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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!

MAILING LIST: If you would like to be on our mailing list for the best seating for productions (and to avoid the ridiculously long phone message ☺) at Red River or at SPA, fill out the form below, tear it out from the program, and pass it along to an usher or mail to Red River HS, 2211 17th Ave. S. 58201, "ATTN: MAILING LIST". *No need to fill this out if you are already on the list.*

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THE 2008 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:



The Journey to Me
2008 SPA Revue



Empire Arts Center
July 15-16
7:30 pm

CAST

Name followed by 2008-2009 grade and school

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>
Bailey Altman-9-CEN	Leah Biberdorf-9-CEN	Ramsey Jones-9-RR
Jill Ames-9-RR	Sarah Coen-Tuff-9-RR	Abby Kroke-9-RR
Hannah Borgstrom-9-RR	Michaela Current-9-RR	Becky Laturmus-9-RR
Nina Coster-9-RR	Jordyn Hjeldness-9-CEN	Mary Lockett-9-CEN
Audra Hendrickson-9-CEN	Elizabeth Hoeger-9-SAC	Abby Mattson-9-RR
Haley Larson-9-RR	Mariah Kuntz-9-RR	Jade Middleton-9-CEN
Kelsey McCullough-10-RR	Kasondra LittleGhost-9-RR	Meghan Ranisate-9-CEN
Chloe Omlid-9-CEN	Heather Novak-9-CEN	Erika Rosenkranz-9-RR
Heather Schuler-9-RR	Morgan Reck-9-CEN	Laura Scheving-9-RR
Vanessa Simms-9-RR	Anna Claire Tandberg-9-MCC	Courtney Young-9-RR
Lynneah Thompson-9-CEN	Eden Volk-9-RR	

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director	Cassel Everson
Assistant Directors	Roxanne Gessler, RuthAnn Tusetth, Angie Black Erickson
Production Assistants.....	Michaela Hill, Allie Hoistad, Brenna Everson
Choreography.....	Kami Anderson, Teran Ferguson, Amanda Speare
Costumes.....	Katie Sanner, Brenna Everson, SPA Costume Staff
Technical Director	Josh Anderson
Technical Head	Ethan Johnson
Lights	Tyler Voegele-12-RR
Spotlights	Anna Nikle-9-RR, Elizabeth Machart-9-RR
Sound	Jake Borgstrom-12-RR
Video.....	SPA students (TBD)
Box Office.....	Allison Peterson, Jake Geffre, Lyndsey Harter, Diane Stjern

PIT MEMBERS

Synthesizer	Roxanne Gessler
Piano	RuthAnn Tusetth
Bass	Paul Amundson
Percussion	Zach Spicer

SPA 2008 STAFF

Administrative Director:	Dean Opp
Program Director:	Brad Sherwood
Administrative Coordinator:	Lori Young
Operations Director/Student Affairs:	Allison Peterson
Office/Box Office Staff:	Jacob Geffre, Diane Stjern, Lyndsey Harter
Fiddler Production:	Mike Weber, Connie Sherwood, Angie Black Erickson, Kathi Dykstra, Teran Ferguson
Oklahoma! Production:	Geoff Mercer, Rich McFarlane, Maren Tunseth, Alyssa Graham, Joel Beyer
Revue Production:	Cassel Everson, Roxanne Gessler, RuthAnn Tusetth, Amanda Speare, Kami Anderson, Allie Hoistad, Michaela Hill, Brenna Everson, Teran Ferguson
Technical Staff:	Josh Anderson (head), Mike Brown, Ethan Johnson, Nick Wiebusch, Phil Anderson, Lindsay Escobar, Katelyn Pribula, Jordan Green, Dan Wiebusch, Andy Parr
Vocal Staff:	Maria Williams Kennedy, Dave Henrickson, Christina Hartje, Amy Erickson, Annette Hovey, Becky Mercer
Costume Staff:	Amy Sanner (head), Amanda Hill, Sarah Winger, Katie Sanner, Susie Peters, Brenna Everson
Class Instructors:	Maria Williams-Kennedy, Mike Blake, Paul Barta, Tanner Beauchman
Honors Revue:	Maria Williams-Kennedy, Dave Henrickson, Joel Beyer
Elementary Staff:	Chris Fosse, Jamie Toutenhoofd, Patti Becker, Diane Blue, Karen Arnold, Rhonda Cameron, Cassandra Schaffer, Carly Bratvold, Jace Beehler, Kami Anderson, Lyndsey Harter
Middle School Staff:	Tom Young, Joel Beyer, Rich McFarlane, Christina Hartje, Maren Tunseth, Nick Wiebusch, Amanda Speare, Alyssa Graham, Katelyn Pribula
Website:	Created by Jeff Seabloom and maintained by Allison Peterson

2008 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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

Louise Diers, Karmin Thompson, Peggy Lockett, Tristen Sandy, Jenny Sun, Annette Hovey, Pam Laffen, Lorraine O'Shea, Erin Hendrickson, Lisa Hoplin, Ron and Pat Guthmiller, Jolene Mikkelson, Jolie Ewens, Suzie Kartes, Mikki Freije, Peg Biberdorf, Chris & Judy Klaus, Donna Smith, Jolain Anderson, and Pam Davis

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 SPA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Recipe: How to Make a Star

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 summer's 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 in June and July.

This "recipe" is a favorite for over 1000 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!

Dean Opp, Administrative Director

ORDER OF SONGS

"If My Friends Could See Me Now" from *Sweet Charity*
The Revue Cast

"Corner Of The Sky" from *Pippin*
Group C

"The Girl I Mean To Be" from *The Secret Garden*
Group B with soloists Leah Biberdorf & Sarah Coen-Tuff

"Masquerade" from *The Phantom of the Opera*
The Revue Cast

"No One Knows Who I Am" from *Jekyll and Hyde*
Group C with soloists Ramsey Jones & Courtney Young

"Put On A Happy Face" from *Bye Bye Birdie*
Group A

"Put On Your Sunday Clothes" from *Hello Dolly*
Group C and The Revue Cast

"Waitin' For The Light To Shine" from *Big River*
Group B with soloists Morgan Reck & Eden Volk

- THERE WILL BE A 10 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

"Good Mornin' " from *Singin' In The Rain*
The Revue Cast

"Do Ya Wanna Go To Heaven" from *Big River*
Group B

"The Company Way" from *How To Succeed In Business*
Group A with soloists Haley Larson & Kelsey McCullogh

"Brother, My Brother" from *The Civil War*
Group C with soloists Mary Lockett & Laura Scheving
Ballet by Meghan Ranisate & Abby Mattson

"Worlds Apart" from *Big River*
Group A with soloists Chloe Omlid & Lynneah Thompson

"To Life" from *Fiddler On The Roof*
The Revue Cast

"What Is This Feeling?" from *Wicked*
Group A and The Revue Cast

"Popular" from *Wicked*
Group B and The Revue Cast

"Seasons Of Love" from *Rent*
The Revue Cast

"You Can't Stop The Beat" from *Hairspray*
The Revue Cast

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Being part of "The Journey To Me" has been an exciting experience! Working on a revue gave everyone – cast, tech, & directors – a chance to make the show really our own. From choosing the songs and choreographing the dances to choosing the title and writing the dialogue, members of the cast and staff created the show you will see. Besides being talented young ladies, these cast members are hard workers and nice people! Thank you for joining us as we celebrate "The Journey To Me"!

Cassel Everson, Director

Don't miss out on our next production!



July 18-23 at 7:30 at Red River High School

WE DEDICATE THE 2008 SPA SEASON TO THE MEMORY OF GENE P. DURIEUX



Gene loved kids.
Throughout his life,
Gene worked with
students of all ages.
Shows, concerts, Head Start,
and recording sessions
were some of his greatest joys.
He spent thousands of hours
giving to the students
in our community.

Thank you Gene!

NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION

I am pleased to write a few words about our SPA program, especially since this is my last opportunity to do this. Our SPA program is the finest program of this type in the upper mid-west. It provides wonderful opportunities for students to be involved in a variety of ways with outstanding staff members as our instructors, and young adults as mentors. Congratulations on another wonderful summer for the students.

Ron Gruwell, Superintendent of Schools (Retired)

As the new superintendent of schools, I am enthused and excited about the quality of education evident across the school district. I am pleased to find the mission statement of the school district, "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, maximizing their potential. Hats off to all SPA students, staff, parents, and supporters!

Dr. Larry P. Nybladh, Superintendent of Schools

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 21 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 2009 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Brit Lazur, a senior, will sing the first verse, then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Ian Sherwood, a student new to the High School SPA company.

"And in time we will all be stars."