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SummerStage

*Supporting the Performing Arts
In Lapham Peak State Park*

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2009 Season—Bigger then Ever

2009 was a very successful season for SummerStage. We held seven events that included dance, musical, and theatrical events. We started with **Youth Performance Showcase** which showcased local area talent. We were honored to have Ellen Winters play at our **Jazz at the Peak** event. In early July we had **ComedySportz** visit our stage. We had a great turnout and fun was had by all.

Our **Youth Ensemble** performed **Love & Other Tragedies - Scenes from Shakespeare**. This event was produced by Diane Powell. She developed a clever adaptation of various scenes from Shakespeare's greatest plays.

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, Rira with Stuart Mitchell, and the Cashel Irish Dancers.

In early August we were fortunate to have **Trio Con Brio-Three Divas and a dude**. They blessed us with outstanding

performances of opera, operetta, and musical theatre.

Our final event was **A Bit O' the Irish - Three Irish One Act Plays**, produced by Brian Faracy. This event was held over three weekends and included professional and student performers from the Milwaukee theatrical community. One of the plays, **Mr. Flannery's Ocean**, was chosen to be performed at Irish Fest in 2010.

Remember, SummerStage may be used for, not only theatrical, musical and dance performances, but also for fundraisers, corporate outings and presentations, youth groups, and service clubs.

Please check our website for more information on the use of SummerStage.

www.SummerStage.org



Three Irish One-Act Plays -
"Mr. Flannery's Ocean"

Our Annual "Break-a-Leg" Ball Set for February 18th

SummerStage is having its winter fundraiser on Thursday February 18th, 2009. It will be held at the Seven Seas Restaurant in the main ballroom. The theme for this year's event is "Hooray for Hollywood."

There will be skits by SummerStage ensemble members, a band, great raffle and auction 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 local Food Pantries.

What's included in the ticket price:

- Dinner, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails (cash bar), & a coffee bar, raffle and auction prizes.
- One ticket voucher for any 2010 SummerStage sponsored event - up to a \$15 value
- A great local band
- Skits by SummerStage ensemble members

Ticket Prices:

- \$50 advanced/web purchase
- \$55 per person at the door
- \$400 corporate Table (8)

Schedule:

- 5:30-6:30PM — hors d'oeuvres, cocktails
- 6:30-8:10 - Dinner, Presentation
- 7:45-8:00PM - Skits
- 8:30-9:30 - Music,
- 8:00PM - 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



Rira Performing at "An Evening of Irish Music and Dance" (July 2009)

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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 donations, we were able to build Summer-

Stage in August of 2007. We had our first performance in September of 2007. Our 2008 season was very successful in the sense that we were able to produce four events. We also increased our funding to the point where we added additional capital projects, and produced additional events in 2009. As mentioned in the article on page one, we produced seven events in 2009. We also were able to build some much

needed capital improvements. See the article on page three.

We 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 go to our website or contact any of our board members. Also, please note our current sponsors and partners and patronize them whenever possible.

Thanks for your support!

2010 Schedule Planning

We are in the process of planning our schedule for 2010. Events will include a benefit event for AngelsGrace Hospice and the Lake Area Free Clinic, the SummerStage Youth Ensemble, as well as professional caliber performances. Please check out the schedule on our website for changes and other performance group events. We are also planning on having multiple music events. This may include Irish, Jazz, Bluegrass, and/or another musical genre. We are looking for event sponsors.

If you know of any individuals or companies who would like to sponsor any of our events, or advertise with us,

please contact us at info@summerstageofdelafield.org

Tentative 2010 Schedule by SummerStage

- "The Lake Country Companion - The Saga of American Music" - Benefit concert for AngelsGrace Hospice & Lake Area Free Clinic - June
- "Love Letters"—June
- Evening of Irish Music & Dance - July
- Midsummer Night's Dream - July-August
- Another musical event - August
- Irish Play(s) - September
- "Death in the Cathedral" by T.S. Elliot at St. Johns Chrysostom Church in Delafield in October

Check our website for the latest event schedule and other events (www.Summer-Stage.org)



"Love & Other Tragedies – Scenes from Shakespeare" (July 2009)

Meet Our Newest Board Member - Ed Sarna

Ed Sarna was recently elected to the SummerStage board of directors. Ed has spent the last 15 years in Executive Search, with the last ten as an owner. Prior to that he spent 20 years in theatre, primarily as an Actor, but also as a Director and Assistant Artistic Director. He started acting in Los Angeles, where he performed in a number of Equity Waiver productions, including Joe Egg, The Subject Was Roses and Wait Until Dark. He moved back home to Chicago, where he performed in productions of Othello, The

Hasty Heart and others. In 1984 he was cast in a couple of shows at The Old Creamery Theatre Company in Garrison, Iowa. At the time this was the only Equity theatre in Iowa. He ended up working with them for nine years in 30 to 40 plus shows. He spent one year as their Assistant Artistic Director. Ed also toured a number of shows for them, including Greater Tuna. He has also worked at the Firehouse Theatre in Omaha and American Inside Theatre in Waukesha.

Ed has been out of theatre, except as a spectator, for the past 15 years, since the birth of his son, Joshua. His wife, Sara, is also an actress. They have both decided that it is time to become involved in theatre again. They have both fallen in love with SummerStage and have become involved.

We welcome Ed and Sara to the SummerStage family.



Capital Improvements - 2009 & Beyond



Backstage Room

The SummerStage board has 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 and all the friends of Lapham Peak State Park.

We are proud to announce improvements added this past season. They include: a backstage

room, light/sound booth, lighting for walkway between ski trail and stage seating area, a permanent sign above stage, and a concession stand.



Concession Stand

For the 2010 season we would like to

add a roof over the stage. This would be a great addition that would allow us to have performances during rainy weather by protecting performers, stage props and instruments.

We are looking for capital fund donors to help build these improvements. Major sponsors would have their company/name

permanently associated with the capital improvement.



Plan for New Stage Roof

See the current SummerStage wish list on our website at:

www.Summer-Stage.com/capital_fund.html.



Light/Sound Booth

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

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

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The Kettle Moraine Garden Club

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Rira Irish Band
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Seven Seas Restaurant
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To The Pointe Performing Arts
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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. We also want to help facilitate fundraiser events for our local charities.

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, invitations to special events and special offers.

Annual Membership Friends of SummerStage

Check one:

- New Member Renewing Member
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- 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
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In memory of: _____

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Thank You!
For you support.

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