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

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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.

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**THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2013 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:**



Red River High School Theatre
July 12, 13, 15 at 7:00 pm
July 14 at 2:00 pm





Once Upon a Mattress is presented through special arrangement with Rodgers and Hammerstein. 229 W. 28th St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001
Phone: 212-541-6600 www.rnh.com

CAST

Name followed by 2013-2014 grade and school

Minstrel.....Locutus Lo-10-RR
Princess #12..... Ella Dostal-9-EGF
Wizard.....Jared Hollingworth-10-RR
Lady Larkin..... Calli Medley-9-GFC
Queen Aggravain..... Carolyn Smith-9-GFC
Daunttess.....Alex Barta-10-GFC
King Sextimus The Silent.....Landon Swallow-10-GFC
Jester.....Nic Rolph-10-RR
Sir Studley.....Jordan Holwerda-10-Homeschool
Sir Harry..... Brady Ritland-9-RR
Sir Luce..... Tucker Pearson-10-RR
Bird.....Seth Cline-10-RR
Winnifred..... Tiffany Sorenson-10-FISHER
Rowena..... Gabby Halliday-9-RR
Merrill..... Lauren Craig-9-RR
Luciell..... Kyra Bostad-10-RR

ENSEMBLE

Brian Aafedt-9-RR	Sara Colton-10-GFC	Shianna Laughlin-10-GFC	Brandon Pinnock-10-RR
Alyssa Amundson-10-RR	Elena Cummings-9-RR	Gracie Lian-9-RR	Maisie Poitra-10-RR
Michael Anderson-9-RR	Emily Dencker-9-RR	Asa Lo-9-RR	Rebecca Rage-9-RR
Breeanna Barta-9-RR	Casey Dingle-10-RR	Colton Luck-10-RR	Brinna Richtsmeier-9-RR
Ryann Barta-9-RR	Matt Dunham-10-RR	Abby Lund-9-RR	Brooke Rieger-9-RR
Zach Beczkalo-10-RR	Alexis Frericks-9-RR	Chloe McCarthy-9-RR	Nicole Rothenberger-9-GFC
Jayda Belker-9-RR	Alexis Fulp-10-RR	David Moreno-9-RR	Riley Scheer-10-RR
Jenna Belker-9-RR	Sarah Gellerman-9- Homeschool	Tai Mosley-10-RR	Makayla Scherrer-9-RR
Emily Blacknik-10-RR	Frankie Haley-10-RR	Camilla Murph-9-RR	Anna Shallman-9-GFC
Jordan Brucklacher-9-RR	Ajay Hutton-9-GFC	McKenzie Netz-10-RR	Emily Shimpa-9-GFC
Mackenzie Bucklin-10-RR	Lauren Kiley-9-GFC	Tommy O' Flannigan-9-RR	Krista Slusar-Mrazek-9-GFC
Carter Buelow-10-RR	Shealyn Klave-10-RR	Kaitlyn O' Shea-9-EGF	Augustus Tandberg-10-GFC
Garret Casperson-9-RR	Jacob Klug-9-EGF	Heather Onstad-9-RR	Rebecca Warnke-9-RR
Tessa Chandler-9-RR	Austin Knutson-10-FISHER	Olivia Otto-10-RR	Evan Welsh-9-GFC
		Karl Peterson- 10-RR	



Kirsten Aafedt



Lauren Craig

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 25 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 2014 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Kirsten Aafedt, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Lauren Craig, a student new to High School SPA.

"And in time we will all be stars."

"I believe arts education in music, theater, dance, and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. They (children) have an enthusiasm for life, a spark of creativity, and vivid imaginations that need training - training that prepares them to become confident young men and women."

-Richard W. Riley, Former US Secretary of Education

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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



July 19, 20, 22, 23 at 7pm and July 21 at 2pm
Call 701-746-2411 for tickets or visit www.spacompany.org

SPA 2013 STAFF

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

* indicates SPA alumni

Administrative Director:	Dean Opp (26)
Program Development/Mentoring:	Brad Sherwood (26)
Operations Director/Student Affairs:	Allison Peterson* (17)
Administrative Assistant	Jake Geffre (7)
Technical Director:	Josh Anderson* (11)
Office/Box Office Staff:	Britt Lazur* (4), Kaylee Scheer* (4), Alison Holcomb* (4), Jake Geffre (7)
<i>Beauty & the Beast</i> Production:	Mike Weber (26), Connie Sherwood (26), Angie Black Erickson* (23), RuthAnn Tuseth (9), Jolly Sherwood (15), David Henrickson (11), Cody Gerszewski* (4), Cassel Everson (10), Rachel Biberdorf* (4)
<i>Once...Mattress</i> Production:	Emily Cherry (2), Ali Angelone (1), Geoff Mercer* (11), Rich McFarlane (11), Paul Barta* (9), Maren Tunseth* (9), Roxanne Gessler (10), Leah Biberdorf* (2)
Stars of Tomorrow:	Jace Beehler* (6), Connie Stordalen (4), Geoff Mercer* (11), Rich McFarlane (11), Haley Larson* (2), Jolly Sherwood (15), Maren Tunseth* (9), Rachel Biberdorf* (4), Leah Biberdorf* (2)
Technical Staff:	Andy Parr* (6), Jace Beehler* (6), Lindsay Escobar* (6), Jake Geffre (7), Joe Oncken* (2), Solveig Bloomquist* (2), Luke Opp* (2), Evan Moser* (2), Ian Sherwood* (2)
Vocal Staff:	Maria Williams Kennedy (Vocal Coordinator) (18), Royce Blackburn (3), Catherine Tlusty (3), Dave Henrickson (11), Alyce Stokke (2), Wes Lawrence (1), Elisa Olson (1), Danielle Larson (1)
Costume Staff:	Amy Sanner (10), Haley Larson* (2), Cassel Everson (10)
Class Instructors:	Mike Blake (21), Angie Black Erickson* (23), Josh Anderson* (11), Rachel Biberdorf* (4), Cody Gerszewski* (4), Paul Millette* (1), Geoff Mercer* (11), Andy Parr* (6)
MySPA:	Yvonne Kalka (8), Ruth Pederson (4), Jolene Mikkelson (2)
Elementary Staff:	Chris Fosse (26), Jamie Toutenhoofd* (14), Lindsey Wood* (5), Cassandra Shaffer (8), Jace Beehler* (6), Lindsay Escobar* (6), Cody Gerszewski* (4), Daniella Lima* (3), Ali Holcomb* (4), Jacy Thibert* (3), Chloe Omlid* (2), Jolly Sherwood (15), Evan Pankratz* (2), Luke Opp* (2), Britt Lazur* (4), Caitlin Lien (1)
Middle School Staff:	Rich McFarlane (11), Maren Tunseth* (9), Erik Stordalen (5), Connie Stordalen (4), Amy Rogers (9), Rachel Biberdorf* (4), Jen Regimbal* (3), Walter Criswell* (2), Will Beaton* (2), Leah Biberdorf* (2), Haley Larson* (2)
Paraeducators:	Bridgot Reis Comeau, Brenna Johnson*
Website:	Created by Cassie Vetter, maintained by Allison Peterson & Jake Geffre

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director.....	Emily Cherry
Music Director.....	Paul Barta
Choreographer.....	Ali Angelone
Assistant Choreographer.....	Maren Tunseth
Assistant Director.....	Rich McFarlane
Production Assistants.....	Leah Biberdorf, Geoff Mercer, Roxanne Gessler
Technical Director.....	Josh Anderson
Technical Team.....	Andy Parr, Jace Beehler, Lindsay Escobar, Joe Oncken, Solveig Bloomquist, Luke Opp, Evan Moser, Ian Sherwood, Jake Geffre
Vocal Coach.....	Maria Williams Kennedy
Costumes.....	Amy Sanner, Haley Larson, SPA Students
Lights.....	Ben Lapp-9-RR, Emily Dencker-9-RR, Spencer Carmichael-11-RR, Solveig Bloomquist
Sound.....	Sheldon Rittel-9-RR, Max Schumacher-11-RR, Kevin Warnke-11-RR, Joe Oncken
Spotlights....	Sam Witucki-9-RR, Tyler Smith-12-RR, Ryan Pilon-9-RR, Matt Voll-10-RR, Tylar Knudsvig-12-GFC, Lukas Opp
Video.....	Luke Smith-11-RR, Alex Paulat-11-GFC, Walker Matthew-9-GFC, Eric Bakke-12-RR, Hannah Watson-12-RR, Zack Blevins-10-RR, Ashley Obregon-11-RR, Andy Parr
Scenic Painters.....	Emily Dencker-9-RR, Ashley Obregon-11-RR, Lindsay Escobar, Solveig Bloomquist
Ushers.....	Parent Volunteers (see back of program)
Box Office.....	Allison Peterson, Britt Lazur, Alison Holcomb, Kaylee Scheer, Jake Geffre
House Managers.....	Alison Holcomb, Kaylee Scheer

PIT MEMBERS

Piano.....	Roxanne Gessler
Flute.....	Shari Boschee
Clarinet.....	Don Craig
Horn.....	Mark VanCamp
Trumpet 1.....	Cole Sherwood
Trumpet 2.....	Alec Selnes
Trombone.....	Ben Breidenbach
Violin 1.....	Megan Peterson
Violin 2.....	Erin Cox
Viola.....	Lucas Moen
Cello.....	Brenna Peterson
Bass.....	Jeff Seabloom
Synthesizer.....	Geoff Mercer
Percussion.....	Alec Hepper

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I can't believe we are back again at SPA! The productions and summers get better every year! Yet again, I was so impressed by each of the students. This year our cast size grew to over 75 students and we tackled a larger production. Each day in rehearsal I found myself learning and enjoying the creativity that was brought to rehearsal by the students.

The musical *Once Upon A Mattress* is based on the princess and the pea story. This telling of the story is a slightly exaggerated, over-the-top version of a prince in search of a princess and a queen not quite ready to give up her son. Every day in rehearsal the students attacked the playful production with energy and enthusiasm. They excelled in making strong character choices while also celebrating their own personalities. As SPA moves to the next stage in its history I look forward to its bright future and the growth of these amazing young actors.

Emily Cherry, Director

MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES ACT 1

Overture.....Orchestra
 Prologue.....Ministrel
A ROOM IN MEDIEVAL CASTLE
 Opening for a Princess.....Prince Dauntless, Lady Larken, Knights, Ladies
 In a Little While.....Prince Harry, Lady Larken
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
 In a Little While Reprise.....Prince Harry, Lady Larken
THE CASTLE COURTYARD
 Shy.....Princess Winnifred and Knights
 The Minstrel, The Jester, and I..... King Sextimus, Minstrel, Jester
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
 Sensitivity.....Queen Aggravain, Wizard
WINNIFRED’S DRESSING ROOM
 The Swamps of Home.....Princess Winnifred, Ladies
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
TENTS IN THE COURTYARD
 Normandy.....Minstrel, Jester, King Sextimus, Lady Larken
THE COURTYARD
THE GREAT HALL
 Song of Love.....Prince Dauntless, Princess Winnifred, Knights, Ladies

There will be a ten minute intermission.

MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES ACT 2

THE CASTLE
 Quiet.....Ensemble
A ROOM IN THE CASTLE
 Happily Ever After.....Princess Winnifred
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
 Man to Man Talk.....King Sextimus, Prince Dauntless
THE WIZARD’S CHAMBER
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
 Very Soft Shoes.....Jester
 Yesterday I Loved You.....Prince Harry, Lady Larken
WINNIFRED’S BEDCHAMBER
 Nightingale Lullaby.....Bird
A CASTLE CORRIDOR
THE BANQUET HALL
 Finale.....Ensemble

NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION

As superintendent of Grand Forks Public Schools I could not be more proud of an educational program than our own SPA. One doesn't have to look very hard to see ample evidence of the quality and excellence evident within this remarkable program. Talented students, dedicated staff, committed leadership and a very supportive community provide the proper mix for a magnificent synergy. Above all, SPA consistently delivers on the promise of our school district's mission statement, "...engage learners to develop their maximum potential..." SPA not only provides educational opportunities relative to the fine arts and the performing arts, but, as important, teaches many life skills along the way. I am hopeful the new and newly remodeled spaces available to SPA will support this outstanding program in enhanced ways. And, on behalf of all, thank you to the citizens of Grand Forks for their support of our facilities and programs!

Dr. Larry P. Nybladh, Superintendent of Schools

We have always known SPA is a world-class program. When you experience the outstanding performances that are produced each year you know that is a direct reflection on the quality of our students and teaching staff. This year we are able to perform in a world-class auditorium at Central High School and performance hall at Red River High School. We are very fortunate to have a school board and community that wholeheartedly supports our arts programs in the Grand Forks Schools.

Mr. Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

NOTES FROM THE SPA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

SPA 2013 ~ "The Next Stage"

So someone remarked that 2013 is the start of the next 25 years of SPA. I like that they are looking ahead and thinking about SPA 25 years from now. While looking forward is a good thing, looking back can also be a good exercise.

I looked back at one of the early SPA playbills to see what was said in the program notes. In one of the first years of the SPA program Mike Weber wrote, "One of the greatest challenges we have at SPA is to select a show that will involve a large number of performers and give them the opportunity to develop their talent." It is nice to know that we still have "performer opportunities" as a main focus of how we select a show. Mike went on to say, "This program is committed to all students... and their education in the performing arts. We strive to give each student an opportunity to perform--whether it is on stage in a musical, in one of the vocal ensembles and recitals, in a play, or in a revue--and to perfect their abilities." Again, it is nice to know that we still have the "development of the individual student" at the heart of our mission. I know that one of the reasons for the long-term success of the SPA program has been the consistent set of core beliefs that drive the development and daily decisions within the program.

So what do we see when we look ahead? I see the students of today finding their "Next Stage" in life. Some will be like the SPA alums we watched at the SPA Alumni Concert at the end of June, still finding opportunities to perform. I see students also going on to find careers -- as a side note, it seems many go on to find careers in education -- but there will be many types of careers. I see students starting families. We have many children of our former students now. So each will find their "Next Stage". And at the same time, students of SPA 2013 will keep this year as part of their memories.

SPA 2013 will be forever special to us as there have been many transitions. We will always remember first using the new facilities at Grand Forks Central and Red River. We hope that tonight will be a memory for you for many years. But most important, we have worked to make tonight a starting point for each and every student of SPA 2013 to begin building their "Next Stage."

Thank you for supporting the SPA program with your attendance at this performance. Enjoy the show!

Dean Opp, Administrative Director of SPA