

GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPA<sup>★</sup>

# 2024 SUMMER PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT

July 11, 12, 13 at 7pm  
July 14 at 4pm

Grand Forks Central Auditorium



July 20, 22, 23 at 7pm  
July 21 at 4pm

Red River Performance Hall



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## SPA 2024 STAFF

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

Director: Allison Peterson\* (28)

Technical Director: Jake Geffre (18)

*Grease*: Angie Black Erickson\* (34), Rich McFarlane (22), Paul Barta\* (20),  
Seth Brandl\* (7), Noah Severud\* (3)

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*: Maren Dewar\* (20), Alex Hovey\* (10),  
Elizabeth Loeffler\* (10), Alex Barta\* (8), Brady Ritland\* (6), Ella Henry\* (3)

Office/Box Office: Matt Dunham\* (9), Bree Barta\* (8), Ryann Barta\* (8), Chloe McCarthy\* (4),  
Ligia Feo (3), Jada Jensen\* (2)

Technical Team: Paul Barta\* (20), Matt Dunham\* (9), Ian MacKenzie\* (7), Brady Ritland\* (6),  
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Cooper Miller\* (3), Nora Lee\* (2), Quinlan Schudrowitz\* (2), Blake Storbakken\* (2)

Voice Studio: Alex Hovey – Coordinator\* (10), Jonathan Mayo (2)

Costumes: Amy Hahn (21), Cassel Everson (21), Emmalyn Danielson\* (3)

MySPA: Brenna Payne\* (13), Bree Barta\* (8), Ryann Barta\* (8), Angie Johnson (2),  
GFPS Paraprofessional staff

ML Summer School Guest Artists: Kathy Coudle–King, Kelly King, Pam Swenson

Elementary SPA: Chris Fosse (37), Jamie Toutenhoofd\* (25), Lindsey Wood\* (16),  
Brenna Payne\* (13), Lukas Opp\* (12), Trina Connell (9), Matt Dunham\* (9),  
Bree Barta\* (8), Ryann Barta\* (8), Chris Loeffler\* (7), Emma Dodds\* (4),  
Chloe McCarthy\* (4), Anna Benson (2), Eliza Dodds\* (2), Jennifer Dodds (2),  
Hannah Holte\* (2), Anika Suriano\* (2), Kelsie Wiens (2)

Pre–K SPA: Emma Dodds\* (4), Eliza Dodds\* (2), Jennifer Dodds (2), Hannah Holte\* (2),  
Anika Suriano\* (2)

Middle School SPA: Rich McFarlane (22), Maren Dewar\* (20), Elizabeth Loeffler\* (10),  
Alex Hovey\* (10), Alex Barta\* (8), Allyse Dunnigan (8), Seth Brandl\* (7),  
Noah Severud\* (3), Ella Henry\* (3)

Bands on the Red: Sarah Harlow\* (12), Brady Olson (4)

## NOTES FROM THE SPA DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 37th season of SPA! We are glad to have you here tonight to see firsthand the hard work and dedication the students and staff of High School SPA have put into this production. This year, there are over 160 students involved in the High School SPA program.

We hit the 1,100-student milestone this summer, and a few registrations are trickling in for the remainder of our July programs. SPA has many programs for students of all ages and abilities – from pre-K children to participants in the Adult Transition Program, and no experience is necessary to participate.

We couldn't do any of this with our generous grantors, private donors, in-kind sponsors, and volunteers. We value the support we receive from the community, and this year we are hosting a spare change drive for laundry items for the Grand Forks Foundation for Education Giving Tree and toothpaste for the Santa Claus Girls. Both organizations directly help many of the students and families that are involved with SPA and the Fine Arts during the school year.

This program also wouldn't be possible without the team of directors, instructors, college students, and alumni that work with the students every day and surrender their summer to bring creativity, fun, and inspiration to groups of hard working, energetic, and enthusiastic students. It's a privilege to work with such high-caliber individuals who are both good at what they do and whose focus is solely on bringing the best experience possible for the students.

Thank you for attending today's performance and showing your support for the students of SPA. We hope you enjoy the show!

Allison Peterson, SPA Director

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## A SPA TRADITION

We would like to invite all SPA students/alumni to the stage for the "Body Electric" for all High School SPA performances.

*Please note – this version is different from the Pre-K, Elementary, and Middle School Versions. Students should stand by a High Schooler and follow their lead.*



**Josephine Vacura**



**Hailey Kalis**

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 36 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 2024 will be able to participate. This "passing of the tradition" is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Hailey Kalis, a senior, will sing the first verse and then turn the spotlight over to ninth-grader Josephine Vacura, 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	2007	ZACH SPICER, JACY THIBERT
1991	SAM BLACK, LANA BOLLMAN	2008	BRIT LAZUR, IAN SHERWOOD
1992	TRAVIS LIEN, MIKE MARCOTTE	2009	CASEY SMITH, COLE SHERWOOD
1993	JUDY NYHLEN, JEFF JACOBI	2010	JENNA SPICER, BEN BREIDENBACH
1994	JAMIE CADY, JENNI DURIEUX	2011	WILL BEATON, KENNY PRICE, JR
1995	RYAN KARELS, JILL JOHNSON	2012	RYAN SCHUSTER, LOCUTUS LO
1996	ERIK HUNTER, CASEY KOOP	2013	KIRSTEN AAFEDT, LAUREN CRAIG
1997	MISTI KOOP, BILLY POEHLS	2014	JULIET WOLFE, ANTHONY SCHREIER
1998	ABBY LOCHNER, CHASE BURKHART	2015	TUCKER PEARSON, DREW RELLING
1999	MATT LUNEY, MAREN TUNSETH	2016	LAUREN CRAIG, ALYSSA DONACKI
2000	TERA KILBRIDE, LAUREN PALAY	2017	SYDNEY WARCUP, GRACIA LARSEN-SCHMIDT
2001	JASON MELIN, MOLLY KINNEY	2018	ANNA LAPP, CLAIRE HUEBNER
2002	CHASE BURKHART, DEVIN LEVANG	2019	CHLOE HEYDT, SOFIA RAMIREZ
2003	BETH LAIDLAW, KIRBY BLACK	2020	THE SENIOR CLASS OF SPA



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**Donations are a key element of the SPA program and are used for many aspects of the program, including:**  
 Scholarships  
 Guest Artists  
 Mentoring Activities  
 Technology/Equipment  
 Supplies and Operating Costs

**Any donation to the SPA program directly benefits the students. Thank you for your support of SPA and of the Arts in Grand Forks!**

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**Donations 8/1/2023 to 6/21/2024**

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Let's work together to help students  
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You will see spare change buckets in the lobby at intermission and at the end of the show. We are collecting change for The Giving Tree and The Santa Claus Girls, two organizations that benefit the students in our community.  
Thank you for your consideration!



The Summer Performing Arts Company (SPA)  
offers Fine Arts Programs for Children and  
Students Pre-K through High School.

[www.spacompany.org](http://www.spacompany.org)

SPA is a program of the Grand Forks Public Schools



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There are so many different ways to support our students!



## How can I help?

- Monetary donations
- Volunteer time/goods
- Attend performances and support our students
- Word of mouth/educate others about the program



## What are monetary donations used for?

- Providing scholarships for families that need financial aid
- Hiring guest artists for ML Summer School and other staff
- Buying music, supplies, and equipment
- Paying operating costs for MySPA and Bands on the Red (programs that solely operate via grants/donations)
- Hosting after-SPA activities for students

Any donation directly benefits our students.  
Thank you for your support!

For more information, please visit  
[www.spacompany.org](http://www.spacompany.org)



## NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thank you for attending and supporting our Summer Performing Arts (SPA) program this year. Over the past thirty-seven years, SPA has created pathways for students to find and live their passion. This year, over 1,000 students are enrolled, with additional registrants coming in for MySPA and for the final Elementary SPA sessions. Many who are involved are multi-talented students who participate 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 defines an important cultural piece of the Grand Forks community. We are thrilled that SPA Director Allison Peterson continues to lead SPA today and into the future.

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, congratulate, and THANK all involved in the Summer Performing Arts Program! ~Enjoy the Show~

Sincerely,  
Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*Thank you for your help and donations!*

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A special thank you to all of the "SParents" and community volunteers that help make our summers happen. Your donation of time and treats, and your willingness to volunteer, is greatly appreciated!

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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!



Check us out online!

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