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2008 Season is a Success

2008 was a very successful season for SummerStage. It was our first full season and included dance, musical, and theatrical events. We started the season with **The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged**. It was performed by our SummerStage Youth Ensemble and produced and directed by Diane Powell. We then had a very successful **Evening of Irish Music and Dance**. This event was produced by Jack Congleton and included such Irish Fest favorites as Frogwater, Ceol Cairde, the fiddle and keyboard duo of Kaitlin Han (Atlantic Wave) and Kathleen Congleton (Rira), and the Cashel Irish Dancers.

We also had **Performers Showcase**, produced by Nina Gaydos-Fedak. This event showcased local area talent from various performing groups.

In August, Brian Faracy produced a **Dramatic Reading of Three Irish One Act Plays**. This was a one evening performance and

included professional performers from the Milwaukee theatrical arena.

We also had other performance groups use SummerStage for their organizations. Remember, SummerStage may be used for not only theatrical, musical and dance performances, but also for corporate outings and presentations, youth groups, and service clubs.

If you're interested in using SummerStage, contact one of our board members. Please check our website for more information on the use of SummerStage.



Dance group using SummerStage for their annual performance (August 2008)

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Our Annual "Break-a-Leg" Ball Set for February 19th

SummerStage is having its winter fundraiser on Thursday February 19th, 2009. It will be held at the Seven Seas Restaurant in the main ballroom. The featured entertainment will be the Ricochettes, a 1960's band known as the "Milwaukee Beatles" who have reunited after 30 years. They also play other 60's tunes.

There will be skits by SummerStage ensemble members, great raffle prizes and a "ton of fun." Also, anyone who brings non-perishable food items will receive a complimentary raffle ticket. All

food received will be donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry.

What's included in the ticket price:

- Dinner, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails (cash bar), & coffee - \$35 value
- One ticket voucher for any SummerStage sponsored event - up to \$20 value
- The Ricochettes - The "Milwaukee Beatles"
- Skits by SummerStage ensemble members

Ticket Prices:

\$48 advanced/web purchase
\$55 per person at the door
\$475 corporate Table (10)

Schedule:

5:00-6:00PM — hors d'oeuvres, cocktails
6:00-7:00 — Dinner
7:00-10:00PM — Music, Skits
9:00PM — Raffle Prize Drawings

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

Message from the President—Steve Davis

SummerStage was started in 2006 with the thought of having an outdoor venue for showcasing the performing arts. The initial thinking was to develop this venue in the spirit of other popular venues in Wisconsin, including the Peninsula Players Theater in Door County and the American Players Theater in Spring Green, WI.

With the help of some local businesses and early dona-

tions, we were able to build SummerStage in August of 2007. We had our first performance in September of 2007. This past season (2008) was very successful in the sense that we were able to produce four events. We also increased our funding to the point where we can start adding additional capital projects, as well as produce additional events in 2009. We have also sharpened our mission state-

ment and vision.

However, we are still a “fledgling” organization and continue to strive for more sponsors, donors and partners. If you or anyone you may know is interested in getting involved with SummerStage, either as a donor, volunteer or both, please contact any of our board members. Also, please note our current sponsors and partners and patronize them if possible.

Planned 2009 Schedule

We have a great schedule planned for 2009. Performances include youth groups, the SummerStage Youth Ensemble, which includes high school and college students, as well as professional caliber performances. Please check out the schedule on our website for changes and other performance group events.

www.Summer-Stage.org

2009 Schedule by SummerStage

Performance Showcase

Saturday, June 20th, rain date 21st

10:30AM – 5:00PM

SummerStage Music Festival

June 27th, rain date June 28th

5:00PM – 9:00PM

To be Announced

July 10, 11 - 6:00PM July 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, rain date 26 - 8:00PM

Midsummer Night's Dream

August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, rain date 16 - 7:30PM

Three Irish One-Act Plays

August 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, September 4, 5, rain date 6 - 7:30PM

Message from Our Founder and Creative Director—Brian Faracy

We've come a long way with SummerStage. We have a long way to go. Where once lay a small platform at the feet of a stand of Blue Spruce trees now rests a rustic Wooden stage. Designed by Dr. Raoul Johnson (my professor of Stagecraft at Loyola University, Chicago, lo, these many years ago...) it fits the setting beautifully. Moreover, the experience of the Performing Arts in Lapham Peak State Park is everything I imagined it would be. Ok, we had a little rain, we had a few bugs. Cie'st la vie ! SummerStage has already

seen Theater, Dance and Music presented to appreciative audiences large and small. Our performers have included professional, amateur, and student artists alike.

“Collaborative” is the word I must use to describe the effort that has been put forth to create this gift of ours to the Lake Country Community. Without the combined resources of artists, sponsors, donors and Park staff, there would be no SummerStage. My special thanks to the Board of Directors and our President this year, Steve Davis, for helping us reach

the next level. SummerStage has directly produced much of the work presented thus far. We remain, however, committed to making the facility more user friendly and more available to other groups of artists who wish to produce and perform. 2009 will see more Theater Music and Dance on our Stage in the woods. Plan to attend. Your patronage will contribute to what I believe, will soon be a Lake Country tradition. Bring your chair and pick a good spot. The show is about to begin!



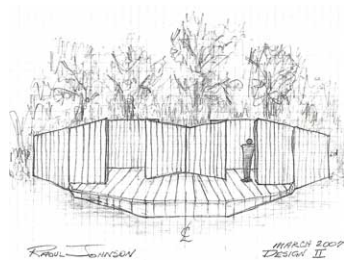
An Evening of Irish Music and Dance (July 2008)

“SummerStage was started in 2006 with the thought of having a great outdoor venue for showcasing the performing arts.”



The Compleat Works of Shakespeare - Abridged (June 2008)

Capital Improvements for 2009 & Beyond



Original stage rendering

The SummerStage board has a long range plan for adding capital improvements to the SummerStage venue in order to greatly enhance the overall ex-

perience for our patrons, performance groups and all the friends of Lapham Peak State Park.

Future planned improvements include: a backstage room, light/sound booth, lighting for walkway between ski trail and stage seating area, a permanent sign above stage, and a shade cover for stage. At this point we plan on building the backstage room and the light sound both prior

to the 2009 season.

We are looking for capital fund donors to help build these improvements. Sponsors will have the company/name permanently associated with the capital improvement.

See the current SummerStage wish list on our website at: www.Summer-Stage.com/capital_fund.html.

“Future capital improvements will greatly enhance the already great SummerStage experience.”

A Special Thanks to Our Generous Donors, Sponsors, and Partners

\$1000 & Up

The Kettle Moraine Garden Club
WalMart

\$501-\$999

Brian Faracy
Four Summits Web Services
Delafield-Summit Lions Club
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Leaves of Change Massage Therapy
To The Pointe Performing Arts
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\$200 - \$500

Bukacek Construction
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\$200 - \$500 (continued)

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Lisa Nevins
Village Square of Delafield

\$50 - \$199

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A special thanks to the DNR , Paul Sandgren, Ed Muzik and the Staff at Lapham Peak State Park.



SummerStage's Production of "The Man with the Plastic Sandwich," September 2007



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SummerStage is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.

The purpose of SummerStage is to provide a wonderful outdoor setting for the appreciation of the performing arts at a reasonable cost to our audiences, performance groups, sponsors and advertisers. We want to bring patrons to the Lake Country area, not only to attend SummerStage performances, but to also visit, shop, and stay in our area.

Contact any of our board members for more information on SummerStage. Please support SummerStage by becoming a sponsor and/or a Friend of SummerStage by submitting the form below along with your donation.

Please join the Friends of SummerStage. You'll receive up to date scheduling information, and special offers.

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
- \$100 Copper \$2500 Diamond
- \$250 Bronze \$5000 Platinum
- \$_____ Other Total Enclosed \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please make checks payable to:

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In memory of: _____

In Honor of _____

Your gift is tax deductible!

Thank You!
For you support.

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