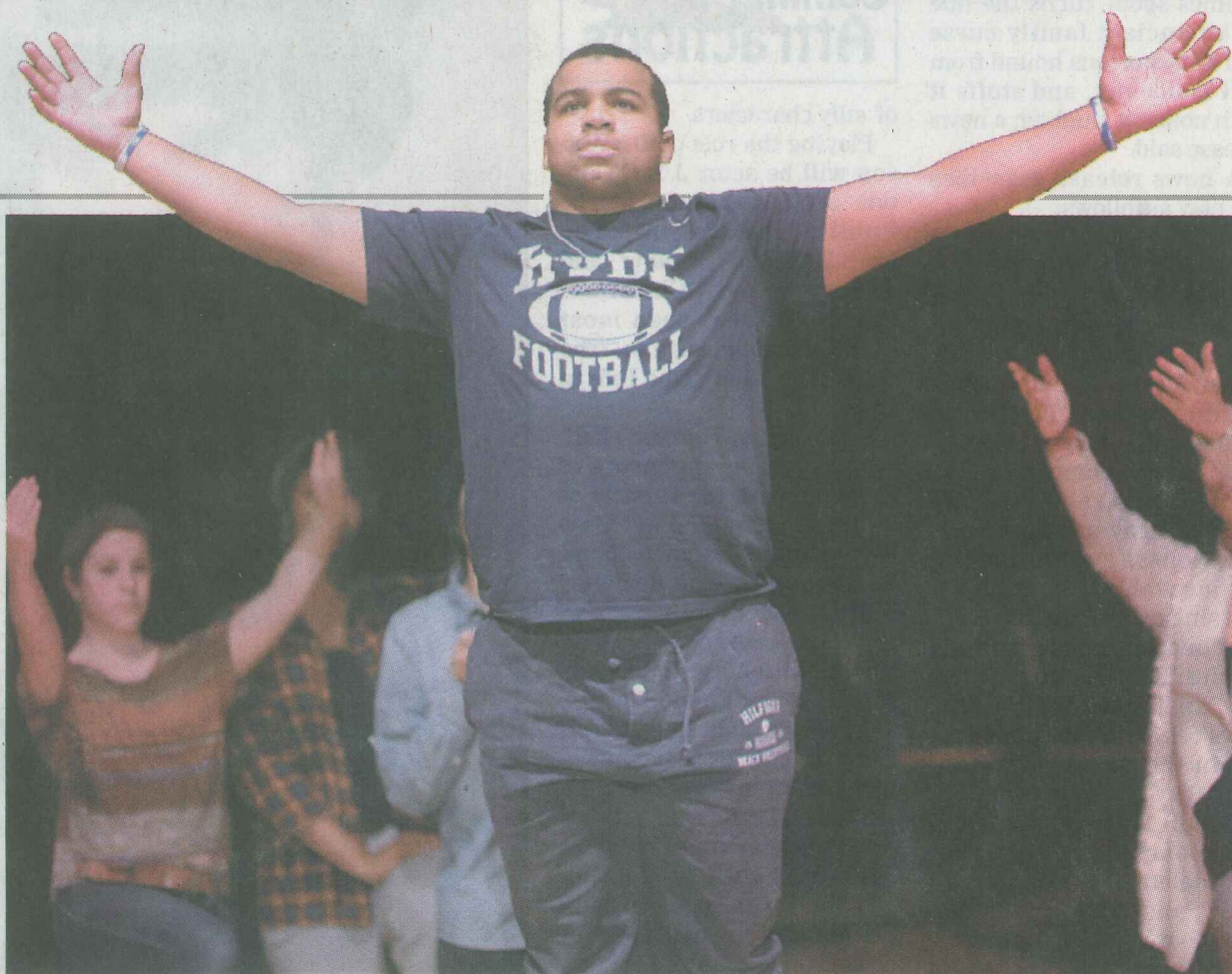
The Songwriter Workshop, designed for aspiring musicians interested in perfecting their musical craft in writing and producing, will be led by music legend Michael McDonald. The weeklong workshop will culminate in a performance on Friday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. at Frontier Cafe in Brunswick. The public is welcome.

Students from both Hyde School boarding campuses in Woodstock, Conn., and Bath will be performing as well as local area students who participate in the workshop. The students will perform original pieces they have composed after receiving hands-on training from McDonald and other music professionals who are volunteering their time to work as facilitators for the workshop.

McDonald is a songwriter, vocalist and producer whose successful solo career and involvement with The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan has earned him national acclaim. McDonald also recently funded a major renovation of Hyde's recording studio which now provides the opportunity for students to make professional quality recordings of their music.

Music teacher Matt Newberg said in a news release, "We are tremendously lucky at Hyde to not only have such a wealth of musical talent in our community and the capability to capture that talent using our state-of-the-art facilities, but also to be able to offer students the chance to improve on their talents with legends such as Michael McDonald. As always, we look forward to having the students showcase their original songs to a public audience at Frontier."

For more information about Hyde's music and performing arts program, call Kate Phenix at 443-7105 email [kphenix@hyde.edu](mailto:kphenix@hyde.edu) or visit [www.hyde.edu](http://www.hyde.edu).



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**HYDE SCHOOL** senior Terry "TJ" Norris takes center stage during a recent rehearsal for an upcoming dramatic and musical production to honor Martin Luther King Jr. The performance is Monday.

## Student performance in honor of M.L. King Jr.

BATH — Faculty and students at Hyde School have had a busy beginning of year, working together to create an original performing arts production in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The piece, which incorporates dramatic and musical selections, will premiere at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, at the Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St. The public is welcome to attend.

Hyde School has a rich history in producing exciting and entertaining performing arts pieces, and this new work promises to

continue the tradition. The work highlights significant individuals and events of the civil rights movement, spanning from the early days of slavery in America to present day.

Head of School Don MacMillan is excited to see the show performed, and in a news release said, "Having the piece premier on the holiday honoring Dr. King will be especially powerful for the students and faculty involved in the production. All involved with the show's creation came with a desire and drive to explore the his-

tory of civil rights in America with thoughtfulness, creativity and energy. They also had a lot of fun. We can't wait to see it on stage."

The show will be followed by students and faculty from Hyde School joining a group from Morse High School as they conduct their annual walk in honor of Dr. King.

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