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Start Your Holiday Season with the 2010 Children's Christmas Show Dec. 3-5

The script is written, the roles cast, and rehearsals are underway for this year's Children's Theater Christmas Musical: *The One, the Only, Christmas Fairy Queen!* PAC was fortunate to have over thirty children audition.

This year's Christmas show is the story of Sam, who is kidnapped by a pair of 1920s gangster wanna-bes who work for Neva, the evil twin of the Christmas Fairy Queen. Neva had tried to destroy the true spirit of Christmas generations ago by "eliminating" her good sister. Her ploy backfired, however, and, years later, Sam, the first female descendent of the Christmas Fairy, gains her magical powers when she turns 13 (completely unbeknownst to her).

Neva begins to regain her power, but needs to destroy Sam to achieve complete control. Sam, however, is rescued by the Fairy Queen's Court, an eccentric collection of fairies, Christmas animals, and quirky people, and the Christmas Ornaments, who have been watching over Sam and her ancestors ever since the time of the Christmas Fairy. Unfortunately, Neva regains the upper hand for a time, and Sam makes a courageous choice to sacrifice herself to save the Fairy Queen's Court and Christmas Ornaments, setting in motion the touching climax to the show.

This year's production will again showcase familiar and not-so-familiar Christmas carols. The talents of our young actors are being stretched with challenging roles such as a French Can-Can dancer, a Granny Clampet-inspired

Southern Belle, an insomniac elf, a pair of secret agents (Agents Tannen and Baum), and many others.

This year's cast includes: Maggie Daluga, Sabrina Bickett, Drew Pranka, Anjali Patel, Taylor Tieman, Cameron Tieman, Courtney Pointer, Vicki Tieman, Preston Milliron, Fern Webber, Ryan Friel, Grace, Wolbrecht, Kimmy Glenn, Emma Roden, Brianna Legner, Fox Webber, Megan Frank, Asia LaPlante, Katrina Rudolph, Kira Wolbrecht, Kenley Grimmer, Mia Bowen, Myah Headley, Chanel Tatum, Leah Hanson, Helen Moore, Doran Cotter, Emily Boes, Dylann Hall, Emily Hartman, Courtney Cook, and Shannon Cotter.

Each Christmas show for the past six years has been written specifically for PAC's young actors by Rachel Gorenz, PAC's summer drama camp director, and each year, the children choose a name for the show.

The showtimes for the performances are: Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m., and Dec. 5 at 3:00 p.m.

A fourth performance may be scheduled if advance ticket sales are strong. Watch the PAC website for ticket sale information.



Ben Martinkus and Ryan Cox present: "MEANDER - photographic landscapes"

The Prairie Arts Council is proud to present "Meander - Photographic Landscapes" art show of Princeton High School graduates Ben Martinkus and Ryan Cox. Ben is an artist, designer and educator. He received his Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Photography, Video and Electronic Media and his Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Illinois at Chicago in Photography. Ryan has worked primarily in commercial photography as well as working in the fields of landscape design, sculpture and woodworking. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography, Video and Electronic Media from the University of Illinois at Chicago

Their show at the Prairie Arts Center will feature photographic artworks that include landscape photographs made from a variety of unique perspectives and forms. The First Friday opening reception for the show will be held on Friday, December 10th from 5-7 PM. Champagne, wine, punch and refreshments will be served.

The opening reception is free and open to the public. Their show will continue from December 11th through Sunday, January 9th with the gallery open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 PM and Wednesdays from 6-8 PM.



PAC Gallery Hours: Sat. and Sun. 1-4 pm, Wed. 6-8 pm, or by appointment.

Mini-Tree Festival at the Prairie Arts Center

Attention all you crafters, artists and anyone who loves the holiday season! The Prairie Arts Counsel is pleased to announce our first ever Mini-Tree Festival which will be held November 19th through December 5th at the Prairie Arts Center.

We will provide you with a mini table top tree, 18" to 30" in height, and you will decorate it any way you desire and return it by November 13th so we can display it and then raffle off to a lucky winner on December 5th. Trees can be funny, serious, arty, witty, stylish or traditional. Anything goes and we would love to light up the Prairie Arts Center with trees, so please call Liz Draper at 815-875-3059 and request a tree.

Please join us for our Mini-Tree Festival opening on November 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. If you can't make it then you can view and bid on the tree or trees of your choice November 20th and 21st from 1-4 p.m. or December 4th and 5th from 1-4 p.m. Chances will be sold for one dollar a chance or six chances for five dollars. You can bid on as many trees as you like, although if your name is drawn for more than one tree you will pick your favorite and another

name will be drawn for the tree you give up. Winners will be drawn at 4 p.m. on December 5th and you do not have to be present to win. All proceeds raised will be used to maintain the center and fund the many events that take place at the Prairie Arts Center every year.

In conjunction with our mini-tree festival, the PAC would like to invite those of you with children to stop by on Saturday December 4th between 2-4 p.m. to partake in a holiday craft. Please join us for some holiday fun and help support your community arts center.



One of the mini-trees that will be available for the raffle. This tree was decorated by Stephanie Morrow of Princeton.

Controlling the Climate in the Prairie Arts Center

The Prairie Arts Council has been awarded a \$16,881 Energy Efficiency grant through the North Central Illinois Council of Governments. This grant represents 75% of the cost of completely replacing the highly energy inefficient HVAC heating and air conditioning systems in both the gallery and the theater of the PAC.

Currently the gallery HVAC system is 69% efficient and the theater 90.3% efficient. These units will be replaced with American-made HVAC systems that are 95.5% efficient.

The PAC grant was submitted under the jurisdiction of the City of Princeton as the local unit of government for this

grant. No funds from the City of Princeton will be used in this grant, and the city will only serve as the flow-through for the grant funds.

The Prairie Arts Council Board is very grateful to the City of Princeton and Mayor Keith Cain for allowing the PAC to apply for this beneficial grant. Since the only sources of revenue for the PAC include donations, grants, memberships and fund-raising, this special project would not have been possible without this grant and the support of the City of Princeton as well as the continued financial support of the Prairie Arts Council members and friends.



More information about the Will Rogers shows will be available in the next newsletter and on the PAC website.

An American Original

The Prairie Arts Council is pleased to announce that we have lined up two shows with Will Rogers (played by Kevin McKillip) on Sunday, March 6, 2011. There will be a matinee and an evening show.

This show is being used as a fund raiser for the Prairie Arts Council.

McKillip said this about Rogers: "At the time he was unquestionably the most famous man in the U.S. He had the No. 1 weekly syndicated newspaper column and the No. 1 radio show and in the last three years of his life he was the No. 1 box office draw. There was no higher profile man in America, hands down. People don't remember what a huge star he was."

Costume Storage Wish List

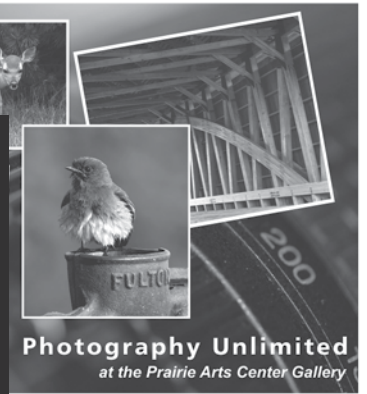
Thanks to the generosity of David Krieger for giving us storage space, we can begin the process of storing and organizing the PAC costume collection.

We do have a few things that we need in order to keep things neat and clean: shelving units, a dresser, cupboards

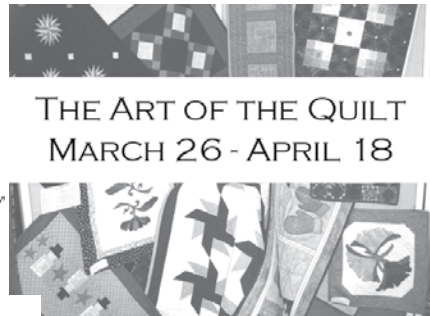
(enclosed shelving units to protect props and wigs from dust), and clear plastic tubs with lids.

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please contact David Gorenz at 815-875-1267 or email him at theater@theprairieartscouncil.org.

Looking back at 2010...



2010 PAC DRAMA CAMP
JUNE 13-25 (AM AND PM)
JULY 5-16



*Mini-Tree
Festival 2010*

2010 PAC CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS SHOW
DEC. 3-5



...looking forward to 2011

Special Thanks to Our Great Volunteers!

Pam Hanson has contacted all the volunteers for ushering, baking, and hosting in the gallery and would like to thank them for their time and interest.

Denny Elliott Aug 6-Aug 30 : Anna Roadhouse, Kay Telfer, Linda Gustafson, Frances Hassler, Lisa Vincent, Lou Brown, Barb Schiff, Barb LaVelle, Tammy Tieman, Linda Gustafson, Barry Mayworm, Lisa Stefani, Ramona Wedding, Sharon Peterson, Pam Hanson, Donna Chelin, and Marcie Jagers.

Mary Win Norris Sept. 3-Sept 19 : Jon McCutchan, Barry Mayworm, Toni Martin, Barb Ollila, Carol Dremann, Liz Draper, Ramona Wedding, Anna Roadhouse , Susan Berry, Jane Holmbeck, Cindy Smucker, Joan Lewkowycz, Elizabeth Heath, Pam Hanson, Felicia Bucholtz, and Joan Cichy.

Art Teachers: After the Bell Rings Oct 1st reception:

Kathy Ballard, Julie Jenkins, Susan Berry, Cindy Smucker, Mary Michael, Wendy Frick, Carol Johnston, Sheila Heth, Joan Marella, Judy Anderson, and Cera Porter.

Irish Band Concert Oct. 3: Linda Gustafson, David, Shelley & Emily Gorenz, Liz Draper, Ami Chamberlain, Julie McCutchan, Pam Hanson, and Jan English.

A special thank you to all the people who loaned their art pieces for the Mary Win Norris exhibit.

We are also grateful to David Krieger for giving us the use of storage space for our costume collection.

And we are pleased to have the sidewalk and ramp access to the south door to the gallery completed and in use. Thank you to Patrick Reeves and Boy Scout Troop #1068.

W A N T E D

Are you interested in being a part of Prairie Arts program planning? Would you like to get acquainted with some interesting people? There are openings on the Board of Directors. The board meets monthly and works actively to support the arts, develop programming, encourage artists, actors, and musicians of all ages. Call Board President, Liz Draper at 815-875-3059 for more information.

A special appeal to someone with interest in scrapbooking. Prairie Arts has a wonderful collection of news articles and memorabilia from the past 15 years, and would love to have someone help organize and update our scrapbooks so they will be preserved for our history.

REWARD

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- Volunteers to work with Pam Hanson, •
- the PAC volunteer coordinator, to •
- help with the volunteer phone call •
- tree, hosting, and baking. •
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Work with other great volunteers by helping the PAC strengthen and support the participation in cultural arts in Princeton IL and the surrounding areas. Call Board President, Liz Draper at 815-875-3059 to help.

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- Nov. 16 6:00 p.m. - PAC Board Meeting
Nov. 19 5-7:00 p.m - Mini-Tree Festival Preview Night
Nov. 20-21 1-4 p.m. - Mini Tree Festival Preview Weekend
- Dec. 3-5 Mini-Tree Festival Final Weekend
Dec. 3-5 2010 Children's Christmas Show - Dec. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.
Dec. 4 2-4 p.m. - Holiday Crafts for Kids
Dec. 10 5-7:00 pm - First Friday Gallery Opening, "Meander - Photographic Landscapes"
Dec. 11 "Meander - Photographic Landscapes" in the Prairie Arts Center
- Jan. 9 Gallery
Dec. 21 6:00 p.m. - PAC Board Meeting
- Jan. 18 6:00 p.m. - PAC Board Meeting
- Feb. 4 Prairie Arts Council Annual Gala (tentative date)
- March 6 Will Rogers Show

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