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THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2021 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS
COMPANY PRESENTS:

Disney

**FREAKY
FRIDAY**

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Red River High School Performance Hall
July 24, 26, 27 at 7pm and July 25 at 4pm

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Disney's
"FREAKY FRIDAY"

Music by
TOM KITT

Lyrics by
BRIAN YORKEY

Book by **BRIDGET CARPENTER**

Based on the novel *Freaky Friday* by **MARY RODGERS** and the Disney films

Orchestrations by **MICHAEL STAROBIN & TOM KITT**

Vocal Arrangements by **CARMEL DEAN & TOM KITT**

Dance Arrangements & Incidental Music by **TOM KITT**

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Name followed by 2021-22 grade and school

Ellie Blake Jada Jensen-11-RR
Katherine Blake Becca Bradbury-12-RR
Fletcher Blake Mirko Drago-9-GFC
Mike Ryan Polasky-12-RR
Gretchen Bryn Hanson-11-EGF
Hannah Lucy Welsh-12-GFC
Adam Simon Haug-12-RR
Savannah Bella Costa-11-GFC
Savannah's Minions Claudia Dunnick-12-RR, Shamaya Morin-11-RR
Parker Carter Schmisek-12-GFC
Wells Ryan Nordhagen-11-RR
Laurel Brooke Donacki-12-RR
Torrey Ellie Knudsvig-12-Central Valley
Grandpa Gordon Jason Beiswenger-12-Fisher
Grandma Helene Halle Wavra-12-RR
Danielle Tatum Mosley-12-RR
Louis Jasper Ortiz-12-RR
Dr. Ehrin Tyler Tonkin-12-SAHS
Mr. Blumen Larz Voth-12-RR
Pastor Bruno Quinlan Schudrowitz-11-GFC
Mrs. Luckenbill Anika Suriano-11-RR
Senior O'Brien Jasper Ortiz-12-RR
Mrs. Meyers Sophia LeMire-12-SHHS
Officer Sitz Sofia Ramirez-11-GFC
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Mrs. Time Ashley Berger-12-RR

ENSEMBLE

George Beaver-9-RR
Lewis Beaver-12-RR
Saffire Becker-Janes-12-GFC
Sapphire Boehm-12-GFC
Kevin Chaves-11-RR
Eliza Dodds-11-RR
Jazmine Doyea-12-Crookston
Addison Foley-9-RR

Matthew Garnett-12-GFC
Caden Grasso-12-RR
Clara Green-11-GFC
Hannah Holte-11-RR
Quinn Jenkins-11-RR
Conner Leao-12-RR
Nora Lee-11-GFC
Sacred Luke-11-RR

Emma Lyste-9-RR
Jiselle McGurran-11-RR
Cooper Miller-12-RR
Jasmine Mize-12-GFC
Joy Onyeka-11-RR
Sadie Page-11-RR
London Perez-11-GFC
Blake Storbakken-11-GFC
Robin Zilka-12-RR

DIRECTING TEAM AND TECHNICAL CREW

Director	Rich McFarlane
Music Director.....	Paul Barta
Choreographer.....	Angie Black Erickson
Assistant Directors.....	Seth Brandl, Alex Berglund
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Ruth Ann Tuseth
Technical Director.....	Jake Geffre
Technical Team.....	Seth Brandl, Ian MacKenzie, Connie Olsen, Sydney Boucher, Alex Berglund, Eliot Schumacher, Isaac Barta, Allison Peterson
Sound.....	Jack Parrish-12-RR
Lights	Izzy Clough-9-SHHS
Spotlights.....	Chloe Whaley-12-RR, Ethan Johnson-11-GFC, Graham Gooden-9-RR, Tera Rains-9-RR, Abigail Courtney-11-RR
Backstage/ Fly System	Nick Schlieff-12-RR, Alexis Clausen-12-GFC
Video.....	Emily Whaley-12-RR, Makenna Canen-11-Home, Jalinna Kidd-9-RR, Hudson Murphy-8-THS
Costumes & Makeup.....	Amy Sanner, Cassel Everson, SPA Students
Ushers/Tickets.....	Parent Volunteers, SPA Staff
Box Office/House Managers.....	Mykaela Zola, Chloe McCarthy, Jen Phelps, Emma Dodds, Bree Barta, Ryann Barta, Matt Dunham, Shealyn Klave, SPA Staff

SPA 2021 STAFF

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

Director:	Allison Peterson* (25)
Technical Director:	Jake Geffre (15)
Office/Box Office Staff:	Jen Phelps (7), Shealyn Klave* (6), Matt Dunham* (6), Bree Barta* (5), Ryann Barta* (5), Mykaela Zola* (3), Chloe McCarthy* (1), Emma Dodds* (1)
<i>Freaky Friday</i> Production:	Rich McFarlane (19), Paul Barta* (17), Angie Black Erickson* (31), Ruth Ann Tuseth (17), Seth Brandl* (4), Alex Berglund* (1)
<i>Cinderella</i> Production:	Alex Hovey* (7), Adam Giebner* (7), Alex Barta* (5), Maren Dewar* (17), Elizabeth Loeffler* (7), Olivia MacKenzie* (3) Roxanne Gessler (18)
Technical Staff:	Seth Brandl* (4), Ian MacKenzie* (4), Connie Olsen* (3), Eliot Schumacher* (1), Sydney Boucher* (1), Alex Berglund* (1), Isaac Barta* (1)
Vocal Staff:	Alex Hovey - Coordinator* (7), Ryan King* (4), Mandy Moreno (3)
Costume Staff:	Amy Sanner (18), Cassel Everson (18)
MySPA:	Yvonne Kalka (15), Brenna Payne* (10), Lynne Anderson-Stokke (5), Angie Johnson (1)
EL SPA:	Guest Artists: Adam Kemp, Kathy Coudle-King, Kelly King, Terri Berg, Monte Gaukler, Kasandra Gregoire
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Pre-K Staff:	Lukas Opp* (9), Hannah Opp* (7)
Middle School Staff:	Rich McFarlane (19), Paul Barta* (17), Maren Dewar* (17), Adam Giebner* (7), Elizabeth Loeffler* (7), Alex Hovey* (7), Allyse Dunnigan (6), Alex Barta* (5), Olivia MacKenzie* (3)
Bands on the Red Staff:	Sarah Harlow* (9), Brady Olson (1)



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DIRECTORS NOTES

Following a one year COVID hiatus, we are thrilled to welcome you back to SPA, and to the new musical, *Freaky Friday!* *Freaky Friday* is a departure from the style of shows SPA has performed in the past. It's contemporary, has modern pop music, and (*gasp!*) teenage characters using cell phones onstage. It's been a lot of fun for all of us to work on a production that none of us have ever worked on before.

There are several lessons the COVID hiatus taught all of us. The first is to take nothing for granted. Many *Freaky Friday* students have expressed their gratitude for the program returning, because they get to spend time with friends doing things they enjoy. Sure the performances are fun, but the daily rehearsals are where most of the time is spent, whether it's singing, dancing, acting, or just goofing off with friends.

The second lesson is to allow for change and growth. This especially applies to the directing teams, as this year our teams have been shuffled up due to retirements. We've gone from well-oiled machines to experiencing our own learning curves as we figure out how each of us work. We're also experiencing changes in our funding and budgets, which changes the way we operate. Everyone is going through it, so we just have to be creative and adapt.

The third lesson is to keep everything in perspective. Everybody, in every job, has good days and bad days. After a rough rehearsal, it's important for us to keep that one bad rehearsal in perspective, remembering what a bad day looked like last year. I'm sure we'd all happily take a rough day of rehearsal together over a rough day of quarantine alone.

It's also important to congratulate Connie Sherwood and Mike Weber on their retirement, and to thank them for their many years of time, creativity, and passion directing the older SPA show. They dedicated a huge portion of their lives to these shows, and the program as a whole, and it's impossible to thank them enough. Due to the pandemic they were never given the proper send off they deserved. For the record, we're doing something more for them than just a lousy paragraph in the director's notes!

Back to the reason why we are here, we are extremely proud of the students involved in this production. Some are veteran performers, and some are in their first show ever. But all of them have chosen to be involved in something during the summer. They've also chosen to allow themselves to be vulnerable by presenting something for a live audience. We are extremely proud of each of them, and their collective and individual growth. Now, if only the cast could shake this summer cold that infected us the week before opening night!

Thank you so much for attending this performance. The cast, crew, and staff hope you enjoy SPA's production of *Freaky Friday!*

Rich McFarlane, Director

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you for attending and supporting our Summer Performing Arts (SPA) program this year. After being away for a year due to the pandemic, it is absolutely JOYFUL to see students back on stage doing what they love to do! For many of our students, this is their first person to person peer-related interaction in an entire school year as they were part of our virtual academy. And for those in our face to face school model, they are catching up with friends who share a similar interest.

For the past thirty-four 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. And for the first time in more than three decades, SPA is under new leadership with Allison Peterson at the helm. Our program is in good hands!

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!

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

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!

MUSICAL NUMBERS/ SCENES

ACT 1

Table listing musical numbers and cast members for Act 1, including 'Just One Day', 'The Hourglass', 'I Got This', 'Adam's Theme', 'Oh Biology', 'Vows', 'Busted', 'Somebody Has Got to Take the Blame', 'Shopping With My Mom', 'Watch Your Back!', 'Drivin' With My Mom', 'Parents Lie', and 'Just One Day (Reprise)'.

Fifteen minute intermission.

ACT 2

Table listing musical numbers and cast members for Act 2, including 'I'm Not Myself Today', 'Women and Sandwiches', 'Adam's Theme', 'Adam...Adam (Reprise)', 'Go', 'After All of This and Everything', 'No More Fear', 'A Transition to Wedding', 'The Other Hourglass', 'Today and Ev'ry Day', and 'Today and Ev'ry Day (Finale)'.

We would like to invite all SPA students/alumni to the stage for the "Body Electric" for all performances of Freaky Friday.

"I Sing the Body Electric" from Fame SPA Company

NOTES FROM THE SPA DIRECTOR

Welcome to the performance! We are so excited to have students on the stage/behind the scenes and patrons in our seats once again. It's really good to hear the "Body Electric" again.

In summer 2020, I assumed the Directorship of the SPA Program. Though this is my 25th year with the program, it has been a whirlwind of a journey - a journey with a pandemic along the way. But, as the program has done before, we marched forward into summer 2021 with much more optimism than 12 months ago.

SPA is a very social place to be. Though the Arts are our primary mission, it becomes pretty obvious if you hang around and watch a rehearsal for a while that most of the real magic happens off of the stage. It happens when students have water balloon fights at Bands on the Red. Or when high school students have Thursday activities ranging from kickball to a social dance.

I must take a moment to thank Dean Opp, Brad Sherwood, Connie Sherwood, and Mike Weber for the countless hours and heartfelt dedication they put into this program to get it to where we are today. We look forward to taking what they have given us through the years and making it our own as we move ahead into 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for spending a few hours out of your day with us. We are grateful that you chose to spend those few hours supporting our students.

Allison Peterson, SPA Director

A SPA TRADITION

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 *Cinderella*. SPA Class of 2020, please join the 2021 seniors. Thank you!



ELLIE KNUDSVIG

CAMI ANTONENKO



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 33 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 2022 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Ellie Knudsvig, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to tenth-grader, Cami Antonenko, a student new to High School SPA.

"And in time we will all be stars."

Past "Body Electric" Soloists

1990	Craig Smyser, Ryan Karels	2005	Marcus Woodard, Amelia Klaus
1991	Sam Black, Lana Bollman	2006	James Freestone, Ben Sun
1992	Travis Lien, Mike Marcotte	2007	Zach Spicer, Jacy Thibert
1993	Judy Nyhlen, Jeff Jacobi	2008	Brit Lazur, Ian Sherwood
1994	Jamie Cady, Jenni Durieux	2009	Casey Smith, Cole Sherwood
1995	Ryan Karels, Jill Johnson	2010	Jenna Spicer, Ben Breidenbach
1996	Erik Hunter, Casey Koop	2011	Will Beaton, Kenny Price, Jr
1997	Misti Koop, Billy Poehls	2012	Ryan Schuster, Locutus Lo
1998	Abby Lochner, Chase Burkhart	2013	Kirsten Aafedt, Lauren Craig
1999	Matt Luney, Maren Tunseth	2014	Juliet Wolfe, Anthony Schreier
2000	Tera Kilbride, Lauren Palay	2015	Tucker Pearson, Drew Relling
2001	Jason Melin, Molly Kinney	2016	Lauren Craig, Alyssa Donacki
2002	Chase Burkhart, Devin Levang	2017	Sydney Warcup, Gracia Larsen-Schmidt
2003	Beth Laidlaw, Kirby Black	2018	Anna Lapp, Claire Huebner
2004	Maren Tunseth, Jace Beehler	2019	Chloe Heydt, Sofia Ramirez
		2020	The Senior Class of SPA 2020

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1995	Gene Durieux	2010	Don Langlie - Poppler's Music
1996	Duaine Sanden	2011	Deb & Greg Nelson
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2002	Grand Forks Herald	2017	Steve Thomas – Scott's Music
2003	Ken Sherwood	2018	Becky Schmidt
2004	"THE ANSWER" Program	2019	Maria Williams-Kennedy
2005	Leslie & Patricia Howard	2020	Our Giving Hearts Day Supporters
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After over 35 years of tirelessly creating experiences for tens of thousands of students, four of SPA's founding members; Dean Opp, Brad Sherwood, Connie Sherwood, and Mike Weber, have retired. Due to SPA's 2020 COVID shutdown, these four educators never received the proper thank you and closure they deserved.

They founded SPA in the late 1980s after a need arose for summer middle and high school vocal lessons. Lessons led to structured recitals, which led to musical revues, and within a few years, SPA became known for its full-scale, auditioned productions that are still in place today. The first summer of SPA had 30 students. Since 2002, SPA has averaged over 1,000 total participants per year.

It is no exaggeration to say Dean, Sherwood, Sherwood, and Weber devoted their lives to this program. While the performances were always the most visible aspect of their work, their dedication went far beyond the shows on stage. Between the planning, preparations, securing of funds, hiring of staff, development of mentorship programs, service learning projects, and more, their leadership behind the scenes was more impressive than anything the general public saw on stage.

We, here at SPA, cannot possibly thank them enough for all they've done for this program. A large majority of the SPA staff are past participants of the program, taught by these four teachers. While they have left big shoes for us to fill, they can rest easy knowing that they've helped prepare us to carry the torch forward into the future.

Congratulations Dean, Brad, Connie, and Weber! Enjoy your retirement, and take a well-deserved nap!

SPA Staff

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