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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.

**SPA AMBASSADORS**

Thank you for helping to spread the word about SPA!

Keith Ronkowski (Head), Barry Branvold, Vicki Ericson, Doug Fosse, Tom Gabrielsen, Everett Knudsvig, Eric Lunn, Greg Nelson, Tim Pribula, Ken Sherwood, Kim Skaro, John Snustad, Ken Towers

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**THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS 2009 SUMMER  
PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY  
PRESENTS:**



**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
JULY 9-12, 2009**



## CAST

*Name followed by 2009-2010 grade and school*

Albert Peterson	Connor Joseph-10-RR
Rosie Alvarez	Haley Larson-10-RR
Ursula Merkle	Bailey Altman-10-GFC
Kim MacAfee	Chloe Omid-10-GFC
Mrs. Dorris MacAfee	Lynneah Thompson-10-GFC
Mr. Harry MacAfee	Ian Sherwood-10-RR
Mrs. Mae Peterson	Erika Rosenkranz-10-RR
Conrad Birdie	Billy Beaton-10-RR
Hugo Peabody	Michael Colenso-10-GFC
Gloria Rasputin	Leah Biberdorf-10-GFC
Helen	Eden Volk-10-RR
Alice	Courtney Young-10-RR
Margie	Mary Lockett-10-GFC
Nancy	Leah Biberdorf-10-GFC
Deborah Sue	Nina Coster-10-RR
Policeman	Matt Stavens-9-GFC
Reporters	Tyler Kennitz-10-RR, Nick Curtis-10-GFC, Taylor Deem-9-GFC
Mayor	Billy Heigaard-McGurran-10-RR
Mayor's Wife	Ramsey Jones-10-RR
Mrs. Merkle	Amber Fuller-10-Homeschool
Randolph MacAfee	Ted Helgeson-9-GFC
Traveler	Lane Page-9-RR
Mr. Johnson	Nate Pace-9-EGF
Maude	Cole Sherwood-9-RR
Maude's Dishwasher	Evan Pankratz-10-RR
Maude's First Customer	Evan Moser-10-RR
Maude's Second Customer	Taylor Deem-9-GFC
Harvey Johnson	Mike McGurran-9-GFC

## Teen and Adult Chorus

Matt Beehler-10-RR	Tyler Kartes-10-RR	Heather Schuler-10-RR
Hannah Borgstrom-10-RR	Ryan King-10-GFC	Ryan Schuster-9-RR
Mike Cornell-10-GFC	Abby Kroke-10-RR	Zach Skaro-9-RR
Michaela Current-10-RR	Mariah Kuntz-10-RR	Luke Smith-9-RR
Kenny Dessellier-10-GFC	Chris Loeffler-9-RR	Matt Stavens-9-GFC
Tim Dusek-9-RR	Kody Misialek-9-RR	Anna Claire
Thomas Gandrud-9-RR	Jon Nord-10-RR	Tandberg-10-MCC
Alexander Grove-9-RR	Heather Novak-10-GFC	Marshal Thompson-9-GFC
Audra Hendrickson-10-GFC	Lukas Opp-10-RR	Mark Van Camp-9-RR
Ben Houska-10-GFC	Lane Page-9-RR	Jordyn Wald-9-RR
Ramsey Jones-10-RR	Joseph Peterson-9-RR	Luke Whalen-10-RR

## 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 Sjern, Britt Lazur
<i>Yankees</i> Production:	Mike Weber, Connie Sherwood, Angie Black Erickson, RuthAnn Tuseh, Teran Ferguson
<i>Birdie</i> 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, Lindsay 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
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## 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."***



**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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SPA AND THE ARTS IN GRAND FORKS!**

**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*

**PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS**

Director.....	Rich McFarlane
Music Director.....	Geoff Mercer
Assistant Director/Choreographer.....	Maren Tunseth
Technical Director.....	Josh Anderson
Production Assistant.....	Matt Hippen
Assistant Music Director.....	Joel Beyer
Production Consultant.....	Ken Sherwood, Eric Saari, Becky Saari
Vocal Coach.....	Maria Williams-Kennedy
Costumes.....	Amy Sanner, Sarah Winger, Susie Peters, Katie Sanner
Tech Head.....	Ethan Johnson/Jace Beehler
Lights.....	Lex Lehmann-11-RR, Tyler Jehs-10-GFC
Spotlights.....	Kirk Sanders-12-GFC, Levi Sevigny-9-RR, Lara Sabatier-9-GFC,
	Arianne Cominghay-9-GFC, Steven Houska-9-GFC
Sound.....	Chris Liepold-10-GFC
Video.....	SPA Students TBA
Ushers.....	Parent Volunteers (see back of program)
Box Office.....	Allison Peterson, Jake Geffre, Diane Stjern, Britt Lazur

**PIT MEMBERS**

**A very special thank you to our pit orchestra sponsors:**

**Popplers Music & McFarlane’s**

Pit Orchestra Rehearsal.....	Brian Opdahl
Conductor.....	Paul Barta
Violin.....	Ben Sun-12-RR, Jon Peterson-12-GFC
Cello.....	Cody Oss
Flute.....	Cassel Everson
Clarinet.....	Laura Dahlstrom, Brittany Melcer-11-RR, Paige Jensen-12-EGF
	Ashleigh Warner
Saxophone.....	Kari Novotny, Katie Schmitt
French Horn.....	Jacy Thibert-11-GFC
Trumpet.....	Matt Hillestad-12-GFC, Michael Russell-12-GFC,
	Anna Briedenbach-11-GFC
Trombone.....	Ryan Christianson-11-RR, Corbin Routier
Percussion.....	Jon Evert-12-GFC, Kelsey Peterson-11-GFC
Bass.....	Dough Richards-12-GFC

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT 1

Overture	
An English Teacher	.....Rosie
The Telephone Hour	.....Ensemble
How Lovely To Be a Woman	.....Kim
Put On A Happy Face	.....Albert
A Healthy, Normal, American Boy	.....Ensemble
One Boy	.....Kim, Girls
Honestly Sincere	.....Conrad Birdie
Hymn For a Sunday Evening	.....MacAfee's, Ensemble
One Last Kiss	.....Conrad Birdie

~ There will be a 10 minute intermission ~

### ACT 2

Entr' Acte	
What Did I Ever See In Him	.....Rosie, Kim
A Lot Of Livin' To Do	.....Conrad and Teens
Kids	.....Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee
Baby, Talk To Me	.....Albert
Shriners Ballet	.....Rosie, Shriners
Kids Reprise	.....Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee and Adults
Spanish Rose	.....Rosie
Rosie	.....Albert, Rosie
A Lot Of Livin' To Do Reprise	.....Ensemble



# 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

*Bye Bye Birdie* (originally titled *Let's Go Steady*), is a satire on American society set in 1958. The story was inspired by the phenomenon of popular singer Elvis Presley and his draft notice into the army in 1957. The rock star character's name, "Conrad Birdie," is word play on the name of Conway Twitty, who is remembered today mainly as a country music star but was one of Presley's rock 'n' roll rivals in the late 1950s. The original Broadway production was a Tony Award-winning success.

*Bye Bye Birdie* was also the first full production SPA performed, way back in 1990. We chose this show due to the wide variety of comedic characters, catchy musical numbers, and a fun story line. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Thank you so much for coming to tonight's show. The cast, technical crew and directing team sincerely hope you enjoy what we've worked so hard to prepare for you.

***Bye Bye Birdie Directing Team***  
***Rich McFarlane, Geoff Mercer, and Maren Tunseth***

## 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***

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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***

# Thank you for all of your support!

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