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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!

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



JULY 17-22 AT 7:30PM
RED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE

CAST

Name followed by 2009-2010 grade and school

Joe Boyd.....Luke Hoplin-11-RR
 Meg Boyd.....Rose Dennis-11-RR
 Applegate.....Cody Gerszewski-12-RR
 Sister.....Caitlin Staples-12-RR
 Doris.....Megan Price-12-RR
 Joe Hardy.....Alex Hovey-12-RR
 **Sohovik.....Daniel Guthmiller-12-GFC
 *Smokey.....Jonathon Peterson-12-GFC
 ***Vernon.....Dan Holcomb-12-RR
 *Van Buren.....Sam Erickson-12-GFC
 *Rocky.....Casey Smith-12-RR
 Gloria.....Daniella Lima-11-GFC
 Welch.....Walter Criswell-11-RR
 Lola.....Rachel Biberdorf-12-GFC
 Miss Weston.....Shawnee Cerkowniak-12-RR
 Sportscasters.....Charlie Rerick-11, RR, Paul Millette-11-RR
 Eddie.....Ben Sun-12-RR

* Heart Quartet

** Dancers

Baseball Team

Brian Campbell-12-RR
 Nathan Crocker-11-RR
 Niall Davis-11-RR
 Luke Hoplin-11-RR
 Brandon Howe-11-GFC
 **Nathaniel Lockett-10-GFC
 **Nick McConnell-12-WA
 Tommy Mikkelsen-12-RR
 Paul Millette-11-RR
 **Charlie Rerick-11-RR
 Brent Shrum-11-RR
 **Ben Sun-12-RR

Wives and Fans

Haley Dionne-11-SAC
 **Kelsey Germundson-11-RR
 **Alison Holcomb-12-RR
 Mary Jen0-12-RR
 Kenzie Kartes-12-RR
 Juliana Lima-12-GFC
 **Kaitlyn McDaniel-11-RR
 Katherine McNamera-11-GFC
 Loni Muus-11-RR
 Desiree Price-11-RR
 Jennifer Regimbal-11-RR
 Lacey Rieke-12-RR
 **Kaylee Scheer-12-RR
 Amanda Smith-12-RR
 Jenna Spicer-11-RR
 Jacy Thibert-11-GFC
 Rebecca Thompson-11-RR
 **Kelsey Yandura-12-GFC
 **Sasha Yearwood-11-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 Stjern, Britt Lazur
 Yankees Production: Mike Weber, Connie Sherwood, Angie Black Erickson, RuthAnn Tuseth, Teran Ferguson
 Birdie Production: Geoff Mercer, Rich McFarlane, Maren Tunseith, 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, Eithan 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
 Elementary Staff: Chris Fosse, Jamie Toutenhoofd, Diane Blue, Karen Arnold, Cassandra Shaffer, Jace Beehler, Kami Anderson, Ken McGurran, Britt Lazur, Lyndsey Harter, Cody Oss, Lindsey Wood, Lindsay Escobar
 Middle School Staff: Rich McFarlane, Joel Beyer, Maren Tunseith, Teran Ferguson, Tanner Beauchman, Amanda Hill, Erik Stordalen, Matt Hippen, Rachel Abbe, Lexi Mattson
 Website: Created by Jeff Seabloom and maintained by Allison Peterson

ACT ONE

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| Scene 1: Boyd House and All Houses "6 Months out of Every Year" "Goodbye Old Girl" | Full cast Joe Boyd/Joe Hardy |
| Scene 2: Locker Room "Heart" | Van Buren, Rocky, Smokey, Vernon and the Washington Senators |
| Scene 3: Field "Shoeless Joe" | Gloria Thorpe and Senators |
| Scene 4: Welch's Office "A Man Doesn't Know" | Joe Hardy |
| Scene 5: Devil's Den "A Little Brains, A Little Talent" | Lola |
| Scene 6: Boyd House "A Man Doesn't Know" reprise | Joe Hardy |
| Scene 7: Locker Room Corridors | |
| Scene 8: Locker Room "Whatever Lola Wants" | Lola |

~ 10-MINUTE INTERMISSION ~

ACT 2

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| Scene 1: Ballroom "Heart" reprise "Whose Got the Pain?" | Sister and all Women Lola, Eddie and Dancers |
| Scene 2: Locker Room "Think about the Game" | Washington Senators |
| Scene 3: Boyd House "Near to You" | Joe Hardy and Meg |
| Scene 4: Devil's Den "Those Were the Good Old Days" | Applegate |
| Scene 5: The Hearing | |
| Scene 6: Limbo "2 Lost Souls" | Applegate, Lola and Dancers |
| Scene 7: The Field | |
| Scene 8: Boyd House "A Man Doesn't Know" | Meg and Joe Boyd |

PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

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|---------------------------|--|
| Director..... | Connie Sherwood |
| Assistant Director..... | Ken Sherwood |
| Music Director..... | Dr. Mike Weber |
| Choreography..... | Angie Black Erickson |
| Production Assistant..... | Teran Ferguson |
| Vocal Coach..... | Maria Williams Kennedy |
| Rehearsal Pianist..... | RuthAnn Tuseith |
| Costumes..... | Amy Sanner, Sarah Winger, Susie Peters, Katie Sanner |
| Technical Director..... | Josh Anderson |
| Tech Staff..... | Lindsay Escobar, Scott Amundson |
| Lights..... | Solveig Bloomquist-10-RR, Liz Machart-10-RR |
| Spotlights..... | Alex Hawrelak-12-RR, Will Wood-12-GFC, Lucas Strom-10-RR, Vanessa Simms-10-RR, Marie Williams-11-RR, Cole Sherwood-9-RR, Ian Sherwood-10-RR, Luke Whalen-10-RR, Luke Opp-10-RR |
| Sound..... | Joey Oncken-10-RR, Chris Decker-10-RR, Tanner Alberts-10-RR |
| Video..... | Miranda Alexander-12-RR, Ana Larson-10-RR, Genna Olson-9-RR, Jared Rodriguez-10-RR, Arianne Cominghay-9-GFC, Ana Larson-10-RR, Nate Pace-9-EGF, Lara Sabatier-9-GFC |
| Ushers..... | SPA Parent Volunteers |
| Box Office..... | Allison Peterson, Jacob Geffre, Diane Stjern, Britt Lazur |

PIT MEMBERS

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|-----------------|--|
| Conductor..... | Dr. Mike Weber |
| Flute..... | Shari Boschee |
| Clarinet..... | Don Craig, Annela Winger, Sarah Harlow |
| Bari Sax..... | Cassel Everson |
| Trumpet..... | Herb Thomson, Dan Christianson, Scott Amundson |
| Trombone..... | Melanie Craig, Ryan Christianson-11-RR |
| Horn..... | Brenna Everson |
| Bass..... | Jeff Seabloom |
| Percussion..... | Zach Spicer |
| Keyboard..... | David Henrickson |

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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

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.

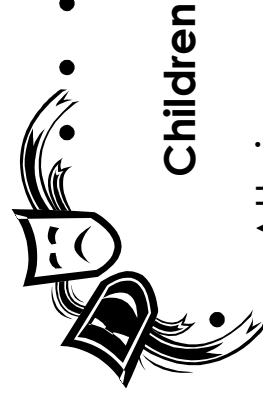
Damn Yankees was the second and final musical written by the team of Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. Bob Fosse did the original choreography. The dance number "Who's Got the Pain" was credited with escalating Fosse's wife, Gwen Verdon, to stardom in 1955. As Angie, Mike and I prepared to begin work on this show, we could not figure out what in the world that number had to do with baseball. In the true tradition of early musicals, the answer to that question: not one thing. A dance number was needed in act 2, so a dance number is there! In 1955, the number had star power!

Damn Yankees is called "a sassy blend of baseball and the Faust legend". It is an adaptation of a book called "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant", by Douglas Wallop. An aging baseball fan (Joe Boyd) sells his soul to the devil for the opportunity to be a baseball star. He becomes "Shoeless Joe Hardy" and he leads the Washington Senators to defeat the Yankees in the World Series.

Colleagues who have directed *Damn Yankees* always say it is one of their favorites. The show starts with three large production numbers in a row (Six Months out of Every Year, Shoeless Joe, and Heart). This presents a huge challenge in regard to the energy level of the cast and the directors. I understand now why people who work with teenagers like the show. It allows the boys to burn off a ton of energy in the first 20 minutes of the production!

A wonderful revival of *Damn Yankees* was produced in New York in 1994. The script was revised. We have attempted to use some of the revisions. If you were familiar with the original script, you may notice this. Hopefully the changes are refreshing.

We hope you find our presentation of *Damn Yankees* entertaining. We hope that you find it uplifting. It is interesting that in the fable, the devil wins souls by giving people exactly what they want! Sometimes the dream isn't what you expect it to be, and losing the dream is actually the victory.



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!

Connie Sherwood, Director



THE SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY IS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. EVERY YEAR THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPA HAS INCREASED, AND THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM GROWS TO FIT THESE NUMBERS. CONTINUAL GROWTH HAS MANY BENEFITS, BUT IT ALSO BRINGS MANY MORE EXPENSES. THAT'S WHY DONATIONS ARE SUCH A KEY ELEMENT OF THE SPA PROGRAM.

Donations are used for many aspects of SPA. A scholarship fund has been established in order to help families with financial needs. We want to make sure that no student is ever turned away due to financial concerns. Donations also provide opportunities for students to work with guest performers.

SPA is an educational program that channels the energy of students into positive creativity and teamwork. These aspects, with a greater appreciation for the arts, help shape students into more active members of the Grand Forks community. At the same time, SPA provides entertainment to the area every summer.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact one of the following individuals:

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Be a part of the SPA Magic!**



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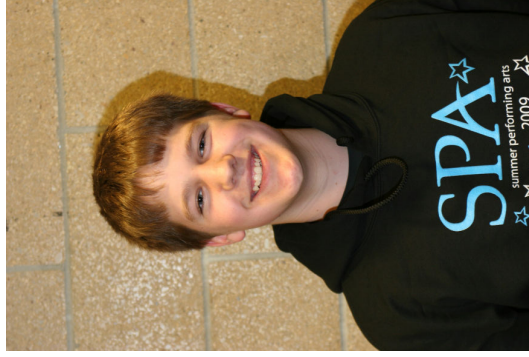
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A SPA TRADITION
Our 2009 SPA Body Electric Soloists



Casey Smith



Cole Sherwood

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."

Past Body Electric Soloists:

- 1990 Craig Smyser, Ryan Karels
- 1991 Sam Black, Lana Bollman
- 1992 Travis Lien, Mike Marcotte
- 1993 Judy Nyhlen, Jeff Jacobi
- 1994 Jamie Cady, Jenni Durieux
- 1995 Ryan Karels, Jill Johnson
- 1996 Erik Hunter, Casey Koop
- 1997 Misti Koop, Billy Poehls
- 1998 Abby Lochner, Chase Burkhardt
- 1999 Matt Luney, Maren Tunseth
- 2000 Tera Kilbride, Lauren Palay

- 2001 Jason Melin, Molly Kinney
- 2002 Chase Burkhardt, Devin Levang
- 2003 Beth Laidlaw, Kirby Black
- 2004 Maren Tunseth, Jace Beehler
- 2005 Marcus Woodard, Amelia Klaus
- 2006 James Freestone, Ben Sun
- 2007 Zach Spicer, Jacy Thibert
- 2008 Brit Lazur, Ian Sherwood

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Be a part of the SPA Nation!



Visit our website at www.spacompany.org or visit our Facebook page titled SPAnation. Tell us what you have been up to (post a link, video, photo), update your contact information, etc.

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!