

BACKSTAGE

AUGUST 2010 ~ 79th Season

79th Season Opening Show

Director Diane Noraas would like to thank you all who auditioned for the 79th Season opening show *All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten*.

Congrats to the following:

Corey Scott

Todd Lipphardt

Ed Berger

Lauren Fuller

Diane Dillard

Narrator—**Lea Wojciechowski**

Along side Diane comes a very talented Production team:

Assistant Director—**Pam Heath**

Producer—**Viki Higle**

JAR—Jargon

Kudos to everyone who participated in this years JAR/TAR programs. It was an awesome year starting with “The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus.” Our new director **Christal Renaud** directed for the first time and did a superb job.

Our second show was the outstanding “Alice through the Looking Glass”. **Peggy Miller-Zelinko** directed and our actors had a blast with the songs, dances and costuming.

Music Director—**Dianne Cragg**

Stage Manager—**Julie Dobies**

Costumes—**Julie Scott**

Lights—**Laura Schmitt**

Props—**Katie Jeffries, Margaret Topij, Lauren Fuller, Julie Scott**

If you are interested in lending your talents to this show, please contact Producer, **Viki Higle** at 248-224-0857 or vhigle@cglcorp.com



September 17th—October 3rd

The TAR show was led by another new director, **Mike Jeffries**, featuring “Robin Hood: The Musical”. Twenty-two teen performers donned swords and formals and sang their way through the forest.

Thank you to **Julie & Dave Scott, Lisa Feber & Viki Higle** for costuming, assistant directing and choreography. There were many parents to thank for helping with lights, sound, make-up and hospitality. Thank you to **Tim Tepatti** for running the kitchen with delicious meals.

2010-2011 JAR/TAR Slate

Velveteen Rabbit the Musical—December 4th & 5th—Auditions—October 9th

Stories of Scheherazade (Arabian Knights)

April 16th-17th—Auditions February 5th

A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Colosseum

June 24th—26th—Auditions—May 26th

New Happenings! Our breakfast show is now at 10:30a and EVERYONE MAY WEAR PAJAMAS!

2010-2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, August 30th Auditions— *All The Better to Kill you with*
- Sunday, September 12th—2p *All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten*—Member Dress
- Friday, September 17th—8p Opening—*All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten*
- Saturday, September 18th 1p-3p Fall Open House

From The Board.....

A big Thank You to the 2009-2010 Players Board of Directors and Inc. Board of Directors that will be leaving office.

Players Board—**Julie Fuller, Michelle Colosi, Suzanne Barcweicz, Julie Scott & Alexandra LaCombe**

At the Annual meeting on June

14th—the 2010-2011 Board members for both Players Board and Inc. Board were elected.

Welcome new (or returning) Board Members:

Players—**Alexandra LaCombe, Aaron Flipski, Kevin Feber, Diane Dillard , Viki Higle, Amy Ricker,**

Laura Schmitt, Amber Flipski & Peggy Miller-Zelinko

Membership Renewal forms have been mailed/emailed, please get it returned to Alexandra LaCombe in prior to August 15th.

AUGUST 19TH-21ST



Drop offs—Monday the 16th— Noon-4pm.
Anyone who needs to drop off prior to the official drop off date, please contact **Julie Scott**

Thursday 8/19—Noon—6p
Friday 8/20—9a-5pm
Saturday 8/21—9-5pm BAG DAY— \$4 (brown bag/plastic grocery bag) \$8 (garbage bag) All large items (ie—bicycles) 1/2 off—ALL DAY

A Note from the Editor

Dear Members—

For those of you who don't know me, which could be quite a few, my name is Amy Ricker. I am in my second term as Secretary of the Players Board of Directors at Ridgedale and have been on the Ridgedale stage on and off over the last 5 years. I am the new Editor of the *Backstage* newsletter. I wanted to personally thank Martine Boni for the dedication to getting the information of Ridgedale Theatre out to our Members. "Thank you Martine".

This issue of the *Backstage* is a small one—but still very important. I am working with the Board to get every bit of information that is important to our members in the newsletter. The newsletter will be going out in a monthly publication. The publication will go our in an email form, and some hard copies will be available for pick up at the theatre. The Editor can be reached at editorbackstage@yahoo.com

Thank you.