



NEWSLETTER crane river

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Our FIRST SEASON

Crane River Theater Company is abuzz with excitement over the launch of our first season. The shows have been cast, designed and rehearsals are set to begin the second week of June. More than a full year of preparation has gone into this exciting season and we can't wait to bring these two fantastic shows to Kearney audiences.

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown will be staged at the Ron and Carol Cope Amphitheater in Kearney's Yanney Heritage Park. *Godspell* will be staged at the Kearney High Auditorium. Both shows are family friendly and appeal to a wide audience.



SHOWTIMES:
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

July 1st-3rd
July 8th-10th
Yanney Park

Thurs/Fri: 7:00PM
Saturday: 2:00PM

SHOWTIMES:
Godspell
July 22nd-24th
July 28th-31st
Kearney High School
All Shows 7:00PM



Tickets available at The Kearney Hub or on our website www.cranerivertheater.com.

Shadow Program

In an effort to expand our educational outreach mission, we are pleased to announce the creation of a shadowing program for selected high school students. Not only did we encourage area high school students to audition for a place alongside professional actors in our performances, we asked that they consider applying for the opportunity to work alongside a professional director, stage manager and musician. Selected students will get a hands-on, behind-the-scenes education into producing a professional production. Congratulations to Grace Manley, Chris Lyons and Rachel Lentfer, our first shadow class.

Explore Theater Classes

Crane River Theater will once again partner with Kearney Park and Recreation to offer our *Explore Theater* classes.

Last year we were fortunate enough to involve over 100 students from kindergarten through high school. We are ambitious. This year we intend to more than double enrollment in the program! We are excited to offer this opportunity to Kearney's youth.

Classes will be Monday through Friday at the Harmon Park Activity Center. Enrollment forms and a complete list of *Explore Theater* course offerings are available on our website: www.cranerivertheater.org.

Enrollment forms may also be picked up in person at the Kearney Park and Recreation office in downtown Kearney. Enroll your kids now before the classes fill up! Give them the joy of THEATER this summer. We can't wait to hear from you!



Kearney kids in our 2009 "Imagination at Play" class (kindergarten through 2nd grade) enjoy a day of costumes and play.

GALA 2010 August 7th Free Performance!

Join us again at Kearney's Merryman Performing Arts Center for a night of great music and a sneak peak into our 2011 season!

Letter From The Chairman

I can't say enough about the positive response we get from people in the Kearney community when we talk about Crane River Theater. Your good wishes and encouragement have helped keep us focused on our goal to become Kearney's own professional production company. Many people have expressed the sentiment that "Kearney NEEDS this kind of thing". We couldn't agree more! Everyone on our board is so proud of Kearney's accomplishments and we are only too pleased to be able to add this project to the long list of reasons Kearney is a great city.

With proper support (both moral and financial) I know Crane River Theater will have a long, successful future in the Kearney Community. Help us make that happen! Bring your friends and neighbors to our shows. Enroll your kids in our classes. Tell everyone you can about our exciting projects and help us become a household name in the community. Thank you for the support you have already shown and I look forward to seeing you all during our 2010 summer season.

Sincerely,
Brian Botsford, Board Chairman

THE CAST



Jeff Scot Carey and Lakisha Bowen can be seen in our production of *Godspell*.

Crane River Theater has assembled a stellar cast for our first season. We have recruited artists from New York, Texas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois to join local artists to produce our two exciting shows. From the beginning it has been a major part of Crane River's mission to combine local talent with regional and national professionals. We couldn't be more pleased in what we've accomplished this first season.

Most notably we have secured two professional New York actors, Jeff Scot Carey and Lakisha Bowen. Jeff and Lakisha come to us straight off the national tour of Disney's *101 Dalmations*. These two *Actors' Equity Association* members are a testament to the potential Crane River Theater has to bring the best performers to the city of Kearney. They will be joining us for our production of *Godspell*. We know

you will enjoy the cast we have assembled for our 2010 season.

Support Crane River Theater Company

Crane River Theater can only exist through the generous support of our patrons. With our first 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: Crane River Theater is a non-profit 501(c)3 company. All donations are tax deductible.

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
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Or visit our website:
www.cranerivertheater.org
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In addition to our website and newsletter, we want Crane River to be at your fingertips. You can become a Facebook fan and follow us on Twitter. Also, when you do visit our website you can sign up to become part of our email list!

Information about our season, volunteer opportunities, fund raising opportunities and fun conversation topics are all part of our online life. Connect to the World Wide Web and check us out!

VOLUNTEER?

Interested in volunteering time or services? Please check our website or call (308)627-5196 to find information on volunteer opportunities. Lend your talents and come be a part of Crane River Theater!



Created to serve the community of Kearney and surrounding areas as a professional theater production company providing a home for the presentation, education and promotion of the arts.

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