



Sun Prairie Civic Theatre

Membership Meeting : Sunday, April 11, 2010, 7:00 PM at the Rehearsal Barn



On **Sunday, April 11, 2010**, all members of Sun Prairie Civic Theatre are invited to a General Membership Meeting. At this meeting, we will discuss proposed shows for the 2011-2012. This is your chance to voice your opinion on shows being recommended by the Play Reading Committee and vote a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the final selection. There are four categories of shows: small musical, large musical, nonmusical, and children's show. Even though 2011-2012 seems a long way in the future, it is important for us to make decisions so we can secure rights and begin publicity for this season. Many publications want as much information as we can give them more than a year in advance. This is your chance to express your opinion and vote. Full descriptions of the shows, along with other vital information will be mailed to paid members about **March 22, 2010**.



The Foreigner, A Huge Success



It has been over a month now since we closed our winter production, *The Foreigner*. With this show, **Sandy Kintner** made his directing debut with SPCT. From many comments received, he did an outstanding job leading his cast and crew to a production of which, Sun Prairie Civic Theatre can be proud. *The Foreigner* was privileged to have two veteran actors performing. **Paul Lorentz** portrayed the role of the "red necked," Owen Musser. Paul can be remembered from previous SPCT roles in *The Spitfire Grill* and *The Curious Savage*, as well as others. **Louis Sather** returned to SPCT's second production of *The Foreigner* performing the role of Charlie Baker. Some of us remember Louis playing the role of Ellard Simms in our first production twenty-one years ago. The remaining members of *The Foreigner* cast were new faces to SPCT: **Jeanie Bettner** played Catherine Simms, **Tom Collins** portrayed Ellard Simms, **Phil Evans** depicted the Rev. David Lee Marshall while **Ben Kollenbroich** was Froggy LeSeur. The cast was rounded out with **Trisha Rodenkamp** in the role of Betty Meeks. Cameo roles were played by **Karl Grimm** as Sauerkraut Hands and **Paul Hildebrand, Todd Winterrowd**, and **Sandy Kintner** as KKK Members.

The Sun Prairie Community enjoyed this hilariously funny show with moments of tension and romance. From comments made by the cast, it was a truly fun exciting experience for each and every one. Sun Prairie Civic Theatre hopes that all of these cast members, new and experienced, will return to the stage, soon. Thank you to the director, and each and every cast and crewmember! It was a great show!

Call for Directors

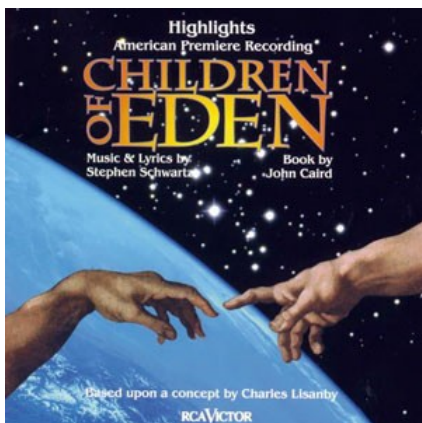
Although we have already received three applications to direct shows in the 2010-2011 Season, to be fair to everyone, we are issuing a "call for directors" for the coming season. Anyone interested in directing for Sun Prairie Civic Theatre should submit their name and a brief background history to the Board of Directors by **May 1, 2010**. Next year's season includes: *Midlife – The Crisis Musical*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Hello Dolly*, and *The Jungle Book Kids*. Sun Prairie Civic Theatre accepts application to direct from everyone, persons with little of no directing experience and those who have directed many shows. Dates for the 2010-2011 season have not been determined yet. Although these shows will take place at the Sun Prairie Upper Middle School (the old high school), we will not have exact dates until the school calendar is completed. There may be some changes from previous years, as we will be working with new departments within the school system.





Children of Eden

We are pleased to announce the cast for SPCT's final show of this season, *Children of Eden*. Directing *Children of Eden* will be **Josh Swalheim** and **Livia Goff**. The cast includes: **Mark Ashley, Beth Bandli, Calvin Berg, Krista Berggren, Mariah Calkins, Lilu Collins, Capriana Copus, Trina Copus, Mike Curtin, Becky DeKolver, Natalie Donato, Jack Donato, Elizabeth Ehrlar, Kaylee Franz, Logan Friese, Travis Fugelseth, Jenna Grotzke, Vicky Harris, Christy Haugen, Krystina Hawkinson, Ryan Heck, Shammon Heibler, Donovan House, Eli Iselin, Elijah Iselin, Rachel Jackson, Sami Johnson, Collin Khamphouy, Laura Kochanowski, Jeremiah Larson, Erica Larsen, Brianna Lewis, Brooke Lewis, Colin Loeffler, Louis Loeffler, Erica Lahr, Ryan McDowell, Christina Miller, London Mosher, Isabella Oehme, Ken Pope, Jaclyn Potvin, Nicole Pronged, Joey Reindl, Grace Richmond, Mike Schmidt, Jackie Smith, Sophie Stephenson, DeGette Talley, Robin Talley, Alyssa Taylor, John Thompson, Brad Urban, James Van Engle, Henry Widener, Ariel Wilberg, Tessa Wolfe, Drew Wolff, and Hannah Zachery.** Again, our cast represents many new faces to Sun Prairie Civic Theatre and many veteran actors. This is great for us!



Important Dates Related to *Children*

Set Move Day: Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Performances: 7:30 April 30, May 1, 7, & 8; 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 9, 2010.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD
AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

Grants

Sun Prairie Civic Theatre has been honored with several grants this season. **Target Corporation** donated \$1,200 for the children's show, and **Medtronics** gave us \$500 as a matching in kind donation. We received \$1,000 from the **Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission** for *The Foreigner*, and have submitted a \$1,500 grant request for *Children of Eden*. We are extremely pleased to receive these monetary donations as they help us to play our ever-increasing expenses.



Not only have our utilities costs increased dramatically, we have also had increases in the cost of renting the high school, and royalties for shows. Publicity to get the word out about our shows is also an ever-increasing item. As we all know, everything has increased in price these past few years, so each and every donation or grant we receive is welcomed and used wisely to keep our ticket prices within reach of the members of our community. We hope these grants, donations, and patronages keep coming our way. They are all appreciated and help us to do a better job with each show. Many companies will match employee donations. **Does yours?**

THANK YOU

The following thank you note was received from the family of Wayne Zeman:

To: Members of Civic Theatre

Not sure if who was responsible for the wonderful dedication piece that was in the program for the recent Civic Theatre play – *The Foreigner*. It was so meaningful for myself and our family to read the kind words written about Wayne's dedication to Civic Theatre. Please share this card with Civic Theatre Board and anyone else in the Civic Theatre you wish.

Sincerely,

*Judy Omata & the Family
of Wayne Zeman*

UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 11: 7:00 PM, Membership Meeting
@ The Barn

April 24: 9:00 AM, Set Move Day

April 30; May 1, 7, & 8, 7:30 PM and **May 9, 2:00 PM**: Performances of *Children of Eden*

May 1: Applications for Directors in 2010-11 season due to Board of Directors

Is there an event, show, message, or reminder that you'd like to share with the SPCT Membership in this newsletter? If so, please call **Carrie McCann** at 608-577-4751 or e-mail her at carriejmccann@att.net.
Thank you!



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Do you want to become a member of SPCT?

Contact President **Frank Peot** at **608-837-9179** for details!



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.