



In Lapham Peak State Park

NEWSLETTER

Great Theater in the Great Outdoors

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What a Great 2011 Season!

Are we still the best kept secret in southeastern Wisconsin?

During it's fifth season the SummerStage venue is continuing to grow, attracting more patrons, and becoming more widely known.

SummerStage is certainly growing in popularity. Our 2011 season ended in a large increase in attendance. Our average attendance per performance more than doubled and we had record crowds for both musical and drama events.

Plays

Our season started with Suitcase Shakespeare and their hilarious adaptation of **"Taming of the Shrew"** by William Shakespeare. They bring classic stories to life through uniquely condensed adaptations and vivid storytelling featuring maskwork, puppetry, live music, physical comedy, acrobatics and stage combat. Suitcase Shakespeare will return again next season for another adaptation. They will also



Suitcase Shakespeare

hold a youth workshop at the stage on Saturday afternoon which will be sponsored in part by *Arts Waukesha*.

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, a Wisconsin native, directed by Diane Powell was performed at the stage on the weekends of July 15th and 22nd.



Barefoot in the Park

We did a Dramatic Reading of the play **"Art"** by Yasmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton, directed by Jeffrey James Ircink. on August 12th and 13th. This play won awards in 1998 for Best Play and in 1996 for Best Comedy

"Barefoot in the Park," the very popular Neil Simon play, directed

by Ed Sarna, was performed on the weekends of August 19th and 26th. We had our largest attended run and largest one night crowd for a play.

Music Events

We had some great musical events, including are ever popular **"Evening of Irish Music and Dance"** featuring the bands *Rira* and *Ceol Cairde* and



Ceol Cairde at An Evening of Irish Music & Dance the *Cashel-Dennehy Dancers*.

For the first time we had the **Broadway Cabaret** featuring Joe Nolan and Samantha Sostorich accompanied by Tom Reifenberg singing many of the most recent Tony Award winning songs.

And our most popular event of the season was **"Four Guys in Dinner Jackets"** who gave very entertaining renditions of many of the 1950's and 60's hits.



Four Guys in Dinner Jackets

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Capital Improvements for 2011 and 2012

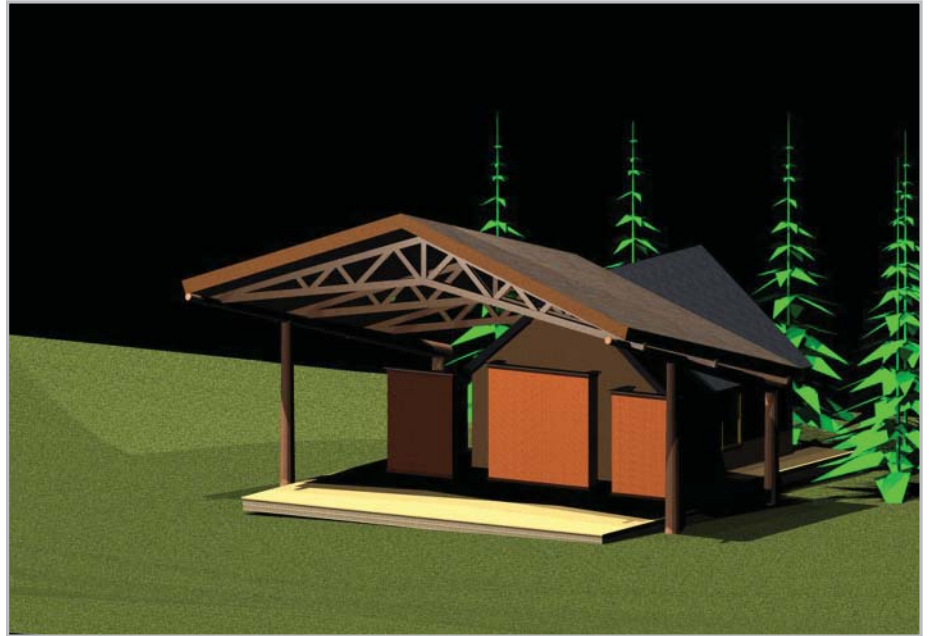
SummerStage continues to improve our patrons' and performers' overall experience

Watch us Grow

The SummerStage Board of Directors has developed a long range plan for adding capital improvements to the SummerStage venue in order to greatly enhance the overall experience for our patrons, performance groups, volunteers and all the friends of SummerStage and Lapham Peak State Park.

2011 Improvements

In 2011 we rebuilt our stage expanding it by 40%, and built it with durable and long-lasting PVC decking material. We also added a storage shed near the concession stand to hold rental chairs and tables, concession stand items, and other equipment. After the season ended we added a storage shed behind the backstage room to store costumes, sets, props, and other items needed for running and maintaining the venue.



Rendering of Proposed New Roof (Design Provided by Jendusa Design and Engineering)

2012 Plans

Our 2012 plans include the following in priority order:

- Roof over the stage
- New sound system
- New lighting capabilities
- Admissions gazebo
- Landscaped pathway from admissions to audience area

Capital Funding Donors Needed

We are looking for capital funding donors to match the \$25,000 donation from Good Harvest Market to help pay for these improvements. Major sponsors will have their company/ name permanently associated with the capital improvement. See the current SummerStage wish list on

our website at: www.Summer-Stage.org/capital_fund.html.

We are also looking for help funding our transport cart to carry our elderly and handicapped patrons to and from the stage



Transport Cart Dropping off Patrons



Picnickers Enjoying Our Covered Picnic Area

We Continue to Improve the SummerStage Venue

We add capital improvements annually in order to improve our patrons', performers', donors', and volunteers' overall experience.

Thanks to Our Board Members, Donors, Sponsors and Partners

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Whale-Tales Archery

Young Creative

A special thanks to our volunteers, Lad Lake, David Powell (carpenter extraordinaire), the DNR, Paul Sandgren and the Staff at Kettle Moraine State Forest—Lapham Peak Unit.

SummerStage Mission

SummerStage is an outdoor stage created in a natural setting for the performing arts located in beautiful Lapham Peak State Park, Summer Stage offers a unique venue for music, theater, comedy, and dance in the heart of Lake Country, Wisconsin.

The stage is used to showcase local area talent and to help other non-profits fundraise and promote their mission.

Other non-profits that held fundraisers at SummerStage included, AngelsGrace Hospice, Lake Area Free Clinic, Friends of Lapham Peak, and Lynn's Legacy of Hope.



Welcome to SummerStage

Support SummerStage

Attend Our Annual 2012 "Break-a-Leg" Gala

The Theme for this Year's Fundraiser is *"Rock Around the Clock, A Look Back to the 50's and 60's"*

SummerStage is having its winter fundraiser on Thursday February 16th, 2012. It will be held at the Seven Seas Restaurant in the main ballroom. The theme for this year's event is "Rock Around the Clock, a Look Back to the 50's and 60's. There will be singing of songs by performers with audience participation. We will have great raffle and auction prizes and a "ton of fun."

Also, anyone who brings non-perishable food item(s) will receive a complimentary raffle ticket(s). All food received will be donated to the local Food Pantries.

Ticket price includes:

- Dinner
- Hors d'oeuvres,
- Cocktails, (cash bar)
- Raffle and auction prizes.
- Singing by SummerStage ensemble members

We will also unveil our season schedule and capital funding plans for 2012.

Ticket Prices:

\$60 per person
\$480 corporate Table (8)

Schedule:

- 5:30-7:00PM - hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, cash bar
- 7:00-8:00 - Dinner,



- 7:45-8:00PM - Presentation
- 8:00-9:00 - Music performance
- 9:15PM - Raffle Prize Drawings

For more information and to order tickets, go to our website at www.Summer-Stage.org.

We are currently soliciting for raffle and auction prize donations for the fundraiser. What a great way to help SummerStage and promote your business.

Annual Membership Friends of SummerStage

Check one:

- New Member Renewing Member
 Address change Gift Membership
 Add my name to the list of volunteers.
 Please send me information about bequests and other planned giving options.

Yes, enroll me as a member at the following level:

- \$20 Student \$500 Silver
 \$50 Wood \$1000 Gold
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