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Gala Success

Crane River Theater is off and running! We are excited by the enthusiastic support of the Kearney community and can't wait for the chance to showcase our inaugural season in the summer of 2010.

The board of directors would again like to thank everyone who helped to make our 2009 Gala a monumental success. We had over 400 people in attendance last August at the Merryman Performing Arts Center. The "Night of Broadway" featured several Kearney natives (Steve Barth, Brian Botsford, Brooke Bradford, Heather Pugmire and Crystal Cambbell) as well as performers from the Lincoln/Omaha area (Matthew Bross, Cami Philgreen and Adam Fielson).



This would be a great place for a picture from the Gala or something.

The enthusiasm shown by our Gala audience has been great motivation and shows a real desire for this kind of theater project in Kearney. We are, now, even more excited for our 2010 season!

Video of the performances is available on the website:
www.cranerivertheater.com

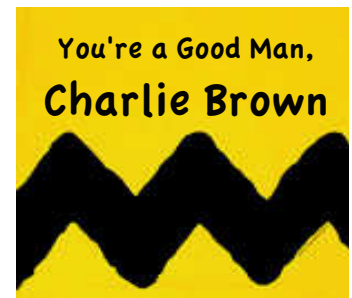
Pleased to Announce New Board Members

The Board of Directors of Crane River Theater is about to see its first significant change. The new members will begin their terms effective January 1st, 2010.

2010 Board Members:

- Brian Botsford, President**
- Brooke Bradford, V-President**
- Steve Barth, Sec/Treasurer**
- Steve Bradford**
- Steve Lewis**
- Yvonne Deyle**
- Marry Henning**
- Dr. Annabell Zikmund**
- Janet Rose**
- Brian Bartels**
- Ann Bauer**
- Julie Curtis**
- Dr. Ann Foradori**

COMING SEASON 2010



"Kids Explore" Theater Classes



Crane River will partner again with Kearney Park and Rec to offer our summer "Kids Explore Theater" classes. Classes will run June and July 2010. Enrollment information will be available through Kearney Park and rec in the Spring.

Performance Dates for Season 2010:

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

July 1, 2 & 3

July 8, 9 & 10

"Godspell"

July 22, 23 & 24

July 29, 30 & 31

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Already we have a list of 64 registered patrons and an additional 50+ anonymous donors. Our support in the community is strong and we are encouraged!

Nearly all of the interest in our company came from the 2009 Gala. Help us spread the word!

Equally as exciting is the announcement that though there are several grants still in negotiation we have been approved for a grant funding the "Kids Explore Theater" classes through Platte Valley State Bank, and a sponsorship for "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" from Yanda's Music.

Our inaugural season would not be possible without this kind of amazing support. Thank you Kearney!





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Opportunities for Support

Thank You to everyone who has been able to offer us financial support for our 2010 season. We truly appreciate every donation, regardless of the size. We strongly believe that every donation is precious and we are committed to our obligation to put that money to the best possible use.

It's not too late to make a donation! In fact, it's never too late. If you are interested in offering financial support to this exciting project, there are several ways you can donate. The Kearney Area Community Foundation office is prepared to take donations in person. You can donate through this website by using the DONATE link. You can also send donations directly to Crane River Theater through the mail .

It is truly only with the generous support of the Kearney community that we can make this dream a reality. All donations are tax deductible.

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BUT WAIT! It's not all about money...



The harsh reality is that nothing in life is free and in order to make this endeavor a success, we simply must have financial support. No one is lining his pockets. Money donated to the theater goes toward the cost of production and artist salaries.

But know this! We are just as excited to have your attendance at our performances as we are to have your financial donation. Crane River Theater wasn't created solely to ask for your financial assistance. We're here for you, the audience.

Also, we know there are many in the Kearney community who would like to offer assistance, but simply are not in a position to do so financially. There will be volunteer opportunities available for Crane River Theater's first season. If you have a special talent that may prove useful please let us know. We look forward to this upcoming summer!