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# CURTAIN Calls

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## Summer Theatre For Youth Production Is Huge Success!

Community Players is thrilled to announce that the production of *ALICE IN WONDERLAND* played to sold out houses July 14, 15 and 16, 1995. Box office proceeds from this production were utilized to purchase a sorely needed computer system for the theater, add a new Mackie mixer board to our sound system and toward the new Grand Drape to be installed the first of October. Over 130 children ages 7-16 took part in the production. The cast of 120 made it the largest cast in the history of Community Players. Plans are in progress for a summer 1996 production to be announced after the first of the year. We would like to thank the Allied Arts program of Metcalf Laboratory School at ISU for their assistance in costuming the large cast. Through the efforts of the parents and staff from Metcalf, Players was able to bring to the audience a visually stunning production of this classic children's story. If you would like your name added to the Youth Theater mailing list please contact our box office staff. You will receive information about our workshop/classes, the Youth Theater production of *WINNIE THE POOH* scheduled for March and the production for summer of 1996.

## News Bites

### Players To Purchase New Grand Drape

Theater goers will soon notice a new addition to our theater! Many of our subscription holders may have realized that for the last year or more Community Players has been staging productions without the benefit of a front curtain or grand drape. In fact those attending last years production of *FUNNY GIRL* may have seen pieces of the old grand used as part of the set. Several productions ago we discovered that dry rot was quickly destroying the drapery and it would have to be replaced. Thanks to the efforts of the Board of Governors and some careful spending on the part of our production teams in the last two seasons we are now able to move forward with the purchase of new drapery. All of us who participate at the theater, audience and actors alike, would like to thank the Board of Governors for this gracious gift.

### ADA Upgrades In Progress

After five years of planning we are excited to see the new lobby restrooms in progress. At press time the work was still continuing to finish the restrooms, install new hardware on the auditorium doors and install a new drinking fountain in time for the opening of *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS*. Please note that the ramp in front of the main doors has been completed so we ask our regulars to use extra caution until everyone becomes accustomed to the new angle of the walk. Final decorating plans include wall paper, countertop and flooring in the men's' restroom, but we are pleased to be this far along. Watch throughout the season for new additions to the lobby and Dick Brown room! A round of applause to our Board of Trustees and our "Guardian Angels" for their support on this project. The Board of Governors would like to also thank our President, Kathleen Parrish, for her hard work on the restroom project. Applause, applause on a job well done!!!



**News Bites** (continued)**Workshop Classes For Young People**

Part of what we do at Community Players includes work in theater education. Many of the people who participate in our productions and on our governing boards have extensive educational experience in the theater and would like to share their knowledge with the younger members of our audience. As a result our Theater for Young People will be hosting a variety of workshops geared to stimulate interest and strengthen knowledge in the theater arts. We will be offering workshops in audition preparation, stage make up, scene painting, stage combat and sports movement on Saturdays throughout the season. These sessions will meet all day for one or two Saturdays and participants will receive a T-shirt, class materials, discount tickets good for our Thursday or Sunday performances and lunch. The instructors come from a variety of backgrounds and professions and all have knowledge and a keen interest in working with young people in the theater arts. If you would like more information please leave your name with our box office staff or the house manager and someone will contact you.

**Dates To Remember**

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**  
Sept. 15-17, 21-24, 28-30

Auditions for **DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**  
Sept. 25-26\*

Subscribers should mail in coupons for **ANNE FRANK** tickets no later than Nov. 1

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Nov. 10-12, 16-18

\* Individuals needing special audition arrangements should contact Carolyn Beyer or Opal Virtue to schedule an appointment.

**Seventy-Fourth Season Announced**

Do we plan ahead or what?! On Tuesday, September 12th the Board of Governors voted to accept the slate of plays presented by the Play Reading Committee for the 1996-97 season. Plays selected include: *A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC*, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, *I HATE HAMLET* a comedy featuring the ghost of the famous actor John Barrymore, *A CHORUS LINE* with music by Marvin Hamlisch, the terrifying thriller *WAIT UNTIL DARK* and Cole Porter's *KISS ME KATE*. Subscribers will note that this season includes three musicals, a comedy and a drama. A children's play is yet to be selected. "Early Bird" Subscriptions will go on sale during the run of *JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT* in May.

**Volunteers Needed**

Community Players is always in need of volunteers. If you like to paint, sew, sing or dance and would like contribute your talents please leave your name with our box office personnel or the house manager.

**Applause! Applause!**

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to our Donor Guild this season. All contributions to Community Players are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. It's never to late to contribute! Checks can be mailed to:

Community Players Donor Guild  
201 Robinhood Lane  
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Future projects include renovation of the lobby and Dick Brown room, creation of a costume construction space on the lower level, and replacing the roof.

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