

THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:



Red River High School Performance Hall July 20, 22, 23 at 7pm and July 21 at 4pm

"TUCK EVERLASTING"

CLAUDIA SHEAR & TIM FEDERLE

Music and Lyrics by CHRIS MILLER & NATHAN TYSEN

Based upon the book by NATALIE BABBITT

TUCK EVERLASTING is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

CAST

Name followed by 2019-20 grade and school

Jesse Tuck	Grant Anderson-11-RR
Mae Tuck	Brooklyn Evans-12-RR
Miles Tuck	Noah Severud-12-RR
Angus Tuck	Isaac Barta-11-GFC
Winnie Foster	Avery Eagleton-12-RR
Man in the Yellow Suit	Alex Berglund-12-RR
Mother	Kirsten Warcup-12-RR
Nana	Chloe Heydt-12-RR
Hugo	Lucas Tande-12-GFC
Constable Joe	Ethan Suriano-11-RR
Young Thomas	Owen Berglund-5-Ben Franklin

ENSEMBLE

Blake Anderson-11-RR Kylie Baier-11-RR Lauren Betz-11-RR Katie Brindamour-12-SHHS Grace Carl-11-GFC Kaili Courtney-11-RR Jonathan Dawes-11-GFC Emma Dodds-12-RR Alyssa Donacki-12-RR Gavin Dorsey-12-RR Roselyn Erickson-3-Kelly Ruby Erickson-5-Kelly Reagan Fontaine-11-GFC Joe Germundson-11-RR Taylor Hartze-11-RR Ella Henry-11-RR

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Assistant Director/Vocal Coach	Ian Sherwood, Cole Sherwood
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Trumpet	
	Lauren Craig
Cello	Lalangi Marasinghe
Guitar	Ian Sherwood
Bass	Brady Ritland
Drums	Alex Hovey
Percussion	Katie Ellis
Keyboard	

ACT 1 MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES

Live Like This	Mae, Winnie, Angus, Jesse, Miles, Man in the Yellow Suit, Ensemble
Join the Parade	
Good Girl, Winnie Foster (Reprise)	
Top of the World	Jesse, Winnie
Hugo's First Case	Hugo
	Winnie
Join the Parade (Reprise)	
Seventeen	Jesse, Winnie, Man in the Yellow Suit, Ensemble

Fifteen minute intermission. Bottled water \$1.00 - available in the lobby at intermission.

ACT 2 MUSICAL NUMBERS/SCENES

Western Western Street	
Everything's Golden	Man in the Yellow Suit, Ensemble
Seventeen (Reprise)	Winnie
Time	
Time (Reprise)	Miles, Mae, Angus, Jesse
Everything's Golden (Reprise)	Man in the Yellow Suit
You Can't Trust a Man	Constable Joe, Hugo
The Wheel	Angus, Winnie
Story of the Man in the Yellow Suit	Man in the Yellow Suit
Everlasting	Winnie
The Story of Winnie Foster	

Young Winnie - Christie Stayman Winnie's Son - Owen Berglund Middle-Aged Winnie - Lyric McGillicuddy Winnie's Son - Gavin Dorsey His Wife - Zoe Jiran Old Winnie - Malia Jackson-Boles Old Hugo - Blake Anderson

The Wheel (Reprise) Jesse, Ensemble
I Sing the Body Electric SPA Company

We would like to invite all SPA students/alumni to the stage for the "Body Electric" for all performances of Tuck Everlasting

Check us out online!







Website: www.spacompany.org

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DIRECTORS NOTES

"Don't be afraid of death, Winnie. Be afraid of not being truly alive. You don't need to live forever, you just need to live" says Angus Tuck to Winnie.

Those words sum up the message brought to life so beautifully in Natalie Babbitt's remarkable book. *Tuck Everlasting* has been on the shelves in elementary classrooms since it was written in 1975. As in so many classic novels written for young readers, this one is peppered with life lessons in the midst of great adventures.

The musical version of *Tuck Everlasting* was beautifully adapted for stage in 2016. It had only a brief run on Broadway, but has been very popular in amateur productions around the country. Our directing team has seen two productions in the area in just this past year. We get so excited when there is something new that meets our needs. At SPA we need a show that can use lots of kids and give them lots of stage time. The lists we have to pick from are more limited than you would realize.

The challenges of *Tuck Everlasting* have been exciting. Who is the ensemble? They are on quite a bit of the time. Are they really there? Do the actors see them? Sometimes they are the magic, as in the opening segment when the Tuck family drinks the water. We start in 1803 and jump to 1893 in one number. Sometimes they are the townspeople, as in the carnival sections. Sometimes they are a memory being recreated, as in the song where Miles Tuck tells Winnie about his son. That creates a challenge for lighting, because lighting actually IS the real magic. It creates a challenge for costuming. The biggest question we had coming out of productions of Tuck was "who are those people and how can we keep it from being confusing." The music is a challenge. The characters in the story are a musical ensemble themselves. The rhythms and harmonies are beautiful and complicated.

If you have read the book, you are going to love how wonderfully the musical captures the magic. If you haven't read the book, I hope you will. The importance of life and our use of time is so well illustrated. We all stress about being tied to a clock and to a calendar. The Tucks would give anything to get back on that wheel and know that there was a beginning and an end.

If you had a choice would you drink water that made you live forever? Winnie Foster has that choice to make.

Connie Sherwood - Director

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!

NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION

Thank you for attending and supporting our Summer Performing Arts (SPA) program this year. If you are a regular attendee, thank you for your commitment to our entire cast. If you are new to SPA, we hope your experience was uplifting and a reminder that our future is in good hands with those who work on stage and behind the scenes!

For the past thirty-two years, SPA has created pathways for students to find and live their passion. Many who are involved are multi-talented students who are involved in additional co- and extra-curricular activities, and they well-represent themselves, their families and the school district. Several have gone on to perform on the national and international levels which well-defines an important cultural piece of the Grand Forks community.

Programs performing at the gold standard of SPA cannot be accomplished by talented teachers and students alone. It takes an entire community to support ongoing performances through sponsorship, attendance, and through in-kind contributions and I am most grateful, along with my colleagues, for SPA's reflection of the community's appreciation for the performing arts.

For each of the performances this summer, I salute all involved in the Summer Performing Arts program! Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent



We would like to invite all SPA alumni and current SPA students of any age to the stage for the "Body Electric" for all performances of *Tuck Everlasting*.

THE SUMMER PERFORM ING A RUSS COMPANY 2010

A SPA TRADITION

CHLOE HEYDT SOFIA RAMIREZ



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 31 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 2020 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Chloe Heydt, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader, Sofia Ramirez, a student new to High School SPA.

"And in time we will all be stars."

Past "Body Electric" Soloists

1990	Craig Smyser, Ryan Karels	2004	Maren Tunseth, Jace Beehler
1991	Sam Black, Lana Bollman	2005	Marcus Woodard, Amelia Klaus
1992	Travis Lien, Mike Marcotte	2006	James Freestone, Ben Sun
1993	Judy Nyhlen, Jeff Jacobi	2007	Zach Spicer, Jacy Thibert
1994	Jamie Cady, Jenni Durieux	2008	Brit Lazur, Ian Sherwood
1995	Ryan Karels, Jill Johnson	2009	Casey Smith, Cole Sherwood
1996	Erik Hunter, Casey Koop	2010	Jenna Spicer, Ben Breidenbach
1997	Misti Koop, Billy Poehls	2011	Will Beaton, Kenny Price, Jr
1998	Abby Lochner, Chase Burkhart	2012	Ryan Schuster, Locutus Lo
1999	Matt Luney, Maren Tunseth	2013	Kirsten Aafedt, Lauren Craig
2000	Tera Kilbride, Lauren Palay	2014	Juliet Wolfe, Anthony Schreier
2001	Jason Melin, Molly Kinney	2015	Tucker Pearson, Drew Relling
2002	Chase Burkhart, Devin Levang	2016	Lauren Craig, Alyssa Donacki
2003	Beth Laidlaw, Kirby Black	2017	Sydney Warcup, Gracia Larsen-Schmidt
		2018	Anna Lapp, Claire Huebner

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2004	"THE ANSWER" Program	2017	Steve Thomas – Scott's Music
	_	2018	Becky Schmidt

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NOTES FROM THE SPA ADMINISTRATION

Thank you for supporting the SPA program with your attendance tonight. The students had a terrific time this summer as we went "back to the 50's" in *Bye Bye Birdie*, and off to a magical forest in *Tuck Everlasting*.

This summer's performances will be as wonderful as ever. The casts, crews, and directors have been working hard the last 2 months to bring you the performances. You will see the results of their hard work and dedication to their craft. For the past 30+ years, SPA has provided not only a strong Arts education, but also a comprehensive character education curriculum. From service projects to mentoring activities, SPA is so much more than just the performances.

SPA is in the second year of a week-long Pre-K program for students 3-5 years old. The SPA Elementary program is two weeks long with sessions in June and July held at Central, Red River, Phoenix, and this year at Twining. We also had a special Elementary SPA session with ENCORE students at Winship. The Middle School SPA program, held at South, was bursting at the seams with record enrollment. In July, the MySPA program offers special needs students in K-12 a unique performance experience in an individual, educational, inspirational, and exciting environment. Throughout the summer, EL SPA provides secondary English learners a creative performance opportunity as a way to build language skills. During the school year, the Grand Cities Children's choir works with over 200 of the top voices from the elementary to 9th grade level. And, of course, we have the most visible part of the SPA program with our two high school productions. It is really amazing to think of all the various parts of the SPA program beyond just the main shows.

One thing I also think about is what would we be doing tonight if there was not a SPA program? What would the students be doing tonight? How lucky we are that the Grand Forks Public Schools provides such a tremendous opportunity for students. How lucky are we to have a community of businesses and individuals that give to support the SPA program. And that you, as the public, are able to share and support the experience through the performances. SPA does much for many. Thank you.

Sit back and enjoy our trip back to the magical Tuck forest... and be glad that we live in a community that has opportunities for the over 1,300 students that participate in the Summer Performing Arts Company each year.

Dean Opp, Administrative Director



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SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

2019-2020 SEASON

Laura Jane Paulson

2019-2020 SPONSORSHIP



Donations are a key element of the SPA program and are used for many aspects of the program, including:

- Providing scholarships to students that demonstrate financial need.
- Bringing in guest artists to work directly with students.
- Providing positive, chaperoned activities for students during and after the SPA day as part of our Mentoring and Outreach Program.
- Defraying the costs of day-to-day expenditures and new technology.

Any donation to the SPA program directly benefits the students. Thank you for your support of SPA and of the Arts in Grand Forks!

Brad Sanner

Ken Larsen

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Albert "Tom" Opp

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Bands on the Red Staff: Jayne Morrison (7), Sarah Harlow* (7)

This Summer's Theme and Service Project

In keeping with SPA's 2019 theme of "Building Bridges", the high school students participated in a donation drive competition for the Hope Care Center & Food Pantry. Students were split into teams and brought a variety of non-perishable food and toiletry items throughout the month of June. In total, just over 1,458 items were collected! This transformed into 800 lbs of donated items. The top three teams that brought in the most items received prizes sponsored by Red Ray Lanes, River Cinema and the SPA Office. The first place team included Chloe Heydt, Taylor Kiley, Riley Thoreson, Lyric McGillicuddy, Malia Jackson-Boles, Joe Germundson, Gavin Dorsey, and Gracia Larsen-Schmidt. While all of the students certainly enjoyed the competitive aspect of the service project, they also grew more confident in their abilities to help others in their very own community. Thank you to all the students, staff, and community members/businesses who made this donation drive a success!

The SPA Program and its staff have been recognized for the following achievements:

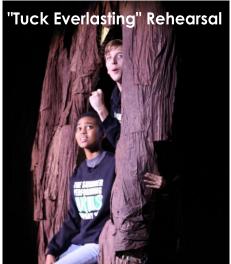
- Communication, Speech, and Theatre Association of ND Administrators of the Year, Dean Opp & Brad Sherwood (2019)
- National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Winner (2017)
- National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Top 50 Finalist (May 2017)
- CSTAND Creative Artist of the Year, Yvonne Kalka for her work with MySPA (2016)
- Thursday Music Club Gold Note Award to Summer Performing Arts, Dean Opp & Brad Sherwood (2016)
- National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Top 50 Finalist (May 2014)
- Grand Cities Children's Choir performs at Carnegie Hall (February 2014)
- ND-ACDA Choir Director of the Year (Brad Sherwood, 2013)
- Edson & Margaret Larson Foundation Leadership Award (2012)
- Grand Forks Public Schools Top 100 U.S. Communities for Music Education (1999-2018)
- NEA Grant Recipient for "Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth" (2010)
- ND-ACDA Choir Director of the Year (Melanie Popejoy, 2010)
- GCCC selected by audition to perform at ND-ACDA Conference (2009, 2010)
- Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year (Angie Black Erickson, 2007)
- Nelson-Miller Award, SPA/GCCC Volunteers (2006)
- Kennedy Center Partners in Education Team Member (1999-2006)
- Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year (Melanie Popejoy, 2004)
- Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, Local and State (Dean Opp, 2003)
- North Dakota Governor's Award for the Arts w/GFPS (2002)
- Awarded a Partnership in a Local Mentoring Grant (2000)
- Grammy Signature School (2000)
- North Dakota Governor's Award for the Arts (1999)
- KCNN/ Community Nat'l Bank Community Spirit Award, PBS Documentary Keep the Faith (1998)
- Mayor's Award for the Arts, KTHI Community Award Keep the Faith (1997)
- Mr. Holland's Opus Award (1997)

























Just a quick glimpse of our summer so far!



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Thank you to these businesses for helping to promote SPA this summer or providing services!

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