

## An original rock opera

Project a deep dive into auto arts, pop culture, lit for Black River students



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Jon Montgomery directs students while they rehearse the rock opera "Motherboard" written by Black River students for Peter Middletons Thinking Big Class, Wednesday afternoon at Park Theater.

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Flickering fluorescent lights, breakdancers, an improv orchestra — and sci-fi theater?

Assorted dancers, musicians and actors from Black River Public School open an original rock opera, "Motherboard," at 6 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. today at the Park Theatre in downtown Holland. The project is this year's Black River Big Idea, an annual large-scale art installment produced by students of art teacher Peter Middleton.

This year, Middleton collaborated with band teacher Jon Montgomery and students in the school's rock opera club to come up with music, a script and set for "Motherboard."

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