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2008 PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents helped us 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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THE 2008 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:

OKLAHOMA!



**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
JULY 10-13, 2008**

CAST

Name followed by 2008-2009 grade and school

Aunt Eller	Rose Dennis-10-RR
Curly	Nathan Crocker-10-RR
Laurey	Jacy Thibert-10-CEN
Ike Skidmore	Alex Pribula-10-RR
Fred.....	Brandon Howe10-CEN
Slim	Tyler Beattie-9-RR
Jud Fry	Walter Criswell-10-RR
Ado Annie Carnes	Daniella Lima-10-CEN
Ali Hakim	Paul Millette-10-RR
Will Parker	Brent Shrum-10-RR
Gertie Cummings.....	Katherine McNamara-10-CEN
Ellen	Kaitlyn McDaniel-10-RR
Kate	Jenna Spicer-10-RR
Sylvie.....	Sasha Yearwood-10-RR
Armina.....	Paige Ferguson-10-RR
Aggie	Jen Regimbal-10-RR
BreAnna	Kelsey Peterson-10-CEN
Andrew Carnes.....	Luke Hoplin-10-RR
Cord Elam.....	Nathaniel Lockett-10-CEN
Mike	Charlie Haley-10-RR
Joe.....	Ty Anderson-9-RR
Sam.....	Ian Sherwood-9-RR
John	Billy Beaton-9-RR

Cowboys, Cowhands, and Cowgirls

Brianna Albrecht-10-RR	Nick Curtis-9-CEN	Damian Macho-9-RR
Matt Beehler-9-RR	Niall Davis-10-RR	Kathryn Melby-10-RR
Michael Colenso-9-CEN	Kenneth Dessellier-9-CEN	Brittany Melcer-10-RR
Becca Devine-10-RR	Mariana Gathignol-France	Loni Muus-10-RR
Haley Beth Dionne-10-SAC	Ben Houska-9-CEN	Luke Opp-9-RR
Nikki Frye-10-RR	Amber Jefferson-10-RR	Evan Pankratz-9-RR
Kelsey Germundson-10-RR	Connor Joseph-9-RR	Carly Rustebakke-10-RR
Danika Gjerding-10-RR	Tyler Kartes-9-RR	Rebecca Thompson-10-RR
Billy Heigaard-	Tyler Kemnitz-9-RR	Luke Whalen-9-RR
McGurran-9-RR	Ryan King-9-CEN	
Nathan Hemming-9-RR	Chad Loeffler-9-RR	

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, Amanda Speare, Teran Ferguson
Oklahoma! Production:	Geoff Mercer, Rich McFarlane, Maren Tunseth, Alyssa Graham, Joel Beyer
Revue Production:	Cassel Everson, Roxanne Gessler, RuthAnn Tusetth, Kami Anderson, Allie Hoistad, Michaela Hill, Brenna Everson
Technical Staff:	Josh Anderson (head), Mike Brown, Ethan Johnson, Nick Wiebusch, Phil Anderson, Lindsay Escobar, Katelyn Pribula, Jordan Green, Dan Wiebusch
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
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
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

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."

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

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director	Rich McFarlane
Music Director	Geoff Mercer
Assistant Director/Choreographer	Maren Tunseth
Production Assistant	Alyssa Graham
Assistant Music Director	Joel Beyer
Production Consultant.....	Ken Sherwood, Angie Black Erickson
Vocal Coach.....	Maria Williams-Kennedy
Costumes.....	Amy Sanner, Amanda Hill, Sarah Winger, Susie Peters, Katie Sanner, Brenna Everson, SPA Students
Technical Director	Josh Anderson
Tech Head	Nick Wiebusch
Lights	Erik Ganyo-10-GFC
Spotlights	Marinda Wood-12-RR, Lex Lehrmann-10-RR, Levi Sevigny-8-Schroeder, Cole Sherwood-8-South
Sound	Candyce Iseminger-12-GFC, Mike Cornell-9-GFC
Video.....	Steven Houska-8-Valley, Tyler Jehs-9-GFC
Ushers	Parent Volunteers (see back of program)
Box Office.....	Allison Peterson, Jake Geffre, Diane Stjern, Lyndsey Harter

PIT MEMBERS

Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	Christie Aleshire
Conductor.....	Geoff Mercer
Violin	Ben Sun-11-RR
Viola.....	Tasha Goettle-12-GFC
Cello	Cody Oss-12-GFC
Flute	Mia Randklev and Sarah Harlow
Oboe.....	Diane Stjern
Bassoon.....	Lindsay Blair-10-RR
Horn	Tanner Bjerke-11-Homeschooled and Brenna Everson
Trumpet.....	Dan Christianson-RR-12, Michael Russel-11-Homeschooled, Matthew Hillestad-11-GFC
Trombone.....	Ryan Christianson-10-RR, Ben Paulat-11-GFC
Percussion	Steven Cowger-11-GFC
Bass.....	Doug Richards-11-GFC

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE A GUNSHOT IN THIS PERFORMANCE.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Overture
 Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'Curly
 The Surrey with the Fringe on Top.....Curly, Aunt Eller, and Laurey
 Kansas City Will Parker, Aunt Eller, and the Boys
 I'm Cain't Say No Ado Annie
 Entrance of Ensemble Will, Ado Annie, Ensemble
 Many a New Day Laurey & the Girls
 It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage Ali Hakim and Ensemble
 People Will Say We're in Love Curly and Laurey
 Poor Jud is Dead Curly and Jud
 Lonely Room Jud
 Out of My DreamsLaurey, the Girls, and Dream Figures

~ **There will be a 10 minute intermission** ~

ACT 2

The Farmer and the Cowman..... Company
 All Er Nothin' Ado Annie, Will, Dancing Girls
 Oklahoma!..... Company
 Finale Company



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!

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

"Oklahoma!" is one of those audience favorites, with its memorable characters, toe-tapping songs and extravagant hoedown dance numbers. We are very fortunate this year to have a yet another exceptional cast- their skills are incredible, their work ethic is great, and most importantly to us, they are a lot of fun.

During rehearsals, it's fun to watch the students learn and grow. Not only are they learning singing, dancing, acting and performing techniques, they are also learning team-work, patience, risk-taking and self-confidence... not to mention blisters from dancing in cowboy boots for four hours a day.

As a directing team, we strongly believe theatre productions are some of the best experiences schools and programs like SPA can offer students. We know this because each time we meet someone and they find out we direct theatre, nine times out of ten we will hear "Oh, I was in a play once in high school," and then they never stop talking about their experience. When students are passionate about something, they work hard and take a lot of pride and ownership in their work. That's the stuff that can't really be taught, it comes directly from the students heart. Corny, but true.

Thanks for taking time out of your evening and choosing to come to tonight's show. We sincerely appreciate it, and really hope you enjoy what we've prepared for you.

Oklahoma Directing Team
Rich McFarlane, Geoff Mercer, Maren Tunseth, Alyssa Graham

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, Retired Superintendent of Schools