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### 2012 PARENT AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

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.

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

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### **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:**



**Red River High School Theatre  
July 12-14 at 7:30 pm  
July 15 at 2:00 pm**





**Oliver! Book, Music, and Lyrics by Lionel Bart**

**Oliver! is produced by arrangement with, and the music and dialogue material is furnished by TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY, INC., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10012**

### CAST

**Name followed by 2012-2013 grade and school**

Oliver.....	Alex Barta-9- GFC
Mr. Bumble .....	Casey Dingle-9-RR
Mr. Sowerberry .....	Alex Stroth-10-RR
Mrs. Sowerberry .....	Julia Krogh-10-RR
Charlotte .....	Juliet Wolfe-10- GFC
Noah Claypole.....	Cam Pederson-10-EGF
Dodger .....	Adam Giebner-10-RR
Fagin.....	Tucker Pearson-9-RR
Charley Bates .....	Locutus Lo-9-RR
Nancy .....	Michelle Manthei-10-RR
Bet .....	Breanna McLain-10-RR
Bill Sykes .....	Carter Buelow-9-RR
Mrs. Bedwin .....	Elisabeth Hoplin-10-RR
Dr. Grimwig .....	Seth Cline-9-RR
Night Watchman.....	August Tandberg-9- GFC
Brownlow .....	Tyler Gerszewski-10-RR
Widow Corney .....	Katherine Erickson-10-RR

### **Chorus of Orphans**

Emily Anderson-10-RR	Sarah McCloud-10-GFC	David Waskosky-10-OOT
Nikole Barriault-10-RR	Brianna Molmen-10-RR	Mandy Wixo-10-RR
Zach Beczkalo-9-RR	Mallory Mooney-10-OOT	Morgan Young-10-RR
Elliot Beach-10-OOT	Erin Murray-10-OOT	Emily Blacknik-9-RR
Samuel Beach-10-OOT	Breah Nelson-10-RR	Sara Colton-9- GFC
Zachary Blevins-9-RR	Elizabeth Netz-10- GFC	Shanlee Cox-9- GFC
AnneMarie Brack-10-RR	Hannah Opp-10-RR	Jade Foster-9-RR
Trieseana Brown-10-GFC	Rachel Patnaude-10-RR	Alexis Fulp-9-RR
Megan Burford-10-RR	Kandis Pender-10-RR	Daisy Hou-9- GFC
Noah Cline-10-RR	Brandon Pinnock-9-RR	Shealyn Klave-9-RR
Matt Dunham-9-RR	Taylor Robinson-10-RR	Shianna Laughlin-9- GFC
Dylan Goulet-9- GFC	April Roeder-10-THS	Tai Mosley-9-RR
Frankie Haley-9-RR	Nicholas Rolph-9-RR	McKenzie Netz-9-RR
Jared Hollingworth-9-RR	Benjamin Scharmer-10-RR	Kasidi Scott-9-OOT
Hannah Holt-10-RR	Riley Scheer-9-RR	Sydney Skaro-9-RR
Anisa Holwerda-10-RR	Melanie Schindler-10-RR	Tiffany Sorenson-9-OOT
Annabel Jiran-10-GFC	Blake Slama-10-RR	Hannah Wilkinson-9- GFC
Jenna Laurin-10-RR	Landon Swallow-9- GFC	Breanna Williams-9-RR
Colton Luck-9-RR	Hannah Syverson-10-RR	



**Ryan Schuster**



**Locutus Lo**

### 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 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."*

"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!



**July 18-19 at 7:30  
at the Empire Arts Center  
Call 701-746-2411 for tickets or visit [www.spacompany.org](http://www.spacompany.org)**



**July 22-26 at 7:30pm  
at Red River High School**

## 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 (3), Rachel Biberdorf* (3), 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 (3), 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), 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

## PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director.....	Emily Cherry
Music Director.....	Paul Barta, Geoff Mercer
Assistant Director.....	Rich McFarlane
Production Assistants.....	Maren Tunseth, Tyler Rood, Leah Biberdorf
Technical Team.....	Josh Anderson, Lindsay Escobar, Joey Oncken
Vocal Coach.....	Maria Williams-Kennedy
Costumes.....	Amy Sanner, Jenna Spicer
Lights.....	Kevin Warnke-10-RR
Spotlights.....	Eric Bakke-11-RR, Tyler Smith-11-RR, Suzanne Crocker-11-RR, Arianne Cominghay-12-GFC [2], Tylar Knudsvig-11-CEN
Sound.....	Max Schumacher-10-RR, Spencer Carmichael-10-RR
Video.....	Tyler Kelley-12-RR [2], Steven Houska-12-CEN [6], Tanner Robinson-10-RR, Ross Schultz-12-RR [1], Alex Paulet-10-CEN, John Fischer-12-RR [2], Eric Franklin-11-RR
Scenic Painting.....	Lindsay Escobar, Solveig Bloomquist
Ushers.....	Parent Volunteers (see back of program)
Box Office.....	Allison Peterson, Jake Geffre, Diane Stjern, Mariah Kuntz, Bailey Altman
House Manager.....	Britt Lazur

## PIT MEMBERS

Conductor.....	Paul Barta
Flute.....	Shari Boschee
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet.....	Don Craig
Bassoon.....	Cassel Everson
Horn 1.....	Bruce Morlock
Horn 2.....	Jacy Thibert
Trombone.....	Ben Breidenbach-11-GFC
Trumpet.....	Taylor Deem-12-GFC (4)
Trumpet.....	Alec Selnes-11-GFC
Bass.....	Jeff Seabloom
Piano.....	Roxanne Gessler
Keyboard.....	Shanna Gisvold
Violin 1.....	John Gangelhoff
Violin 2.....	Erin Cox
Viola.....	Megan Hepper
Cello.....	Cody Oss
Percussion.....	Gabe Figueroa

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

What a summer it has been! Before the summer began I must admit the idea of directing *Oliver* with 55 students was a little daunting. However, after we began the rehearsal process I felt right at home. The students and SPA staff are one of the most welcoming that I have worked with and made this experience worthwhile. Each day in rehearsal I found myself learning and enjoying the creativity that was brought to rehearsal.

The musical *Oliver*, based on Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist*, is a well-loved family musical that has, at times, some dark themes. Each student attacked the dark and playful elements of the musical with energy and poise. It was wonderful to see each student making conscientious character choices and taking the production to the next level by their thoughtful ideas. This summer has been such a wonderful learning experience for me and I cannot wait to see where SPA will go in the next 25 years!

*Emily Cherry, Director*

**MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES ACT 1**

Overture ..... Orchestra  
THE WORKHOUSE  
Food, Glorious Food..... Chorus  
Oliver ..... Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney, Chorus  
THE STREET  
Boy For Sale ..... Oliver, Mr. Bumble  
THE UNDERTAKER’S SHOP  
That’s Your FuneralMr. & Mrs. Sowerberry, Noah Claypole, Charlotte, Oliver,  
Mr.  
Bumble  
Where Is Love?.....Oliver  
PADDINGTON GREEN  
Consider Yourself..... The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Chorus  
THE THIEVES’ KITCHEN  
Pick A Pocket Or Two..... Fagin, Chorus  
I’d Do Anything..... The Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin, Chorus  
Be Back Soon ..... Fagin, The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Chorus

**THERE WILL BE A 10-MINUTE INTERMISSION**

**MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES ACT 2**

THE “THREE CRIPPLES” PUB  
Oom-Pah-Pah.....Nancy, Chorus  
My Name ..... Bill Sykes  
As Long As He Needs Me ..... Nancy  
THE BROWNLOWS’  
Where Is Love? (Reprise).....Mrs. Bedwin  
Who Will Buy? ..... Oliver, Street Criers, Chorus  
THE THIEVES’ KITCHEN  
Reviewing The Situation .....Fagin  
THE BROWNLOWS’  
As Long As He Needs Me (Reprise) ..... Nancy  
LONDON BRIDGE  
Reviewing The Situation (Reprise).....Fagin  
Finale ..... Company

**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*

**NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION**

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*