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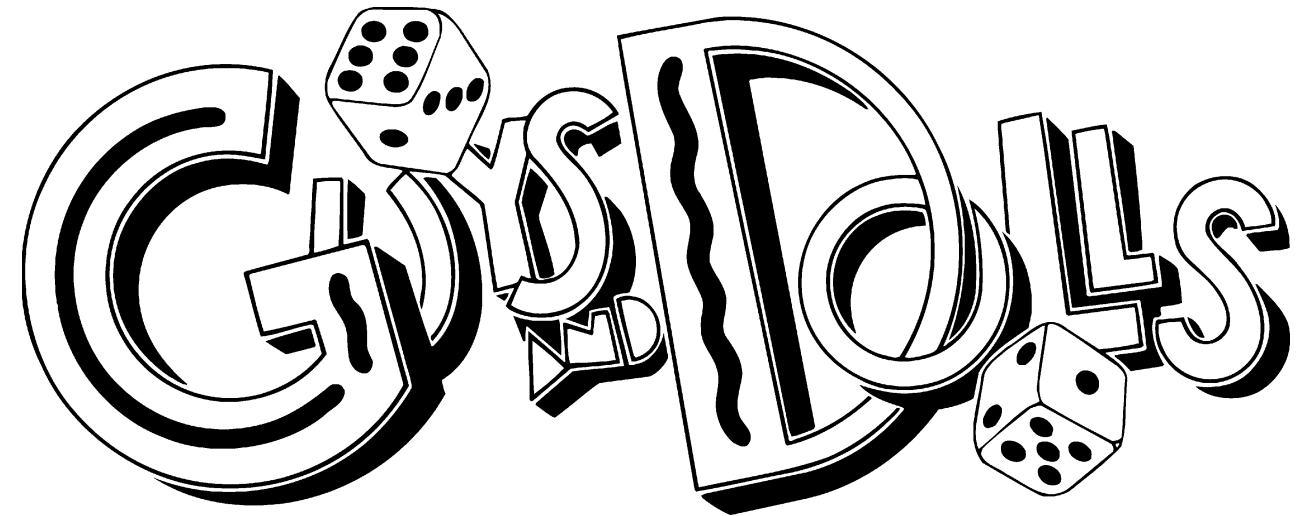
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THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2010 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:



Red River High School Theatre
July 17-22, 2010
7:30 pm

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CAST

Name followed by 2010-2011 grade and school

Nicely Nicely Johnson Ian Sherwood-11-RR
 Benny Southstreet..... Connor Joseph-11-RR
 Rusty Charlie Evan Pankratz-11-RR
 Sarah Brown..... Rose Dennis-12-RR
 Arvide Abernathy..... Kelly Knutson-12-RR
 Agatha Paige Ferguson-12-RR
 Harry the Horse Charlie Rerick-12-RR
 Lt. Brannigan Paul Millette-12-RR
 Nathan Detroit..... Walter Criswell-12-RR
 Angie the Ox..... Mike Cornell-11-GFC
 The Greek..... Ty Anderson-11-RR
 Gamblers..... Lukas Opp-11-RR, Nick Curtis-11-GFC, Alex Fischer-10-RR,
 Billy Heigaard-McGurran-11-RR
 Miss Adelaide..... Daniella Lima-12-GFC
 Sky Masterson Billy Beaton-11-RR
 Joey Biltmore Nathaniel Lockett-12-OOT
 Mimi..... Jenna Spicer-12-RR
 General Matilda B Cartwright Haley Dionne-12-Sacred Heart
 Big Jule..... Luke Hoplin-12-RR
 Salvation Army..... Eden Volk-11-RR, Ramsey Jones-11-RR, Loni Muus-12-RR, Bailey Altman-11-RR,
 Michaela Current-11-RR, Lynneah Thompson-11-GFC, Billy Heigaard-McGurran-11-RR
 Hot Box Girls Bailey Altman-11-RR, Leah Biberdorf-11-CEN, Hannah Borgstrom-11-RR,
 Haley Larson-11-RR, Brita Buri-11-GFC, Nina Coster-11-RR, Kelsey Germundson-12-RR, Abby Kroke-11-RR,
 Desi Price-12-RR, Audra Hendrickson-11-GFC, Katherine McNamera-12-GFC, Loni Muus-12-RR,
 Mary Lockett-11-OOT, Chloe Omlid-11-RR, Jennifer Regimbal-12-RR, Eden Volk-11-RR,
 Erika Rosenkranz-11-RR, Heather Schuler-11-RR, Courtney Young-11-RR, Anna Claire Tandberg-11-OOT,
 Lynneah Thompson-11-GFC, Rebecca Thompson-12-RR, Jodie Langham-12-RR
 Crapshooters Nate Pace-11-EGF, Max McCann-9-RR, Coy Page-9-RR, Jack Jenno-9-RR,
 Ryan Schuster-10-RR, Eric Millette-9-RR, Lucas Nelson-9-GFC, Ben Breidenbach-9-GFC,
 Daniel Todorovic-9-RR, Eric Bakke-9-RR, Ben Trenne-9-RR

PIT MEMBERS

Conductor..... Dr. Mike Weber
 Clarinet Annella Winger
 Clarinet/Alto Saxophone Don Craig
 Alto Saxophone..... Paul Barta
 Oboe..... Diane Stjern
 Tenor Saxophone Alex Pribula-RR-12
 Bari Sax Cassel Everson
 Trumpet..... Herb Thomson, Alex Hovey, Cole Sherwood-RR-10
 French Horn..... Brenna Everson
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A SPA TRADITION
Our 2010 SPA Body Electric Soloists



Jenna Spicer



Ben Breidenbach

Following tonight's curtain call, there will be a final musical number. The rest of the students in the Summer Performing Arts Company will join the cast to perform "I Sing the Body Electric." This song has closed all SPA performances for the past 23 years. This symbolic song ties the entire program together. It has different meanings to different students, but a common theme can be found in the literal text. The students are celebrating not only the arts, but their growth in the arts yet to come. They will go on to create their own tomorrows as they continue in music and theatre. The song also symbolizes the passing of a class. This is the last summer program in which the class of 2011 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Jenna Spicer, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Ben Breidenbach, a student new to High School SPA.

"And in time we will all be stars."

Past Body Electric Soloists:

1990 Craig Smyser, Ryan Karels
 1991 Sam Black, Lana Bollman
 1992 Travis Lien, Mike Marcotte
 1993 Judy Nyhlen, Jeff Jacobi
 1994 Jamie Cady, Jenni Durieux
 1995 Ryan Karels, Jill Johnson
 1996 Erik Hunter, Casey Koop
 1997 Misti Koop, Billy Poehls
 1998 Abby Lochner, Chase Burkhart
 1999 Matt Luney, Maren Tunseth
 2000 Tera Kilbride, Lauren Palay

2001 Jason Melin, Molly Kinney
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 2003 Beth Laidlaw, Kirby Black
 2004 Maren Tunseth, Jace Beehler
 2005 Marcus Woodard, Amelia Klaus
 2006 James Freestone, Ben Sun
 2007 Zach Spicer, Jacy Thibert
 2008 Brit Lazur, Ian Sherwood
 2009 Casey Smith, Cole Sherwood

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

DirectorConnie Sherwood
 Assistant DirectorKen Sherwood
 Music Director.....Dr. Mike Weber
 Choreography.....Angie Black Erickson, Johanna Dittus
 Production Assistants Paul Barta, Kenneth Sherwood, Brad Sherwood, Jolly Sherwood
 Vocal Coach..... Maria Williams Kennedy
 Rehearsal PianistRuthAnn Tuseth
 CostumesAmy Sanner, Katie Sanner
 Technical DirectorJosh Anderson
 Tech Staff Lindsay Escobar, Phil Anderson, Andy Parr, Jace Beehler, Scott Amundson
 LightsSolveig Bloomquist-11-RR
 Hair/Makeup Yvonne Kalka, Melissa Lima
 Scenic Design..... Angie Black Erickson
 Scenic Painting Angie Black Erickson, Cassel Everson, Brenna Everson, Melissa Lima, Julianna Lima, Ken Sherwood, Mischief Sherwood, Jolly Sherwood, Korey Erickson, Cast and Crew
 Spotlights ... Vanessa Simms-11-RR, Mariah Kuntz-11-RR, Tyler Smith-9-RR, Jacy Thibert-12-GFC, Genna Olson-10-RR
 Sound.....Chris Decker-11-RR, Liz Machart-11-RR
 Projection/Catwalks Joey Oncken-11-RR
 Video Levi Sevigny-10-RR, Taylor Sprague-10-RR, SPA Students TBD
 UshersSPA Parent Volunteers (see back of program)
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ORDER OF SONGS

Act One

Scene 1 Broadway

Fugue for the Tinhorns	Nicely-Nicely , Benny, Rusty Charlie
Follow the Fold	Mission Band
The Oldest Established	Nathan, Nicely, Benny and crapshooters
Follow the Fold reprise	Mission Band

Scene 2 interior of the Save-a-Soul Mission

I'll Know	Sarah Brown, Sky Masterson
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Scene 3 Phone booth/Biltmore garage

Scene 4: The Hot Box Night Club

Bushel and a Peck	Adelaide and the Hot Box Dolls
Adelaide's Lament	Adelaide

Scene 5 Broadway

Guys and Dolls	Nicely, Benny and crapshooters
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Scene 6: Outside of the mission

Scene 7: Broadway

Scene 8: El Café Cabana, Havana Cuba

Scene 9: Outside El Café Cabana

If I Were a Bell	Sarah Brown
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Scene 10: Outside of the Mission

My Time of Day	Sky Masterson
I've Never Been in Love Before	Sky Masterson, Sarah Brown

Act Two

Scene 1: The Hot Box Night Club

Take Back Your Mink	Adelaide and the Hot Box Dolls
Adelaide's Lament reprise	Adelaide

Scene 2: Outside the Mission

More I Cannot Wish You	Arvide
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Scene 3: The Sewer

Crapshooter's Ballet	Crapshooters
Luck Be a Lady	Sky, Crapshooters, additional crapshooters

Scene 4: Broadway

Sue Me	Adelaide, Nathan
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Scene 5: Interior of Save a Soul Mission

Sit Down, You're Rockin the Boat	Nicely and full Company
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Scene 6: Broadway

Adelaide Meets Sarah	Adelaide, Sarah
Marry the Man Today	Adelaide, Sarah

Scene 7: Broadway

Guys and Dolls	Company
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Calling all SPAlumni: Be a part of the SPA Nation!



Visit our website at www.spacompany.org or visit our Facebook page titled SPAnation. Tell us what you have been up to (post a link, video, photo), update your contact information, etc.

PLEASE...

To demonstrate respect to performers and other audience members, please turn off your cell phones and remain in your seats during the show.

Also, no flash photography or videotaping is allowed at the performance.

Thank you, and enjoy the show!



Children who participate in the arts are more likely to:

- Attain academic achievement.
- Be elected to a class office.
- Participate regularly in a math or science fair.
- Be rewarded for school attendance.
- Read for pleasure.

Thank you for your support of SPA and the Arts in Grand Forks!

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support!



THE SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY IS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. EVERY YEAR THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPA HAS INCREASED, AND THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM GROWS TO FIT THESE NUMBERS. CONTINUAL GROWTH HAS MANY BENEFITS, BUT IT ALSO BRINGS MANY MORE EXPENSES. THAT'S WHY DONATIONS ARE SUCH A KEY ELEMENT OF THE SPA PROGRAM.

Donations are used for many aspects of SPA. A scholarship fund has been established in order to help families with financial needs. We want to make sure that no student is ever turned away due to financial concerns. Donations also provide opportunities for students to work with guest performers.

SPA is an educational program that channels the energy of students into positive creativity and teamwork. These aspects, with a greater appreciation for the arts, help shape students into more active members of the Grand Forks community. At the same time, SPA provides entertainment to the area every summer.

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Be a part of the SPA Magic!**



Summer Performing Arts

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Guys and Dolls, by composer Frank Loesser, opened on Broadway for the first time in November of 1950. The book is based on a short story called "The Idylls of Miss Sarah Brown" by Damon Runyon. "This musical version of Damon Runyon's Broadway fables deserves its reputation", says musical theater historian Martin Gottfried, "for it catches the hectic rhythm of the '30s Broadway street life and even raises it to a mythic level".

We select productions that suit our kids. Guys and Dolls is a favorite of ours because of the animated cartoon-like characters, the elaborate dancing, and the wonderful score. The challenge to students is the style. There is nothing "real" about the people in Guys and Dolls. They are larger than life cartoon characters dealing with the issues of New York City in the 1930s, namely prohibition, dance halls and illegal gambling. The Spa schedule allows us the time to study exactly what that means. Brad Sherwood told the kids early on that they were to find a character that was a cross between "Who framed Roger Rabbit?" and "Goodfellas".

SPA last produced Guys and Dolls on the Central High School stage in 1994. Since that time Red River has produced in 1998, and Central in 2008. As I looked at the programs from these productions, I could not help but notice that we have at least nine Guys and Dolls alumni now working in performing arts fields. The music of composers Wes Webb (Sky Masterson, 94) and Reed Reimer (Nathan Detroit, 98) were featured in a SPA performance last week. We seem to choose this show when we have a large number of talented musicians. This summer is no exception.

We have laughed more in this rehearsal process than we have in years, as this 50 year old material is so funny to us, even after doing it as many times as we have. I am grateful to the SPA community for loving this show enough to give it all the energy it took to build this production into what you will see tonight. Staff members step out of their roles and take ownership of the entire production. Choreographer Angie Black-Erickson did much of the art work seen on the set. Jolly Sherwood came in out of her garden to give time to "all things Adelaide". Dean and Brad have had their hands on this production and given more hours to it than they probably had to give. Our number of tech students is about a third of what it usually is, and these tech students have knocked themselves out to make this show beautiful.

Our theme this summer is community. Guys and Dolls isn't exactly a show with a community theme, but a community of students and staff made this one special. We are very proud to share it now with an audience.

Connie Sherwood, Director



The SPA Company would like to dedicate the 2010 season to the memory of James Freestone. James Freestone was killed in a car crash last month. James was special to all of us because of his joyful spirit and his friendly nature. James was part of the Summer Performing Arts Company for 10 years as a student and staff member.

***"One day your life will flash before your eyes.
Make sure it was worth watching."***

**James Freestone
1989-2010**

NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION

Grand Forks Public Schools has a long history and fine tradition of high quality public education. The school district mission statement is "To Provide Opportunities for All Students to Develop Their Maximum Potential." The SPA program epitomizes the intent of this mission, students discovering and developing their talents and maximizing their potential. When I speak about the quality of our districts' educational programs to people outside of our community, I find myself referencing SPA as a "Signature Program." My commendation to all SPA students, staff, parents, and supporters!

Dr. Larry P. Nybladh, Superintendent of Schools

The SPA program provides so many wonderful opportunities for our youth here in Grand Forks and the surrounding area. There are many roles for students to play, whether it is on stage or behind the scenes. I appreciate the fact that no student is ever turned away from the SPA program. The staff is always able to find a "spot" for those who want to participate in some way. I believe this philosophy helps build the teamwork and spirit of the SPA program. Best of luck to all those involved in this year's productions.

Mr. Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

NOTES FROM THE SPA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

In the past we were told that schools need to teach the 3 R's – Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic – and more recently we have been told that we also need to teach the 3 C's – Creativity, Cooperation, and Character. The Fine Arts do that.

We know that the 3 R's are important, but just how important are the 3 C's? According to Professor George Boggs, in a list of the top skills that are crucial skills for workers in the 21st century, creativity, cooperation and character are all part of the top 1 through 10 skills—basic job skills came in at number 11 on the list. The Grand Forks Public Schools provides the 3 R's and the 3 C's, creating opportunities to develop the individual as a whole.

The character education theme for SPA 2010 is **COMMUNITY**. Since 1987 SPA has been a cornerstone of Arts education in the Grand Forks Public Schools, bringing quality entertainment to the region and promoting character education in a positive learning environment. SPA students learn valuable life lessons while participating in community service-learning projects each summer. SPA believes that all youth have potential that can only be reached within a **COMMUNITY** of support.

Thank you for your support of the SPA program through your attendance tonight.

Dean Opp, Administrative Director