

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Kris Waskosky, Kathryn & David Apostal ~ Costumes

### 2012 PARENT AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

**These individuals helped to supply food and treats for the staff and students,  
usher performances, and much more.**

Heidi Mooney (coordinator), Brad & Gayle Aafedt, Sarah Blumkin, Judy Breidenbach, Heather & Justin Bruhn, Deb Dunham, Jessie Erickson, Suzanne Gandrud, Mary Haslerud Opp, Heather Helgeson, Lisa Hoplin, Sue Jenö, Linda Knutson, Dave & Larissa Krogh, Barb Krueger, Kellie Larson, Rennae Millette, Karen Molmen, Deb & Greg Nelson, Laura Netz, Rebecca Patnaude, Leah Ritland, Lori Robison & Eric Wolfe, Shari Schindler, Jami Schumacher, Rita Schuster, Kim Shrum, Mary Van Camp, Kim Votava

**There were many helpers this year and we apologize if we have left your name out of the program. Thank you for all of your help and support.**

### THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES FOR HELPING TO PROMOTE SPA THIS SUMMER!

Wendy's, McDonalds, Porpoura, Taco John's, Mexican Village, Italian Moon, Coffee Company, Red Pepper, Mamma Maria's, Dakota Harvest Bakers, Hugo's, Super One, Holiday Inn Express, Country Inn & Suites, Roadking Inn, Lakeview Inn & Suites, Travelodge, AmericInn

#### **OUR MAILING LIST IS GOING GREEN!**

We are making an effort to try to save paper and resources! You can now elect to receive your ticket mailing via email.

***Both PAPER and EMAIL lists will get a \$1.00 coupon for each Red River, GF Central, and SPA productions!***

Please complete the following form and hand to an usher/box office worker  
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## **THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2012 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:**



# Imagine

**Empire Arts Center  
July 18-19, 2012 at 7:30 pm**



## CAST

Name followed by 2012-13 school. All students will be 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2012-13.

Emily Blacknik-9-RR  
Sara Colton-9-GFC  
Shanlee Cox-9-GFC  
Jade Foster-9-RR  
Alexis Fulp-9-RR  
Daisy Hou-9-GFC  
Shealyn Klave-9-RR  
Shianna Laughlin-9-GFC  
Tai Mosley-9-RR  
McKenzie Netz-9-RR  
Kasidi Scott-9-GFC  
Sydney Skaro-9-RR  
Tiffany Sorenson-9-OOT  
Hannah Wilkinson-9-GFC  
Breanna Williams-9-RR

## PIT MUSICIANS

Keyboard..... Cassel Everson  
Piano ..... Roxanne Gessler  
Bass..... Jeff Seabloom  
Percussion ..... Gabe Figueroa

## PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Directing Team ..... Cassel Everson, Connie Stordalen  
Choreography..... Alison Holcomb, Kaylee Scheer  
Choreography Assistance..... Rachel Biberdorf & Haley Larson  
Technical Staff .....Joey Oncken, Luke Opp  
Sound ..... Kevin Warnke - 10 RR  
Lights .....Tucker Pearson - 9 - RR  
Spotlights ..... Dezi Brunk - 12 - RR, Jadeyn Feullirat - 12- RR  
Box Office.....Allison Peterson, Britt Lazur, Jake Geffre, Mariah Kuntz,  
Bailey Altman

## A SPA TRADITION



**Ryan Schuster**



**Locutus Lo**

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 24 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 2013 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Ryan Schuster, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Locutus Lo, a student new to High School SPA.

*"And in time we will all be stars."*

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

– Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Corporate Communications, Xerox Corporation

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

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Summer = SPA = friends = singing = dancing = acting = sharing = hard work = FUN! Together we have combined talents and ideas to create Imagine. Now we're excited to share it with you, the audience, the last piece of our production.

Thank you for supporting SPA!

*The Revue Directing Team*

### NOTES FROM THE SPA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

*(At the 20th year milestone for SPA, the following "Recipe" was listed in the program. I wanted to offer it again on this 25<sup>th</sup> year SPA milestone.)*

#### Recipe: How to Make a Star: (2007)

##### **Ingredients:**

- Start with one student, grade K-12, filled with imagination, an ability to work with others, and a desire to express themselves.
- Mix in a talented and dedicated staff willing to give up summers with their own families to work with the students.
- Add a sprinkle of administrative support to make sure the resources that are needed are made available.
- Place in a community that has plenty of individuals and businesses that are willing to support with their dollars and time.

##### **Baking Instructions:**

- Put entire contents in a number of spaces throughout the community. Dress the space with lights and sound. Bake from 2 to 8 weeks. Remove.

##### **Serving Suggestions:**

- Serve with enthusiastic audiences at over 20 performances (*30 in 2012*) in June and July.

This "recipe" is a favorite for over 1000 (*now almost 1200*) students in the Grand Cities area each year. And it is an amazing combination, indeed.

However, the real "magic" of the summer really happens in the years to come. The students you see tonight will carry their experiences from this summer into their lives to come. Self-confidence, self-esteem, and a positive attitude will follow them no matter what they pursue in the years ahead.

Look at their smiles. Look at the sparkle in their eyes. Do you see it? Do you see the stage full of stars? What a fantastic sight! Thank you for supporting and for sharing in this special evening!

SPA is a place for ALL students to experience the power and excitement of the performing arts. And in time we will all be stars! (*So again tonight, enjoy the magical moments, the enthusiasm, and the celebration of every student.*)

*Dean Opp, Administrative Director*

## ORDER OF SONGS

### Magic To Do

### Make 'Em Laugh

### Seize The Day

- Daisy Hou, violin

### Commercial Break

### Let There Be

- Mike McGurran, guest soloist

### I Know Now

### Imagine

- McKenzie Netz, guitar

### Footloose

- Shianna Laughlin, guitar

### Body Electric

-SPA Company

*Special thanks to Sharon Lutheran Church for letting the revue practice in their facility during the Red River construction!*

#### **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.



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## SPA 2012 STAFF

(The number in parentheses indicates the number of years the employee has worked for SPA.)

\* indicates SPA alumni

Administrative Director:	Dean Opp (25)
Program Development/Mentoring:	Brad Sherwood (25)
Operations Director/Student Affairs:	Allison Peterson* (16)
Administrative Assistant	Jake Geffre (6)
Technical Director:	Josh Anderson* (10)
Marketing Director:	Keith Ronkowski (4)
Office/Box Office Staff:	Jake Geffre (6), Diane Stjern* (5), Britt Lazur* (4), Mariah Kuntz* (1), Bailey Altman* (1)
<i>Children of Eden</i> Production:	Mike Weber (25), Connie Sherwood (25), Angie Black Erickson* (22), RuthAnn Tuseth (8), Jolly Sherwood (14), David Henrickson (10), Rachel Biberdorf* (3)
<i>Oliver!</i> Production:	Emily Cherry (1), Geoff Mercer* (10), Rich McFarlane (10), Paul Barta* (8), Maren Tunseth* (8), Roxanne Gessler (9), Tyler Rood* (3), Leah Biberdorf (1)
Revue Production:	Cassel Everson (9), Connie Stordalen (4), Kaylee Scheer* (3), Ali Holcomb* (3)
Technical Staff:	Jace Beehler* (5), Andy Parr* (5), Lindsay Escobar* (5), Jake Geffre (6), Joey Oncken* (1), Solveig Bloomquist* (1), Will Beaton* (1), Luke Opp* (1), Chris Decker* (1), Evan Moser* (1)
Vocal Staff:	Maria Williams Kennedy (Vocal Coordinator) (17), Royce Blackburn (2), Catherine Tlusty (2), Dave Henrickson (10), Evan Montgomery (1), Alyce Stokke (1), Anna Smith* (1)
Costume Staff:	Amy Sanner (10), Jenna Spicer* (2)
Class Instructors:	Mike Blake (20), Angie Black Erickson* (22), Josh Anderson* (10), Rachel Biberdorf* (3), Tyler Rood* (3), Cody Gerszewski* (3), Leah Entzel (1), Geoff Mercer* (10), Andy Parr* (5)
MySPA:	Yvonne Kalka (7), Ruth Pederson (3), Jolene Mikkelson (1)
Elementary Staff:	Chris Fosse (25), Jamie Toutenhoofd* (13), Lindsey Wood* (4), Cassandra Shaffer (7), Jace Beehler* (5), Lindsay Escobar* (5), Cody Gerszewski* (3), Daniella Lima* (2), Ali Holcomb* (3), Jacy Thibert* (2), Jenna Spicer* (2), Chloe Omlid* (1), Abby Schoenborn (1), Evan Pankratz* (1)
Middle School Staff:	Rich McFarlane (10), Maren Tunseth* (8), Erik Stordalen (4), Connie Stordalen (4), Amy Rogers (8), Rachel Biberdorf* (3), Jen Regimbal* (2), Walter Criswell* (1), Will Beaton* (1), Leah Biberdorf* (1), Haley Larson* (1), Emily Custer (1)
Mentors:	Cody Gerszewski* (3), Jenna Spicer* (2), Kaylee Scheer* (3), Ali Holcomb* (3), Haley Larson* (1), Leah Biberdorf* (1), Luke Opp* (1), Ian Sherwood* (1), Will Beaton* (1)
Website:	Created by Cassie Vetter, maintained by Allison Peterson & Jake Geffre

SPA is celebrating 25 years of providing wonderful opportunities for our elementary, middle and high school students and outstanding performances for our community. It is rewarding to know we have now created new “world class” facilities to compliment a “world class” program. Here’s to the next 25 years!

***Mr. Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning***

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This summer, as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of SPA, one can't help but marvel at the quality and excellence evident within this remarkable program. The SPA program delivers on the promise of the mission statement of our school district; "Grand Forks Public Schools will provide an environment of educational excellence that engages all learners to develop their maximum potential for community and global success." Through SPA, students are discovering and developing their talents and thereby maximizing their potential. As superintendent, I could not be more proud of a district program than I am of SPA. My commendation to all SPA students, staff, parents, and supporters!

***Dr. Larry P. Nybladh, Superintendent of Schools***

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OF EDEN

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**NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION**