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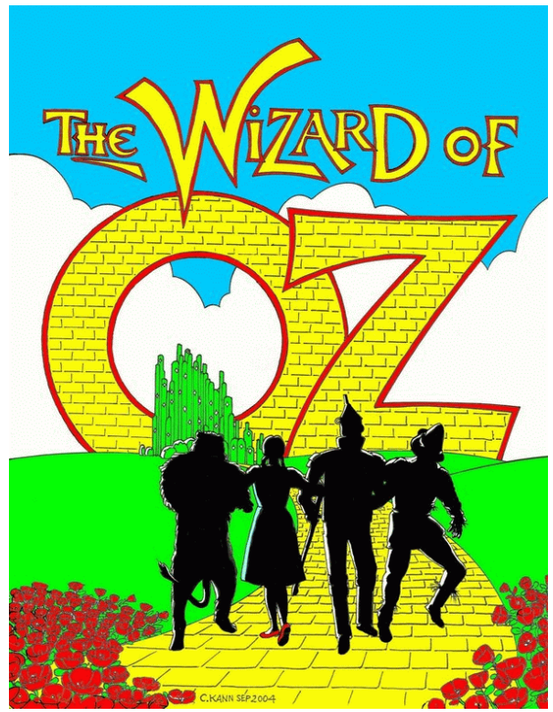
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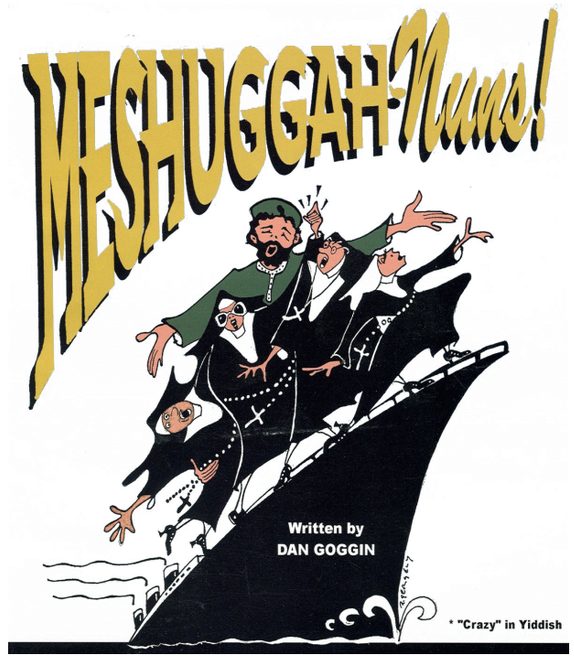
The Opera House Players Present

The 2004-2005 Season



October
1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 2004
8pm

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Director . . . . . Jon Banse
Producer . . . . . Kay Moser
Technical Director . . . . . Tom Chandler
Choreography . . . . . Diane Fisk

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PLATINUM MEMBERS

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Sister Amnesia (Mary Paul) - Cheryl Bentley - Cheryl resides in Elkader with her dog and - on weekends and school breaks - her husband Lance, who lives and teaches in Madison, WI. Cheryl has worked with the Opera House Players both behind the scenes and on stage. Her stage appearances include *The King and I* (1983), *Sweet Charity* (1984), *Nunsense* (1994), *Nunsense II* (1996), *Into the Woods* (2000), *Children of Eden* (2002), and *Nuncrackers* (2003). Cheryl is the vocal director at MFL MarMac High School. Cheryl would like to dedicate "My Ship" to the memory of her dad, who sang for many years in a country band and found it amusing that his disdainful daughter ended up singing a country song in every one of these *Nunsense* musicals.

Howard Listz - Craig Strutt - Craig, a Chiropractic Physician in McGregor, has starred in or directed 25 OHP productions since returning to the OHP stage in *Annie* (1992), He directed such OHP productions as *Nunsense* (1994), *Nunsense II* (1996), *The Secret Garden* (2000), *Into the Woods* (2000), *Hello Dolly* (2001), *Children of Eden* (2002), *The Wizard of Oz* (2004) and Co-Directed *Bye Bye Birdie* (1996), and *Joseph* (1999). He was last seen on stage in *Songs for a New World* (2004). Craig and his wife, Terri have four children, Nichole, Peter, Cheri, and Brian.

The Purser - Clark Ott - Clark first joined OHP in 1988 although he left the area for a while between 1994 and 2002. He was last seen on the OHP stage in *The Wizard of Oz* (2004). Some of Clark's favorite roles include Father Virgil in *Nuncrackers* (2003) and Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (1993). When Clark's not on stage he is practicing with the Keystone Barbershop Chorus or working on projects at the house. Otherwise, Clark spends his extra time with the Department of Natural Resources' Manchester Field Office trying to enforce the environmental pollution laws.

Director - Jon K. Banse – Jon resides near Backbone State Park with his wife Maggie, and their son Jonathan. This is Jon's directing debut! He was last seen on stage as Tin Man/Hickory in *Wizard of Oz* (2004). He has been actively involved with the Opera House Players since 1995 when he was Sid Phillips in *Singin' in the Rain*. Some of Jon's favorite roles include: Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999), Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* (1998) and Sparky in *Forever Plaid* (1997). He enjoys spending time with his family, singing with his quartet "Three Lads and Dad" and the Keystone Barbershop Chorus, golfing, and boating. He stays active in his community by being involved with Emanuel Lutheran Church, Berry Tender Child Care, Pal's program at Starmont, Point Area

Glossary

Yiddish

Bar Mitzvah - Coming of age ceremony
Bei Mir Bist Du Shane - To me you are beautiful
Bialy - Flat, crusty roll
Boruchu - Bless You
Bris - Ceremony of circumcision
Chutzpah - Nerve
Dreidel - A child's spinning top
Ferklempt - Beside oneself
Goyem - Non-Jewish people
Hava Nagila - Traditional Jewish tune
Kvell - To take extreme pride
Matzo - A flat cracker used for passover
Mazeltov - Congratulations
Meshuggah - Crazy
Oy, rachmones - An expression of sympathy
Plotz - Have a fit
Seder - Passover meal
Shalom - Peace be with you
Yeshiva - Jewish School
Yisgadal V'yiskadash - May God be great

Catholic

Adoramus te - We Adore Thee
Ave Maria - Hail Mary
Benedicta tu - Bless you
Blessed Virgin Mary Blue - Clear sky blue
Credo in unum Deum - I believe in one God
Dominus Vobiscum - The Lord be with you
Kyrie - Lord
Sanctus Dominus Deus - Holy, Lord God

Portuguese

Eu mato aquela cachorra - I'm going to #%#*&*$!

THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Tom Chandler
Marla Reimer
Clark Ott
Traci Ott
Kay Moser
Bryan Ott
Janet Ott
Jay Moser
Diane Fisk
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Del Reimer
Jon Banse
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Howard Mayer

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Jay Moser
Marla Reimer
Kay Moser
Del Reimer

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Terri Strutt

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Piano . . . . . Susan Klett
. . . . . Karen Suddendorf
Reeds . . . . . Tom Chandler
Keyboard . . . . . Sophia Landis
Percussion . . . . . Dennis Hanna
Keyboard Bass . . . . . Benjamin Moser
Violin . . . . . Janet Finn

Special thanks to Joan Strauss, Dave Beck, and Katie Bahlmann for help with rehearsal piano.

Thanks to all who helped make this show possible after the program went to press

About the Opera House

While the Opera House Players have been around for 38 years, the beautiful Elkader Opera House has been around for over 100 years. The history of the Elkader Opera House begins the night of January 20, 1903. This evening was opening night of *The Man With the Iron Mask* at the Turner Opera House, and it may have been the last presentation in the building because two weeks later it burned to the ground. The community rallied and within four days $10,000 had been raised for the construction of a new opera house.

By November 12th of that same year, the new opera house manager was making arrangements for a company from Chicago to present *The Governor's Son* in the new Elkader Opera House. Opening night was November 27, 1903.

Previous Opera House restorations in 1960 and again in the1970s have been sources of pride and served theater-goers well. But time has taken its toll. The Opera House is currently undergoing a complete renovation.

We have retained much of the original seats. Using the original metal frames, the rebuilt seats offer larger sizes, wider spacing, and padded bottom and backs while maintaining the original appearance. The same company that built the seats in 1903 was involved in restoring them, along with countless hours of local volunteer labor and help from area businesses.

Fresh paint, wallpaper, carpet and drapes along with physical repairs to doors, windows, and plaster were also needed.

The entrance and lobby area were redesigned in a style reminiscent of the original. We've returned the grand staircase to the former center location inspired by original architect's drawings, but with a gentler slope to accommodate modern standards. Spacious modern restroom areas have been created as well as space for historic and theatrical displays in a comfortable lounging area.

We are now completing a ground level entrance to the theater from the existing parking lot. This area offers restroom facilities on the theater level. This renovation and the planned alterations will offer expanded opportunities for the use of the Opera House and much improved access for patrons and the public. Your help and support are what will make this all possible! Please speak to us about what you can do to help complete this project!

Be sure to check out the additional information on upcoming events located elsewhere in this program! If you would like to know more information about our group or theater, feel free to visit our website at **www.operahouseplayers.com**.

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MEET THE CAST

Sister Mary Regina - Shirley Lindell - Shirley lives and operates her farm near Elkport. She moved to this area in 1991 and began her association with the Opera House Players with her first appearance as Domina in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (1993). She has appeared in several other productions through the years, but her favorites are the Nunsense series. "The fun and friendships made with the cast have been very special. It is truly a privilege to have the opportunity to be reunited with all of them in this production."

Sister Hubert - Sharon Keehner - This is Sharon's eighth production with the OHP, following *Nunsense II* (1996), *Nunsense* (1994), *Annie* (1992), *Christmas Carol* (1990), *Chicago* (1991), *Forum* (1993), and *Nuncrackers* (2003). Sharon, who teaches business at the Clayton Ridge H.S., lives outside Guttenberg on a farm with her husband, Randy and their two daughters, Kristine & Kayleen, all who encouraged her to fulfill her lifelong dream of performing on this stage. She enjoys hitching and driving their Belgian horses with her family, church singing, volleyball, and reading.

Sister Robert Anne - Barbara Ruff - Barbara returns to the stage in her fourth appearance as Sr. Robert Anne having also portrayed her in *Nunsense* (1994), *Nunsense II* (1996), & *Nuncrackers* (2003). She has also been the Children's Choir director and a flapper in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (1999), and Lily in *Annie* (1992). Barb teaches Grades 4-6 General Music and Middle School Chorus at MFL MarMac Community School. She is also the music director of the annual fall Middle School Musical. In her non-stage life she lives in Farmersburg with her husband, Edmund, and their children Katherine (now at Kirkwood Comm. College), Leah, and Austin. Barb finally admits that before she was married and teaching at Resurrection School in Dubuque (early 1980's), she wore black and white to a holiday gathering of her fellow teachers. As she sat on the couch visiting with some co-workers, the Presentation Sisters, she "blended right in" and was from then on teasingly dubbed the title "Sister Schulte" (her maiden name). Little did she know then that it was only the beginning of a history of being called "Sister".

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October 29, 2005 6pm & 8:30pm
Guest Quartet - ***Power Play***
2003 International Champions

OHP Fall Musical
October, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 2005

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Missoula Children's Theatre

TALES OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

July 25-30, 2005 - Performances July 30, 2005

The Missoula Children's Theatre International Tour Project is the largest touring children's theatre program in the U.S. The concept is based on a week-long residency during which a team of two staff Tour Actor/Directors develop and produce a full-scale musical with 50-60 local children as cast members. Auditions, intensive rehearsals, workshops and finished performances for the public are all part of the residency. The plays are updated versions of classic fairy tales and children's stories. Each production comes complete with professionally designed scenery, costumes, props and makeup, as well as sound and lighting equipment. This season MCT will send out 27 teams to put on approximately 900 residencies, which include over 55,000 young performers in all 50 states, Canada, Europe, South America and Asia.

After the success of The Wizard of Oz and seeing the young talent that was on stage, The Opera House Players are very pleased to host a Missoula Children's Theatre Residency Week. They will be casting up to 60 students, age 6 through 18. They will also cast four assistant directors (age 12-18). Auditions will be held on Monday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m. and the first rehearsal will be that same afternoon from 12:30-2:30. This is the approximate schedule that will be followed all week, with a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, July 30th in the morning and two performances on Saturday afternoon & evening.

The MCT will also offer three workshops for anyone in the community that would be interested. Topics of these workshops will be announced at a later date. Please, mark your calendars for this exciting opportunity to see area youth, once again on the stage of the Opera House.

Community Klub (P.A.C.K.), and Strawberry Point Chamber of Commerce. During the day, he is an Estimator/Director of Estimating Information Systems for Seedorff Masonry, Inc.

Choreography - Diane Fisk - Diane is a veteran of the OHP in her 27th year as an active member. Throughout the years she has worn many hats: acting on stage, directing, choreography, stage manager. She was last seen on stage as Miss Gultch / Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz* (2004) She has been involved in three other Nunsense musicals, directing *Nuncrackers* (2003) as well as playing Sister Leo in, *Nunsense* (1994) and *Nunsense II* (1996). She has also appeared as Helene in *Sweet Charity* (1984), Roxy Hart in *Chicago* (1991), Kathy Sheldon in *Singing in the Rain* (1995), Rose in *The Secret Garden* (2000) and Aysha in *Children of Eden* (2002). She also does much of the choreography for the OHP. She directs the high school musicals for MFL MarMac, teaches confirmation and is youth sponsor at St. Paul's Church in Monona, and in her spare time, works at Fisk's Farm & Home in Monona. Diane continues to live in Monona with her husband, Tim. They have four sons, Travis, Danny, Andrew and Charlie, all of whom have been on stage with OHP.

Producer -Kay Moser - Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She is most often found organizing everything from props to the director. She has been seen on stage during *Man of LaMancha* (1975), *Anything Goes* (1979), and *Chicago* (1991) Kay directed the OHP productions of *Forever Plaid* (1997) and *The Governor's Son* (2003). In her real life, she is a Technology& Science teacher at Central of Elkader and a buyer and bookkeeper at Moser Family Pharmacy. Kay lives in Elkader with her husband, Jay. Their two sons, Benjamin and Jonathon, currently attending college, have been involved in OHP productions.

Technical Director - Tom Chandler - Tom appeared in his first OHP production in the fall of 1968 and has been involved with the group ever since. Tom's involvement has included playing in and directing pit orchestras, managing the technical aspects of the shows, minor and major roles on stage, as well as directing many of the group's musicals. He is retired from the instrumental music program at Central, and now devotes his time to his sailboat, vintage cars, and renovation of 1903 Historic Opera Houses. He lives in Elkader with his wife, Barb.

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Musical Numbers & Scenes

Act One

Prologue - Extra! Extra! . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
Anchors Aweigh . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
Contrition (A Song of Guilt) . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
Sr. Amnesia's Magic Moments . . . . . Sr. Amnesia
Say it in Yiddish . . . . . Howard & Rev. Mother
Tevye an Rev. . . . . Sisters Robert Anne & Hubert
My Ship . . . . . Sr. Amnesia with Sisters Robert Anne & Hubert
The Potchky Polka . . . . . Howard, Sisters Robert Anne, Amnesia & Hubert
My Fat is My Fortune . . . . . Rev. Mother, Howard & The Nuns
Das Boat . . . . . The Nuns & Howard

INTERMISSION

Act Two

Reprise: Extra! Extra! . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
A Love Like This . . . . . Sr. Robert Anne & Howard
Reprise: Say it in Yiddish . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
If I Were a Catholic . . . . . Howard & The Nuns
Three Shayna Maidels . . . . . Sisters Hubert, Robert Anne & Amnesia
Duty Free Shopping . . . . . Rev. Mother & Howard
Matzo Man . . . . . The Nuns & Howard
Fiddlerspiel . . . . . The Nuns, Howard & Audience
I'll Find a Song to Sing . . . . . Sr. Robert Anne
Rock the Boat . . . . . Sr. Hubert, The Nuns & Howard
Reprise: Anchors Aweigh . . . . . The Nuns & Howard

Fiddlerspiel Chorus

The fiddler on the roof
Plays his simple song
To remind us life is fragile
And it doesn't last long.

The fiddler on the roof
In his simple way is saying
Cherish every moment
Of every single day.