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THE 2007 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:

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THE SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

Inspiration through the Arts

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1987-2007

*A musical revue celebrating 20 years of the
Summer Performing Arts Company*

**Empire Arts Center
July 16-17**

CAST

Name followed by 2007-2008 grade and school

Brianna Albrecht-9-RR	Loni Muus-9-RR
Anna Breidenbach-9-GFC	Lauren Nedegaard-9-GFC
Rose Dennis-9-RR	Alisabeth Otto-9-RR
Mandi Erickson-9-RR	Kelsey Peterson-9-GFC
Kelsey Germundson-9-RR	Desiree Price-9-RR
Danika Gjerding-9-RR	Jennifer Regimbal-9-RR
Tiffany Goulet-9-GFC	Carly Rustebakke-9-RR
Maria Gruba-9-RR	Carolyn Shabb-9-RR
Malena Hackett-9-GFC	Jenna Spicer-9-RR
Kaitlyn McDaniel-9-RR	Jacy Thibert-9-GFC
Katherine McNamara-9-GFC	Sasha Yearwood-9-RR
Calli McPherson-9-RR	

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director Angie Black Erickson
Assistant Directors Cassel Everson, Roxanne Gessler,
Amanda Speare, Andrea Johnke, Katie Sanner
Costumes Katie Sanner, SPA Costume Staff
Technical Director Josh Anderson
Technical Head Nick Wiebusch
Junior Tech Assistants Joey Freestone, James Freestone, SPA Tech Staff
Junior Technical Crew Mike Cornell, Courtney Young,
Justin Barth, Jake Dunham, Chris Decker, Lukas Opp, Luke Strom
Lights Tyler Voegele-11-RR
Spotlights Marinda Wood-11-RR, Chris Dingle-10-RR
Sound Jake Borgstrom-11-RR
Projections Jordan Green
Video SPA Students, TBD
Box Office Allison Peterson, Allie Hoistad, Michaela Hill, Jake Geffre

PIT MEMBERS

Synthesizer Cassel Everson
Piano Roxanne Gessler
Percussion Tony Peterson
Bass Jeff Seabloom

SPA 2007 STAFF

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Becky Cicha, Annette Hovey
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Carly Bratvold, Andrea Johnke, Ashley Holcomb
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Christina Runyan, Rich McFarlane, Nick Wiebusch, Tony Peterson,
Amanda Speare
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Revue Director: Angie Black Erickson
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Kathi Dykstra, Jolly Sherwood, Tony Peterson,
Andrea Johnke, Amanda Speare
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Class Instructors: Maria Williams-Kennedy, Mike Blake
Webmaster: Jeff Seabloom

2007 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents helped us supply food and treats for the staff and students, usher performances, and much more.

Sue Jenö, Deb & Greg Nelson, Judy Klaus, Laurie & Mark Guy,
Jolene Mikkelsen, Shirley Pung, Leah & Jeff Byzewski, Mary Kulas,
Jayne & Dennis Flaagan, Joe Woods & Cindy Yarbrow, Annette Hovey,
Donna & Chris Smith, Pat & Ron Guthmiller, Mark & Louise Diers,
Pam Laffen, Cindy Jensen

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

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

20 years...20 summers filled with set building, rehearsals, and standing ovations. 20 seasons of personal growth for thousands of students.

Much has changed in the last 20 years of SPA. There are now more lights, mics, new technology, staff, students, and performances, but the basic philosophy has stayed the same. The original team wanted to have a program with the following tenets: **1. Every student would have an opportunity to perform.** We would expand the number of shows to fit the number of interested performers. And unlike during the school year where some students that audition do not get into shows, everyone would have a part; **2. No student would ever be turned away due to financial concerns.** We would make sure there was a scholarship fund to help any student that wanted to participate and needed help to do so; and, **3. Students would have the opportunity to experience the best in dance, drama, and music.** We would make sure that SPA allowed both experienced and novice students to work with the very best performing arts educators in the region.

I am so proud to say that I work with a program that has these guiding principles. As I visit with directors of other summer programs from across the nation, they are amazed at what we do. The students and staff of SPA represent the excellence in education that others talk about. SPA has truly become a gem for our community.

As we look ahead to the next 20 years we will continue to be guided by the same principles. SPA will continue to be a place for ALL students to experience the power and excitement of the performing arts. And in time we will all be stars!

Dean Opp, Administrative Director

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations on another wonderful SPA season, especially since this is the 20th year of the program. SPA continues to provide wonderful opportunities for students and their mentors to work together to create magic in performances and tremendous growth on a personal level.

I am proud to be in a district and a community that takes great pride in the SPA program and also gives such wonderful support to all of the fine arts. We should all be proud.

Ron Gruwell, Superintendent of Schools

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As SPA has grown and changed with the times, its founding principles have stayed the same: to be student-centered and to focus on the process. It has been a privilege to be a part of the process with these amazing 9th grade students.

These girls have worked so hard. Of course I did not pick the easiest songs from each show for our revue. In fact, many of them are the most challenging ones. These girls have sung and danced their hearts out this summer. They had a tough job. They needed to recreate numbers that had to compete not only with the upperclassmen who originally performed them in the SPA shows, but with the augmented memory of our past successes.

Going through the process of creating this revue has been a "this is your life" time for me. I have been so fortunate to have had SPA in my life for the last twenty years, first as a student and then as an instructor and choreographer. It has been a privilege to share our SPA history with a new generation of students. This show has turned into a celebration of twenty years of SPA. It has been a joy to go through the process of bringing out the best we could in each cast member.

Thank you for supporting our show, these students and SPA. As you will see from the performance, SPA's future is a bright one. Thank you for being a part of it!

Angie Black Erickson, Director

A SPA TRADITION

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 20 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 2008 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Zach Spicer, a senior, will sing the first verse then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Jacy Thibert, a student new to the High School SPA company.

"And in time we will all be stars."

In celebration of the 20th year of SPA we would like to invite SPA alumni to join us for the Body Electric. If you do not have your sweatshirt here...we promise Weber won't yell at you!

MUSICAL NUMBERS

- 1987 Recital: *Les Miserables*** – “At the End of The Day”
All Cast
Solos: Carolyn Shabb, Alisabeth Otto,
Danika Gjerding, Malena Hackett, Katherine McNamara,
Kelsey Germundson
- 1988 An Evening with Andrew Lloyd Webber** – “Jellicle Cats”
All Cast
Solos: Rose Dennis, Calli McPherson, , Maria Gruba, Mandi Erickson,
Lauren Nedegaard, Tiffany Goulet, Anna Breidenbach, Brianna Albrecht
- 1989 Sullivan to Sondheim** – “Aquarius”
Solos: Alisabeth Otto, Malena Hackett, Sasha Yearwood, Carolyn Shabb,
Kathryn McNamara, Danika Gjerding
- 1990 Bye Bye Birdie** – “One Boy”
Solos - Sasha Yearwood, Danika Gjerding, Carolyn Shabb,
Katherine McNamara, Alisabeth Otto, Malena Hackett
- 1991 Music Man** – “Goodnight My Someone”
Kaitlyn McDaniel, Jenna Spicer
- 1992 - Pirates of Penzance** – “With Cat-like Tread”
All Cast
- 1993 - Oklahoma** – “I Cain’t Say No”
Carly Rustebakke
- 1994 - Guys and Dolls** – “Take Back Your Mink”
Solo - Calli McPherson, group C, and all cast
- 1995 - Robber Bridegroom** – “Rosamund’s Dream”
Solos - Lauren Nedegaard, Maria Gruba
- 1996 - Anything Goes** – “Anything Goes”
All Cast
- ~ TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION ~
- 1997 - Keep the Faith** – “Sump Pump Blues”
Solos- Maria Gruba, Tiffany Goulet, Mandi Erickson, and Group C
- 1998 - West Side Story** – “America”
Jacy Thibert, Carly Rustebakke, Kaitlyn McDaniel
- 1999 - Oklahoma** – “Oh What a Beautiful Morning”
Brianna Albrecht, Anna Breidenbach
- 2000 - Joseph** – “Close Every Door”
Solos - Loni Muus, Kelsey Germundson,
Jenna Spicer, Jacy Thibert, Kelsey Peterson, Desiree Price,
Carly Rustebakke, Kaitlyn McDaniel, Jennifer Regimbal

MUSICAL NUMBERS-CONTINUED

- 2001 - The Wiz** – “No Bad News”
All Cast
Solo - Sasha Yearwood
- 2002 - Brigadoon** – “Waitin for My Dearie”
Jacy Thibert
- 2003 South Pacific** – “I’m Gonna Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair”
Solos - Kelsey Peterson, Desiree Price, Jennifer Regimbal, Jenna Spicer,
Loni Muus, Jacy Thibert, Carly Rustebakke, Kaitlyn McDaniel
- 2004 - Crazy For You** – “Someone to Watch Over Me”
Rose Dennis
- 2005 - Pirates of Penzance** – “When a Felon’s Not Engaged in His Employment”
All Cast
Solo - Katherine McNamara
- 2006 - The Music Man** – “Pick a Little/Goodnight Ladies”
Kelsey Germundson, Jenna Spicer, Tiffany Goulet, Danika Gjerding
Special appearance by Alex Guy, Isaac Black, Zach Spicer, Luke Snustad

THE SPA PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Year	Productions
1987 <small>(pre-SPA)</small>	<i>Recital: Les Miserables</i>
1988	<i>An Evening With A.L. Webber</i>
1989	<i>Sullivan to Sondheim, Traditions in Theatre</i>
1990	<i>Bye Bye Birdie, Chorus Line, Best of Broadway</i>
1991	<i>Music Man, Cole Porter Revue, HMS Pinafore</i>
1992	<i>Pirates of Penzance, Joseph...Dreamcoat, Our Town</i>
1993	<i>Oklahoma, Anne of Green Gables, The Hobbit</i>
1994	<i>Guys & Dolls, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!, Loesser & More Revue</i>
1995	<i>Robber Bridegroom, Joseph...Dreamcoat, Best of Broadway Revue</i>
1996	<i>Anything Goes, Oliver!, Get Smart, Best of SPA Revue</i>
1997	<i>Keep the Faith</i>
1998	<i>West Side Story, Park Players, Anchors Aweigh, HMS Pinafore</i>
1999	<i>Oklahoma, Music Man, Broadway Babes, Our Town</i>
2000	<i>Joseph...Dreamcoat, The Boyfriend, Jerry's Girls, Still Crazy</i>
2001	<i>The Wiz, 42nd St., Don't Drink the Water, And Now Something Completely New</i>
2002	<i>Brigadoon, Annie, It Runs in the Family</i>
2003	<i>South Pacific, Cinderella, A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
2004	<i>Crazy for You, Oliver!, Theatre Stories</i>
2005	<i>Pirates of Penzance, Seussical Revue</i>
2006	<i>The Music Man, Joseph...Dreamcoat</i>
2007 <small>(April)</small>	<i>Keep the Faith</i>
2007	<i>Les Miserables, HMS Pinafore, 20 Years of SPA Revue</i>