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Oakland School Turns To A Fictional Robot For Salvation

Oakland, CA - The Francophone Charter School of Oakland has decided to go a new route for fundraising in the new normal. May 1st, the school will host an online event centered around the narrative of a bumbling, time-traveling robot trying to defeat the school. The one-of-a-kind event will include staples like a live auction, but will also take advantage of technology to create a family-friendly night that could not be done in real life. Magic, comedy, games, and more over Zoom will allow the audience a personal chance to foil the plans of “Destructo” the robot and preserve the school for generations to come.

The Francophone Charter School of Oakland has been serving Bay Area students since 2014. The mission is to provide a dual-immersion curriculum to a diverse community of students. They strive to develop bilingual and bi-literate global citizens who are open-minded and value intellectual curiosity, personal integrity and creativity.

As the lockdown happened and classes turned virtual, FCSO was also forced to cancel their popular annual in-person fundraising gala. Looking for a new way to celebrate the community, and keep up momentum, Los Angeles entertainment producer Scot Nery was called in to lend a hand. “I loved the mission and the humanity of the school and knew we had to do more than a ‘gala’ over zoom. We needed to do something innovative, and since everyone is at home, it had to be great for the whole family.” says Nery.

Nery is the producer of TripAdvisor’s #1 L.A. live show Scot Nery’s Boobietrap. He produced a Bay Area show Crash Course SF Chronicle called “Emeril meets Johnny Knoxville!” He’s performed around the world on stage and screen as a comedian, host, juggler, and contortionist. Scot will be creating, curating, and performing for the FCSO event as Destructo.

Fundraising committee chair Pascale Schmidt said “We are excited to be able to connect our community and show what humans can achieve. This has always been our mission. Now with new technology, we’re able to possibly expand our reach through entertainment like never before”

The event will take place May 1st at 5pm Pacific time. Tickets are open to the public <https://bit.ly/3ah8rlC> . Scot Nery and Pascale Schmidt are available for interviews. Images, videos, and GIFs provided on request. go@scot.fun mobile (323) 632-6735