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Meet The Cast



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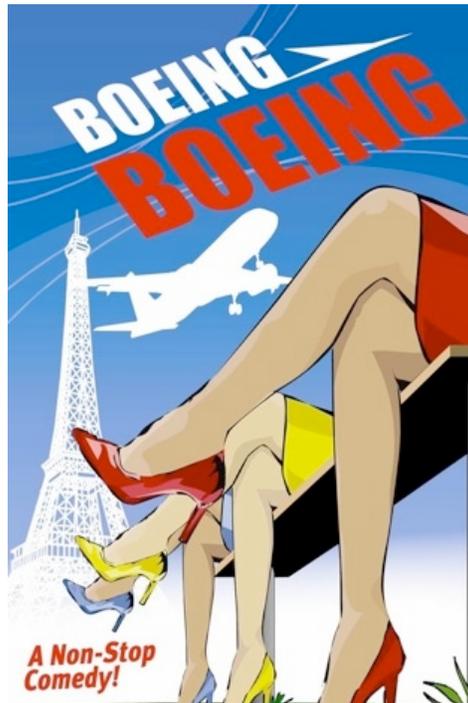


Alexandra Safford

High Flying Comedy with Boeing Boeing

Crane River Theater is thrilled to announce that we will be partnering with Kearney Community Theatre in April for the hilarious production of *Boeing Boeing*. A non-stop comedy that will have audiences laughing out loud, this show is the perfect collaboration for our two theaters that have long wanted to work together. The community theater has been entertaining audiences for over thirty years and Crane River Theater is honored to share the stage with them.

The play takes place in the 1960s and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously and catastrophe looms. A riotous farce that recently enjoyed hit revivals in New York and London, *Boeing Boeing* is now set to arrive in Kearney, Nebraska – so please fasten your seat belts, the landing could be bumpy!



We hope that you will join us on April 4, 5, 6 or 7th as actors from Los Angeles join many of our local artists for this one of a kind show to be presented at the Kearney Community Theatre. Reserve your tickets today by calling 308.627.5796 or by visiting CraneRiverTheater.org or KearneyCommunityTheatre.com.

Upcoming Events

Crane Cache Dash
Family Adventure Race
Sunday, March 24
12:30 Free Registration
1-4PM
Harmon Activity Center

Boeing Boeing
April 4, 5, 6, 7:30PM
April 7, 2PM
Kearney Community
Theater

Overture Dinner
Tuesday, April 16
Wine Reception 6PM
Dinner 6:30PM
Museum of
Nebraska Art

Summer Lovin'
A Rock N Roll Party
Thursday, May 2, 7-9PM
World Theatre

Last Train to Nibroc
June 6, 7, 8, 7PM
June 9, 2PM
Merryman Performing
Arts Center

Seussical the Musical
June 27, 28, 29, 30
July 1, 2, 3, 7PM
Ron and Carol Cope
Amphitheater
Yanney Park

Grease
July 18, Cruise Night
Kickoff Show 8PM
July 19, 25-27, 7PM
August 1-3, 7PM
July 20 & 28, 2PM
Merryman Performing
Arts Center

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Overture Dinner

Since the Overture is typically what precedes the beginning of a musical, we thought it appropriate to begin our summer season the same way. Crane River Theater would like to invite you as a guest to our annual Overture Dinner to be held April 16th at the Museum of Nebraska Art. The evening begins at 6pm with wine and refreshments, followed by dinner and entertainment at 6:30pm.

Be among the first in Kearney to get a sneak peak into our upcoming summer season while you enjoy a four-course meal, wine, entertainment and the company of great friends. Last year's dinner raised nearly \$10,000 and was a major contributor to the success of our 2012 season. Reserve your seats now by calling 308-627-5796 or on our website, CraneRiverTheater.org.

SUMMER LOVIN'

a Rock 'N Roll Party

THURSDAY MAY 2, 7-9PM

Throw your mittens around your kittens and away we go! Take a trip back to the age of Rock 'N Roll with Crane River at **SUMMER LOVIN'**. This hoppin' party, held at Kearney's World Theater will feature live classic Rock 'N Roll music provided by the popular *Formerly Three*. This event will also be the official start of ticket sales for our summer production of *GREASE*. We know Kearney audiences are going to go crazy for those fun loving T-Birds and Pink Ladies so be the first to get your tickets to one of Broadway's most popular shows of all time. You will want to come early as limited seating is available for this one night event. \$5 admission for all ages. Tickets are available at the door beginning at 6pm.



EXPLORE THEATER FOR KIDS

Theater is an opportunity to explore, create and have fun. Kids of all ages can relate to the universal appeal of theater. It is for this reason that Crane River Theater is excited to offer a series of arts education programs for kids pre-school through middle school that explore the art of music, theater and dance. The goal is to have fun through imagination and play. It will allow kids to challenge themselves while working with others, and turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. Classes are offered in association with Kearney Park and Recreation and the Kearney Area Children's Museum, as well new partnerships with YMCA of the Prairie in Holdrege and Gibbon Public Schools. Encouraging the creativity of our youth is essential. Registration begins in April for all Explore Theater Classes. Visit CraneRiverTheater.org for class descriptions and details.



Crane River Theater will continue its outreach to libraries across Central Nebraska with a program called Page to Stage. Last year, members from the cast of *A Year with Frog and Toad* presented workshops to kids at the libraries in Lexington, Grand Island and Kearney. The response was so overwhelming that plans are underway to expand that outreach to Cozad and Holdrege as well. The *Cat in the Hat*, *Horton the Elephant*, *Gertrude McFuzz*, the *Whos* and other characters from our upcoming production of *Seussical* will read, perform and interact with kids as they share these famous stories. Allowing children the opportunity to see the characters jump from the page to the stage and the words come to life before their very own eyes is truly invaluable.