



Sun Prairie Civic Theatre

***Jungle Book & Totally Red* Huge Successes**

Under the skilled direction of **Livia Goff** and an intern crew of 17 high school and college-aged students, our production of Disney's ***Jungle Book Kids*** was a total success. The cast of almost 70 eight-year-olds to 8th graders brought the familiar tale to life with great song, super dances, and wonderful surprises for the entire audience. Everyone had a super great time, which included lots and lots of parents who assisted with the crews backstage and in front of house. Audience members of all ages were enthralled and entertained by the many talented cast members.



Totally Red, which was produced by the interns under the direction of **Livia Goff**, presented a unique and memorable rendition of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Interns took on several roles as they portrayed the various members of the story as told in several theatre genres. From straight storybook theatre, to Shakespearean, to Hip Hop, and musical, the story of Little Red Riding Hood will never be the same for children or adults present. It was hilarious and filled with surprises beyond the wildest imagination!

Cast and crewmembers of both productions are to be congratulated and thanked for their many hours of dedication, hours of rehearsal, and time commitment to making this first production of the 2010-2011 as show to remember. **Thank you all!**

***Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical* in Rehearsals**



Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical is now in rehearsal. Despite some bumps and bruises in getting the cast and directors together, everyone is having a great time

preparing for one hilarious evening of entertainment. Under the skilled direction of **Tim Olmstead**, **Julie Niemeyer**, and **Kristi Ninedorf**, rehearsals have been filled with fun, excitement, and lots of great friendships. **Susie Kittel Moore**, our rehearsal pianist, has been attending every rehearsal to help along the cast of SPCT

familiar faces and some new comers. Included in the cast are **Mark and Dawn Ashley** who met "a few years ago" at SPCT, and are now proud grandparents of **Oliver**. **Amy Snyder** will be remembered for her outstanding roles in ***Godspell*** and ***The Curious Savage***. Doubling as vocal director and cast member, **Julie Niemeyer** is another familiar face to SPCT, having previously appeared in ***G. I. Juke Box*** and ***The Spitfire Grill***. Two new faces to our group are **Chad Peck** and **Jim McMillan**. Both men bring years of experience on stage to our cast. **Chad** was a member of **Kids from Wisconsin** and performed at Six Flag Great America. With experience in directing, singing, and performing, **Jim** comes to us from Beaver Dam where he has been active in theatre for many years.

Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical is a touching, humorous sharing of the wonders, woes, worries, and work it takes in the process of getting older. Although some of the themes may not be for younger children, the show promises to be filled with laughter, tears, and lots of "ah ha" moments.

Productions will be on **November 5, 6; 11, 12, & 13, 2010**, at the **Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School Auditorium** (the old high school). **Friday and Saturday** performances begin at **7:30 PM** and the **November 12** matinee begins and **2:00 PM**. Tickets will be on sale at Copps Westside Location beginning on **November 1, 2010**.

Come See Our New Floor

After rehearsing at our Barn for almost 30 years, there is a whole new look on the inside. On the hottest Saturday in July, a crew consisting of **Brian Goff**, **Mark Hintze**, **Tom Skinner**, **Tom Schuster**, **Michael Truman**, **Karl Grimm**, **Mark Ashley**, **Dan Duren**, **Paul Hildebrand**, **Frank Peot**, and **Rex Owens** laid new flooring over the original hay-mow boards of our 1920's barn. Thanks also to **Pat and Tim Olmstead** for bringing special snack for the crew.

The new floor consists of a rubber underlayment and three quarter inch plywood, which has been sanded, stained, and sealed. Our dancers will love the new spring in the floor. Crew members and actors relish at the lack of bumps, holes, and uneven levels that were present in the



old floor. The whole interior of the Barn has taken on a new improved look. SPCT's thanks are extended to the **Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission** for partially funding the installation of this floor.

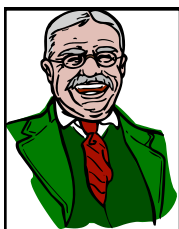
Mural – Another New Look



It is well worth taking the opportunity to come out to the Barn to see the progress of the mural being painted on the east and south sides of the barn. Artist **Sharon Kilfoy**, assisted by **students from Prairie Heights Alternative School**, have been spending countless hours creating and painting the mural to grace the exterior of the barn. Sun Prairie's **Family and Youth Commission** wrote grants for the completion of the mural, which was approved by the SPCT Board of Directors. Several community-painting days have been held with members of the community joining in the painting efforts.

The mural depicting some of SPCT's past productions and work of creating theatre are in evidence in the mural. Painting has been in progress throughout the summer and this fall. The mural is scheduled for completion sometime in the spring of 2011, but it is well worth you time and effort to come and see it as it progresses. It will certainly draw attention to SPCT and the contributions we have made to the community. Mural work has stopped for the fall and winter season. Finishing touches and details will be added this spring.

Arsenic & Old Lace



Later this fall and through the cold months of winter, **Sandy Kintner** will be leading a cast of actors through the rehearsals and performances of the theatre classic, **Arsenic & Old Lace**.

Auditions will be held on **Sunday November 21, and Monday November**

22. **Sunday** auditions begin at **4:00 PM** with **Monday** auditions beginning at **7:00 PM**. All auditions will be held at the SPCT rehearsal Barn at 500 South Bird Street. Rehearsals will begin on **November 29** with performances on **February 4, 5, 10, 11, & 12, 2011**. Everyone is invited to come and audition for this historical classic of American Theatre. There are parts of three women and eight men.



Hello Dolly!



The SPCT Board of Directors has been selected **Joshua Swalheim** as director/choreographer for our final production of the year, **Hello Dolly**. **Josh** will be remembered for his appearances in **All Shook Up, The Curious Savage, and Children of Eden**, in which he served as choreographer and assistant director. He has also assisted with directing and choreographing several of our children's shows in the past. He brings extensive experience with various theatre groups in the Madison area.

Audition dates will be on **February 20 & 21, 2011**. Production dates are **May 13, 14; 20, 21, & 22, 2011**. Watch our Web site for further details on these auditions.



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SPCT MISSION STATEMENT

Sun Prairie Civic Theatre is a community of volunteers, sharing their resources of time, talent and finances to give as many people as possible an opportunity to experience live theatre on stage, back stage and in the audience.

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