

Soundwave

Iowa Lakes Community College Music Department ~ January, 2008



Audition Dates Set for *Once Upon a Mattress*!!!

Auditions for the Iowa Lakes Community College and Area Community musical, *ONCE UPON A MATTRESS*, will be Feb. 3, 4 and 5 in room 74 at the Estherville Campus. Children (3rd - 6th grade) interested in auditioning should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Adults and students (7-12) will begin auditioning at 7 p.m. Those interested need to attend only one of the three sessions.

"We will need a large cast with at least 9 men and 9 women with an unlimited number of chorus members, including children and adults." said Carol Ayres, Professor of Music. "We are looking for talented actors, singers, and dancers to make this production come alive. It does not matter what your experience level, we will provide opportunities for novices and seasoned veterans alike to shine in this well-known musical theatre production."

Based on a Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, *The Princess And The Pea*, this classical Broadway musical spins the tale of a medieval kingdom's search for a proper princess to marry the prince. Everyone wants to see the lonely prince engaged - no one can get married until he is. Everyone, that is, except the domineering Queen Aggravain, who is unwilling to cut the royal apron strings. Enter Princess Winnifred the Woebegone, loud, brave and dripping wet (having swam the moat!). She boldly declares herself a contender for the Prince's hand. But to show she is a true princess, she must prove that she is too delicate to sleep on 20 mattresses if there is even a tiny pea underneath them. The Queen plots a huge party to make sure the Princess will be up all night dancing and be so tired she would fall asleep on a pile of rocks! Yet, with some interesting twists, the fairy-tale musical has a "happily ever after" ending.

Performance dates are April 3, 4, 5, 2008. All area residents are encouraged to audition for this musical.

Once Upon A Mattress has music by Mary Rodgers; lyrics by Marshall Barer; and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer. *Once Upon A Mattress* is presented through special arrangement with R & H Theatricals, 1065 Avenue of The Americas, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10018. www.rnhtheatricals.com. *Character descriptions on page 2.*

Saying "I Love You" With a Song

Valentine's Day can be made even more special for your loved ones this year with a Singing Valentine delivered by a men's quartet. On Thursday, February 14th, the Iowa Lakes Men's Quartet will deliver Singing Valentines for area residents and business people looking for a fun and exciting new way to send a Valentine message to their sweethearts, family, employees, or customers.

The singers can serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, a restaurant, or anywhere else you choose. Wherever they appear, they'll draw a crowd - and sometimes a few tears.

The Singing Valentine costs \$20 and includes two songs sung by the quartet (all in tuxes), a personalized Valentine's card, a rose, and a Polaroid picture, so that you can always remember the occasion. Men and women alike are on the receiving end - with moving results.



"In four years, we have surprised over 150 people with our Singing Valentines," Brett Fuelberth, vocal director at Iowa Lakes Community College said. "We filled our entire day last year, added an extra day, and still had to turn people down because we had no times left. We are very excited to go out and surprise more people this year!"

To order a Singing Valentine, contact Brett Fuelberth at 362-7963.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2007-2008

February

- 3 - 5 MUSICAL AUDITIONS
- 10 HANDBELLS PERFORM
Bethany Lutheran in
Emmetsburg 10 a.m.
- 12 COFFEEHOUSE
7:00 p.m., The MAX
- 14 SINGING VALENTINES
- 21 PERFORMANCE
Arts on Grand, Spencer
6:30 p.m.
- 23 PEP BAND *plays for home
games (Alumni invited)*

April

- 3- 5 MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
"ONCE UPON A MATTRESS"
7:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Mattress Characters Descriptions:

Prince Dauntless - A handsome, young prince who desperately wants to get married, but is prevented by his mother's strict test that she gives to all potential candidates. He always believes his mother, which makes him a bit on the gullible side. Voice: Baritone A2 - E4

Princess Winnifred, the Woebegone - An outspoken, strong and optimistic princess from the swamp lands. 'Fred' is a comedienne who sings and dances. She is not sophisticated, but she is intelligent. Voice: Alto (A3 to D5)

Queen Aggravain - The loud, talkative woman who really rules the country. She is trying to keep her son, Prince Dauntless, from getting married. She is a character actress who sings and is the stereotypical high society mother. Voice: Alto (A3 to B4)

Jester - An energetic and peppy man who is the King's right-hand man and assists him with every endeavor. The Jester also plots with the Minstrel to spoil the Queen's plans. He should like to dance and his role is to lighten the mood in order to make others happy. Voice: Tenor (D3 to A4)

King Seximus, the Silent - A kind, expressive, and playful man who is silent due to a curse placed upon him by a witch before the birth of Dauntless. He never speaks and must act out what's on his mind. Voice: mute

Lady Larken - A beautiful woman who desperately wants to marry Sir Harry because she is pregnant with his baby. She tried to flee the Kingdom after having an argument with Sir Harry, but is convinced by Winnifred to reunite with Sir Harry. She needs a strong singing voice and is a romantic, but still sees the world as it really is. Voice: Soprano (D4 to A5)

Minstrel - The handsome narrator of the story. He and the Jester also join forces to stop the Queen's plans. He needs a good singing voice, is a realist with a twinkle in his eye, and is a sophisticate with a heart. Voice: Tenor (D3 to A4)

Sir Harry - The macho, romantic knight who decides to leave the kingdom to search for a princess. Harry cannot marry Lady Larken until Prince Dauntless has found a suitable bride. He is a stuffed shirt, but very manly, and is a little bit of a playboy. Voice: Tenor (C3 to G4)

Wizard - The egotistical, ex-performer who directly serves the Queen. He is a comic character and is the Queen's confidante. He can be played as a game show host personality. Voice: Baritone (low: A2)

Nightingale of Samarkand - A royal pet that sings a lullaby to put Winnifred to sleep. Voice: Soprano (B3 - G5)

Ladies-in-waiting, Knights, Soldiers, Servants, Musicians and Townspeople.

Coffee House Nights

Two coffee houses are currently scheduled for the new semester. The coffee houses will run approximately from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th

Thursday, May 1st

If you have a talent to share (or know of someone who does) please call Brett Fuelberth at 362-7963 or e-mail at bfuelberth@iowalakes.edu. Coffee Houses will be web-cast. For more information, please check out our web-casting article.



Music Club Fundraiser



The Iowa Lakes Community College Music Club is selling a Hy-Vee discount card as their fund raiser. The profits received will be used to fund club activities and cultural trips. The discount card sells for \$15 and has a value of \$122. Discount cards may be purchased from Music Club students or stop and see Judy at the Estherville Business Office.

Don't miss out on Iowa Lakes Community College events... Watch events at home via Webcasting

The Iowa Lakes broadcasting program, athletics, technology and music staff have collaborated on a new initiative to bring webcasting to Iowa Lakes Community College. All home and away women's and men's basketball games; music events including music recitals, concerts, coffeehouses; and also commencement ceremonies will now be webcasted and available through a link on the Iowa Lakes webpage. Webcasting will allow individuals who are unable to attend these events to enjoy them from their remote area. Additional advantages for webcasting is to provide wide coverage of events; an additional outlet for marketing as a recruiting and retention tool; and for additional curriculum opportunities. The Iowa Lakes Community College broadcasting students are doing the filming and commentary for these events.

The Estherville Student Senate will host the away basketball games on the big screen in The Max with refreshments provided. Technology is working on the possibility of softball and baseball games later this spring. The link will be listed on the Iowa Lakes website.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Continued

14 Community Band and Hand Bells Concert
Roosevelt Auditorium,
Estherville, Iowa
7:30 p.m.

29 Spring Concert
7:30 p.m., The MAX

May

1 Coffeehouse
7 p.m., The MAX

2 Spring Recital
2:00 p.m., Room 60

June

15-19 Jazz Camp

Alumni Pep Band!!!

We would like to welcome all Iowa Lakes Community College Alumni band members and anyone in the community that would like to play in the pep band on Saturday, February 23, 2008. The women's game starts at 2:00 followed by the men's game at 4:00. We will gather around 1:00 in the band room on the Estherville Campus. Please invite your fellow alumni band members! It's always fun! If you have any questions, please contact Carol at cayres@iowalakes.edu.

Visit our Web Page...

For more information on happenings in the Iowa Lakes music department, check out our website: www.iowalakes.edu/music or just click on the quick links and then "music" to find us on the www.iowalakes.edu website.

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