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WHAT A SEASON!



Cast of Crane River Theater's production of *GODSPELL*: Bottom, left to right: Micah Urbanek, Liza Thalken, Nate Rocke, Laura Rozema; Top, left to right: Jessica Morgan, Michael Fariss, Shade Ingraham, Jeff Scot Carey, Alex Van Handel, Kami Graves, Hope Grandon Lakisha Bowen

We can't say enough about what an outstanding success the summer of 2010 was for Crane River Theater. We assembled 13 performers from 6 states and in the course of 13 performances brought amazing theater to more than 3,500 Kearney residents.

We are truly committed to being Kearney's own resident professional theater production company and we can't thank the community enough for the enthusiastic support we received in our first production season. *Godspell* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* were only the beginning, but what a beginning they were!

Cast of Crane River Theater's *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*: left to right: Nate Rocke, Hope Grandon, Jessica Morgan, Alex Van Handel, Michael Fariss, Joe Knispel, Kami Graves



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What's In Store
for 2011:



June 23rd, 24th and 25th
June 30th, July 1st and 2nd
Yanney Heritage Park,
Kearney



July 21st, 22nd
and 23rd
July 28th 29th
and 30th
Merryman Performing
Arts Center, Kearney

Overture Dinner

Tuesday, April 12th
Main Gallery, MONA
SAVE THE DATE!



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OVERTURE DINNER

Great entertainment, fabulous food and artistic surroundings, what more could you ask for? Help us raise the curtain on our 2011 summer season with our second annual *Spring Overture Dinner* to be held Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm. Thanks to the positive feedback from last year, we will again be at the Museum of Nebraska Art at 25th street and Central Avenue in Kearney. We invite you to join us for this exciting evening as we launch into yet another summer of family theater. Check our website for more information and how to reserve tickets!



Support Crane River Theater Company

Crane River Theater can only exist through the generous support of our patrons. With our second season right around the corner this is the perfect time to make a donation. Every donation is precious and we commit to making each penny count!

Ways to contribute:

For donations in person
Kearney Area Community Foundation
2207 Central Avenue
Kearney NE, 68847
(Check, Cash or Credit Card)

For donations in the mail
Crane River Theater Company
P.O. Box 2141
Kearney, NE 68848
(Check)

Or visit our website:
www.cranerivertheater.org
(Secure Credit Card Payment)

Thank You to our 2010 Season Donors

In August of 2009, Crane River Theater hosted our first Gala fundraiser and that night we launched our first membership drive. The following community members jumped to our support and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them one more time.

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Crane River Theater is a non-profit 501(c)3 company. All donations are tax deductible.

EXPLORE THEATER 2011

In the summer of 2009, Crane River Theater partnered with Kearney Park and Rec to launch our *Explore Theater* classes aimed at Kearney-area youth Kindergarten through High School. In the past two years we have reached over 200 area children and we can't wait to reach even more.

This summer we will again be offering an exciting curriculum designed to get children actively involved in creative theater projects. Look for enrollment forms soon in the Park and Recreation insert to the Kearney Hub, or on our website, www.cranerivertheater.org. Give your children a chance to truly dig in and *Explore Theater* first hand!

