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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.

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Thank you for helping to spread the word about SPA!

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THIS SUMMER!

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Join us for Damn Yankees!

July 17-22 at 7:30 at Red River HS.

**Call 746-2411 for tickets or
visit www.spacompany.org**

MAILING LIST: If you would like to be on our mailing list for the best seating for productions 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 GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2009 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY PRESENTS:

GIRL POWER!



Empire Arts Center

July 14-15

7:30 pm

SPA
INSPIRATION
through the arts

CAST

Name followed by 2009-2010 grade and school

Group A

Erin Olson-9-RR
Lexie Dahlen-9-RR
Ashley Riske-9-RR
Kaitlin Mankie-9-RR
Amanda Germundson-9-RR
Brenna Peterson-9-GFC
Jacoba Woodard-9-RR
Shelby Boemann-9-RR
Rachel Thompson-9-RR
Angel Vondal-9-GFC

Group B

Jessica Loeffler-9-RR
Molly Scott-9-RR
Angie Vrolyk-9-RR
Erin Lesch-9-RR
Brittany Scheer-9-RR
Tori Remer-9-RR
Trisha Hoeger-9-RR
Halie Nettleton-9-MN
Sidnie Estep-9-RR
Brenna Dessellier-9-GFC

Group C

Kaitlin Anderson-9-RR
Sam Staton-9-RR
Ana Brakel-9-RR
Carolyn Jones-9-RR
Nadiya Collins-9-RR
Miranda Smith-9-RR
Erin Shirek-9-GFC
Haleigh Mooney-9-GFC
Sarah Lockett-9-GFC
Shelby Fugere-9-RR

PIT MUSICIANS

Keyboard..... Roxanne Gessler
Synthesizer..... Cassel Everson
Bass..... Jeff Seabloom
Drums..... Zach Spicer

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director..... Cassel Everson
Assistant Directors..... Kami Anderson, Roxanne Gessler, Lyndsey Harter,
Sydney Hegland, Amanda Hill
Technical Director..... Josh Anderson
Technical Head..... Phil Anderson
Costumes..... Lyndsey Harter and cast
Lights..... Tyler Kartes-10-RR
Spotlights..... Tyler Kemnitz-10-RR, Jacy Thibert-11-GFC
Sound..... Matt Beehler-10-RR
Video..... SPA students (TBD)
Box Office..... Allison Peterson, Jake Geffre, Diane Stjern, Britt Lazur

SPA 2009 STAFF

Administrative Director: Dean Opp
Program Development/Mentoring: Brad Sherwood
Operations Director/Student Affairs: Allison Peterson
Technical Director: Josh Anderson
Office/Box Office Staff: Jacob Geffre, Diane Stjern, Britt Lazur
Yankees Production: Mike Weber, Connie Sherwood, Angie Black Erickson, RuthAnn Tuseth, Teran Ferguson
Birdie Production: Geoff Mercer, Rich McFarlane, Maren Tunseth, Joel Beyer, Matt Hippen
Revue Production: Cassel Everson, Roxanne Gessler, Kami Anderson, Lyndsey Harter, Amanda Hill, Syd Hegland
Technical Staff: Scott Amundson, Phil Anderson, Lyndsay Escobar, Ethan Johnson, Andy Parr, Justin Current, Candyce Iseminger, Marinda Wood, Samantha Keller, Jace Beehler, Daniel Wiebusch, Maura Ferguson (Makeup)
Vocal Staff: Maria Williams Kennedy, Dave Henrickson, Jillian Law, Amy Erickson
Costume Staff: Amy Sanner (head), Katie Sanner, Sarah Winger, Susie Peters
Class Instructors: Maria Williams-Kennedy, Mike Blake, Paul Barta, Tanner Beauchman, Angie Black Erickson, Kami Anderson, Syd Hegland, Alyssa Graham, Ethan Johnson, Andy Parr
Honors Revue: Maria Williams-Kennedy, Dave Henrickson, Teran Ferguson
Marketing Director: Keith Ronkowski
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Middle School Staff: Rich McFarlane, Joel Beyer, Maren Tunseth, Teran Ferguson, Tanner Beauchman, Amanda Hill, Erik Stordalen, Matt Hippen, Rachel Abbe, Lexi Mattson
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 the past 22 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 2010 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Casey Smith, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Cole Sherwood, a student new to the High School SPA company.

"And in time we will all be stars."

NOTES FROM THE SPA ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

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 50s”; back to the good old days.

Tonight when you look up on stage at the performance, what will you see? Will you see the talent of performers? Will you see the results of the hard work during rehearsals? The answer to those questions is probably “yes”. And this *is* a very talented, hard-working group of students.

But can you see beyond the performance? Can you see beyond the rehearsals? For the past 20+ 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. There is so much that happens behind the scenes with the students.

A last question to consider: What would you 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 with the SPA program. And that you, as the public, are able to share and support the experience through the performances. Indeed, SPA does much for many.

Sit back and enjoy our trip back to the good old days... back to the 50s... and be glad that we live in a time and place that has opportunities for students such as the Summer Performing Arts Company.

Dean Opp, Administrative Director

NOTES FROM THE GFPS ADMINISTRATION

I am always amazed at the quality of our SPA programs. This is a testament to the great group of staff members, including many former SPA “kids” who come back to work for us each summer. I was able to spend a few hours touring the practice sessions this summer with Dean Opp and Brad Sherwood and I was struck by how many students are participating this year – over 1,000! This speaks to the kind of dedication and following this program has developed over the years. The Grand Forks Public Schools and our community are very proud and appreciative of all the hard work and dedication shown by our students, staff, parents and volunteers who work tirelessly each summer to produce these wonderful shows. Congratulations to all of you for continuing the proud tradition of SPA.

Mr. Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Grand Forks Public Schools has a long history and fine tradition of high quality public education. The school district mission statement is “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 and maximizing their potential. My commendation to all SPA students, staff, parents, and supporters.

Dr. Larry P. Nybladh, Superintendent of Schools

ORDER OF SONGS

Rhythm of Life.....	ALL
Alone In the Universe.....	Group A
violin – Tori Remer	
Belle.....	Group B
Open A New Window.....	Group C
Everybody Rejoice.....	ALL
I Ain’t Down Yet.....	Group A
Hold On.....	Group C
Wants And All.....	Group B
tuba – Ana Brakel	
Friendship.....	ALL
Amazing Maizie.....	Group C
I Got The Sun In the Morning.....	Group B
violin – Halie Nettleton	
Defying Gravity.....	Group A
Heart.....	ALL
When You Believe.....	Group B
Always Look on the Bright Side of Life.....	Group A
flute –Erin Shirek	
For Good.....	Group C
Fame.....	ALL

RECIPE FOR GIRL POWER – FROM THE PRODUCTION TEAM

- Take 30 talented hard working girls
- Add 6 committed staff members
- Combine with lots of singing & dancing
- Rehearse for 4 hrs. each day
- Top with lights & sound from tech
- Present with pride at the Empire July 13, 14, & 15, 2009
- Enjoy!



Children who participate in the arts are more likely to:

- Attain academic achievement.
- Be elected to a class office.
- Participate regularly in a math or science fair.
- Be rewarded for school attendance.
- Read for pleasure.

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