



prairie arts

The Newsletter of the Prairie Arts Council

Godspell returns to PAC stage

2012 marks the 10th anniversary for summer youth productions at PAC. In 2002, high school student Sheridan Ernst approached the PAC board about directing a show at PAC for high school students to perform. That served as the genesis for PAC's summer youth theater program.

Over the years, Pete Hamilton of DePue has performed in many PAC shows. He expressed a desire early on to direct *Godspell*. After serving as assistant director for PAC's 2011 Children's Christmas Musical, he is now putting his creative vision to work as director of PAC's 10th anniversary production of *Godspell*. Using theater training techniques typical of improv, Hamilton has put a great deal of effort into team-building exercises to help the cast feel the experience of being one of Jesus' apostles.

"After having gone through so many rehearsals, something I have learned that I thought I had already learned, but hadn't quite grasped the full scope of, is that you never know what each cast may bring to the stage," Hamilton said of his debut directing experience.

The cast includes Aaron Carlson as Jesus, Josh Fullerton as Judas, and an ensemble of Jesus' followers that includes: Abbie and Mackenzie Bickett, Daniel Bonucci, Doran Cotter, Sheila Ferguson, Jenn Fullerton, Kimberly Glenn, Allison Puetz, Peter Wang, Grace Wolbrecht, and Nicole Worgess. While Rachel Gorenz was cast to sing the finale, "On the Willows," the loss of two cast members weeks before



The cast of *Godspell*, led by Aaron Carlson (front left) as Jesus and Josh Fullerton (front right) as Judas, work on a musical number in preparation for their upcoming performances Aug 2-5.

Photo courtesy of Daniel Acker

opening night resulted in her joining the full cast for this show. The only cast member from the original PAC production of *Godspell* ten years ago to return is accompanist Dane Suarez, who just completed his Master of Music in Performance and Literature/Voice. Suarez also will be singing "On the Willows." Doris Hamilton serves as musical director.

Godspell, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, was conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak and originally produced on the New York stage by Edgar Lansbury/Stuart Duncan/Joseph Beruh.

Godspell

will be performed at the PAC Theater
24 Park Avenue East
Princeton.

August 2-4, 7:30
August 5, 3:00

Tickets: \$10

Available at the door
and by calling Kirsten Wolbrecht
at 815-876-6034.

PAC's annual summer concert is all about jazz

The Prairie Arts Council is proud to present our annual Summer Concert in the Park at 6 p.m. Sunday September 2 at Soldier's and Sailor's Monument in Princeton.

Jim Jones, Community Band director, will perform a jazz concert. He will intersperse some jazz history between selections and try to give a brief and not too academic overview of jazz through the decades, beginning with ragtime, Dixieland, blues, traditional jazz, Latin jazz (bossa nova), bebop, jazz-fusion, and vocal jazz. He will play three types of horns — trumpet, flugelhorn and cornet — along with some recorded elements.

The concert is free to all. It is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council and the Illinois Valley Fine Arts Trust.

Refreshments will be available, and lawn chairs are suggested.



Jim Jones



Photo courtesy of Daniel Acker

Dynegy gives to the PAC

Plant Manager Ted Lindenbusch of Dynege's Hennepin Power Station presented a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Prairie Arts Council earlier this month. Lindenbusch said Dynege was proud to support such a worthy cause, and he wished the PAC the very best in their fundraising efforts. Pictured (from left) are PAC board member and theater director David Gorenz, PAC president Deb Young and Lindenbusch.

In Memory

Prairie Arts Council has had more than thirty memorial gifts given in the past 16 years honoring loved ones with a gift that keeps on living in the programs at the Prairie Arts Center. The memorial plaque in the fireplace room lists these loved ones. A name is added for each person whose family and friends have made donations of \$50 or more.

The list currently includes the following:

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Theater Notes

Painting project

We are still plugging along at our theater painting project. Thanks to Amy Lindenbusch for volunteering to help finish the project.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers with an interest in theater production to direct, produce, and assist with sets, costumes, and publicity for our community theater.

Please contact Theater Director David Gorenz at

theater@theprairieartscouncil.org

if you are interested in sharing your talents with our community through theater.

Upcoming

Watch the website for information about our fall play and Christmas children's musical.

Summer camps at the PAC



ART CAMP

After a long hiatus, the PAC hosted a summer art camp this year. Forty-four campers signed up for the two-week camp. There were two age groups for the camp: ages 5-9 and ages 10-14. Cost for each camper to attend the camp was just \$10. A grant from the Sun Foundation and matching funds from PAC underwrote most of the cost of the camp.

Campers made clay teacups and face pots, textured slabs and animal sculptures, which were later painted with acrylic paints. The older campers drew and painted kaleidoscope designs using tempera while the younger campers made "scribble-dos" using crayon and watercolor resist designs. All campers made jewelry to wear: the younger classes made name bracelets and personal bead bracelets; the older ones made necklaces and bracelets. All campers made masks. The younger campers made paper masks using bright-colored construction paper and various findings to decorate (sequins, glitter, etc.), while the older campers learned how to make 3-D masks using papier mache to form the mask, then decorate using paint, glitter, feathers, sequins, etc. For some of the older kids, this was their first experience with papier mache. The younger campers made impressive sculptures using wood scraps, glue, and paint. The older campers had a special field trip to Annie's Little Pots to watch owner Ann Dittmer demonstrate how to use the potter's wheel to throw a piece of clay. Then the campers got to throw a form themselves after her demonstration.

All art work done during the camp was displayed at a show in the gallery on the final day of camp. Punch and cookies were served to a large and enthusiastic crowd of artists, parents, and family members. The camp was a big success, so much so that another art camp will be offered next summer, possibly with 2 two-week sessions.



DRAMA CAMP



PAC was humming with young actors this summer during the 10th annual children's drama camp. This year's play, written, as usual, by camp director Rachel Gorenz, was based on Hawaiian mythology with a bit of *Brigadoon* and *Gilligan's Island* thrown in for good measure.

Twenty-nine campers enjoyed three sessions of drama camp. Each session named their production of the

same play, so the show had three names: *The Curse of Pele* and *The Goddess's Revenge* for the June sessions, and *The Hawaiian Island of Myth* in July. Guest speakers included Matt Boehm and Dylan Carlson discussing set design and art and stage lighting.

June morning campers included Lanie Hanson as Pele, Alex Thomson as Maleah, Shannon Cotter as Maleko, Doran Cotter as Logan, Mia Bowen as Alex, Grace May as Ipo, Austin Catton as Keiki, Maddie Hannon as Tiki, Jordyn Read as Kai, and Kennedy Kloepping as Hi'iaka.



June afternoon campers included Courtney Pointer as Pele, Andrea Imsland as Maleah, Vicki Tieman as Maleko, Cameron Tieman as Logan, Meghan Duffins as Alex, Noah Irizzary as Ipo, Alex Castaneda as Keiki, Kimmie Glenn as Kai, Isa Ibarra as Hi'iaka.

The July camp included campers Sabrina Bickett as Pele, Isabella Gross as Maleah, Makayla Hiller as Maleko, Cameron Tieman reprising his role as Logan, Emma Roden as Alex, Destiny Ruiz as Ipo, Rachel Kirkpatrick as Keiki, Hailee Pembleton as Tiki, Victoria Pembleton as Kai, and Isabelle Gerber as Hi'iaka.

ELLIOTT READIES FOR 'ENCORE' ART SHOW

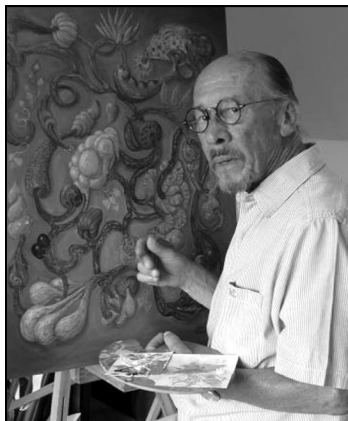
The Prairie Arts Council will present the "Encore Gallery Art Show" featuring the artwork of local artist Denny Elliott. Elliott is a Princeton native who, as a child, became fascinated drawing on a chalkboard, penciling on scrap paper, and doodling anything that he saw or things that he imagined. With encouragement from his parents, friends and teachers, his fascination with visual art became his vocation and motivation throughout his life.

Denny Elliott
"Encore Gallery Art Show"
August 10 - September 2
at the Prairie Arts Center

Elliott worked at MTM/Josten's for 45 years. In this career, he mastered many artistic aspects of hand engraving, stone setting, lost wax casting, manufacturing art and product illustration as a field artist, art trainer, and senior and lead designer. He has been involved in the production of a variety of special products, such as Super Bowl rings.

In addition to his professional art work, Elliott excels at drawing, oil painting, bronze casting, logo design, etching/engraving, wood and bronze sculpture, and murals. Since his retirement in 2010, Elliott has continued to create a wide vari-

ety of artworks using the knowledge, skills and talents that he has developed over a lifetime.



His show at the Prairie Arts Center will feature a wide range of art forms comprising a retrospective of his many years of creating art both vocationally and on a personal basis and a reflection of his latest creations.

An opening reception for his show will be held at the Prairie Arts Center from 5 to 7 p.m. August 10. Wine, champagne, punch and appetizers will be provided. The recep-

tion is free and open to the public. Elliott will host a free "Evening with the Artist" program at 7 p.m. August 15 at the Prairie Arts Center gallery.

Denny Elliott's show will continue from August 10 through September 2, with the gallery open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Our Mission

The guiding purpose of the Prairie Arts Council is to strengthen and support the participation in cultural arts in Princeton and the surrounding areas.

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PAC to host Immke collection

The Prairie Arts Council in conjunction with the Bureau County Historical Society will present "The H. W. Immke Collection: Photographs of Early Princeton" gallery show featuring the photographs of noted local photographer, Henry W. Immke.

Immke opened his first Princeton photography studio in 1866. His photography work was predominately portraits as well as local and area scenes. In 1957 the Bureau County Historical Society museum became the custodian of his glass plate negatives, photographs and photography equipment. His glass plate collection numbers approximately 20,000 which includes the entire archive of Immke's studio portrait work as well as his field work and other personal family images. The images contained in this collection are important cultural documents of Illinois and surroundings sites during the second half of the 19th century. Immke's single most important work was the well known and widely acclaimed composite picture of over 400 Bureau County Early Settlers. In addition to his

photographs, a selection of his photographic equipment will also be on display as a part of this special show.

This show was specially scheduled to be held during the annual Homestead Festival so that both residents and visitors to Princeton will be able to see the outstanding photographs by H. W. Immke.

An opening reception for this show will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. September 7. Wine, champagne, punch and appetizers will be provided. The reception is free and open to

the public. During the Homestead Festival, the gallery will have extended hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 8 p.m. September 8 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 9. Pam Lange, director of the Bureau County Historical Society, will present a free special "Evening with the Director" program at 7 p.m. September 12, at the Prairie Arts Center. The H. W. Immke show will continue from September 7 through October 7, with the gallery open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.

Opening reception
5-8 p.m.
Friday,
September 7

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Upcoming Events

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- August 10** 5-7 p.m. Gallery opening reception for Denny Elliott show
- August 10 – Sept. 2** Denny Elliott show “Encore Galley Art Show” in the gallery 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays
- August 15** 7 p.m. Evening with Denny Elliott
- September 2** Jim Jones - Jazz in the Park at 6 p.m. in Soldiers and Sailors park
- September 7** 5-7 p.m. Gallery opening reception for H. W. Immke Prints
- September 7 – October 7** H. W. Immke Prints in the gallery 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays
- October 12** 5-7 p.m. Gallery opening reception for Dana Collins art show
- November 15-18** Children’s Christmas Musical

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