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President's Message

Normally at this time of year, Summer Players would be working round the clock (so it seems to some people) in preparation for our regular summer musical production. The cast, crew, and production team of close to 100 would be in the final stages of rehearsal for that big opening night. This year our mainstage production has a cast of five and an orchestra of three – quite a departure from what we are used to – and we're ready. For various reasons we have decided to remount our September production **MUSICAL OF MUSICALS, THE MUSICAL** using the same director (*Meghan Crosby*) and cast (*Keisha Haines, Bobby Williston, Anne Cooke, Brennan Richardson, Noah Stumborg*) as before although a somewhat new production team. Pianist *Diane Bestvater* will be joined by *Dave Humphrey* on bass and *Mark Altman* on percussion. The set and special effects have been greatly enhanced to do justice to the Persephone stage. Costumes under *Enid Jaques* needed very little upgrading. Our biggest task will be filling those seats for five performances, a total attendance of close to 2100. **FIDDLER** sold itself; will that same audience come to a relatively unknown musical? We're hoping that through our advertising, our readership, and word of mouth that we get a healthy attendance (healthy has two meanings!). So get your tickets soon, and continue to support SSP as you have done in the past; bring all your friends and more. You won't be disappointed.

At one time there was talk of Summer Players doing a fall musical but that won't be happening. We have enough on our plate at the moment. We do, however, anticipate Broadway Bash to once again feature our local musical talent on the Refinery stage early in the new year. And shortly, we hope to have some news regarding the future of Saskatoon Summer Players. Enjoy this warm weather while we have it!

Dennis Deminchuk
President

THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS: THE MUSICAL!

The Award-winning 2004 Off-Broadway Musical
Directed by Meghan Crosby

June 24th-27th, 2010

in Rawlco Radio Hall
at the Frank & Ellen Remai
Arts Centre

Find more information on our website:
www.saskatoonsummerplayers.ca



The Musical of Musicals: The Musical Returns

By Meghan Crosby, Director

This month, *The Musical of Musicals: The Musical* returns to the Saskatoon stage! If you couldn't get a ticket to the successful run of this show last fall at The Refinery, now's your chance; if you saw the show, you know it's worth seeing again!

The Musical of Musicals is a parody and a homage to musical theatre of every type, stereotype, and taste; it celebrates the brilliant and the ridiculous with song-a-minute, keep-it-coming comedy and light hearted attitude. Built in five acts, the show tells and retells the melodramatic story ("I can't pay the rent!") in the style of five different well known and loved musical theatre stalwarts, drawing on the work of Rogers & Hammerstein (*Oklahoma*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carousel*), Stephen Sondheim (*Into the Woods*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company*), Jerry Herman (*Hello Dolly*, *Mame*), Andrew Lloyd Webber (*The Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, *Evita*) and Kander & Ebb (*Chicago*, *Cabaret*). The show is perfect for long time musical theatre lovers, who will recognize cleverly layered references to shows, lyrics, and characters; and it's also perfect for theatre newcomers – there's no better way to see five shows in one!

With a returning cast and a rebuilt production team, the revamped production includes re-imagined sets, a larger orchestra, and an expanded stage, as well as faces both familiar and new to SSP summer productions. Playing **June 24 – 27** at the **Frank & Ellen Remai Arts Centre**, tickets are only \$20 – we look forward to seeing you there!



Saskatoon Musical Festival Winners - Musical Class

On behalf of the Board of Saskatoon Summer Players, we would like to extend our congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Saskatoon Musical Festival. Following the tough competition the following contestants have been awarded this year's Saskatoon Summer Players Musical Scholarships (as adjudicated by Kevin Power).

- Grace Braaten** (Junior Musical Scholarship)
- Shaquille McGonigle** (Intermediate Musical Scholarship)
- Natalie Julien** (Senior Musical Scholarship)

As always, we will be extending an invitation to these receiptants to perform in our Broadway Bash.

Check our website regularly to find out the latest news and events!

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Is this seat taken?

Want to be the Director for our next show? Producer? Be involved in the Production? Do you want a say in which shows Saskatoon Summer Players does next?



Please check our website regularly in the next couple of weeks as more details about how to get involved will be made available.

THANK YOU

to everyone who helped out in organizing and moving the costumes and props from Gateway to our storage facility.