

Open Theatre News

February 23, 2009

SPRING PRODUCTION

Open Theatre's stage may be way off Broadway but there's some lively and lyrical Broadway music coming our way in March as 20 talented singers, dancers, and actors present songs from award-winning musicals and scenes charged with humor and emotion. The show will be presented "coffee-house style" at tables for eight so you can enjoy yummy refreshments while you watch the show. Refreshment sales, provided by the Parent Involvement Committee, benefit Open's future playground.

The ever-popular café tables will return on Friday, March 13, and Thursday, March 19. For a contribution of \$50 you will receive intimate up front seating for four plus desserts and beverages served to your table during intermission. Proceeds from café tables provide funding for future productions and scholarships for theatre field trips. Reservation forms are on the back of this newsletter.

Way Off Broadway (many thanks to James Iliff for the catchy title!) will be presented Thursday, March 12, Friday, March 13, Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. on the Open Theatre stage. At the door admission: \$5.00 for adults /\$3.00 for students and seniors. **Bring a non-perishable food item to receive a dollar off admission.** Food items collected will be given to a local food shelf.

Steppingstone /Open Theatre Peace Project

Every Thursday after school, eight Open Theatre actors work with Steppingstone Theatre Artist Emily Kramer on a project to promote respect and peaceful ways of resolving conflict in our school. The project is a continuation of the Planting Seeds of Change initiative begun last year. Actors are learning techniques from Forum Theatre, which uses theatre games and improvisation to create social change for oppressed people. The Peace Project team visits ELC classrooms twice a month to teach peaceful ways of dealing with conflict. Thanks to Alex Casebeer, Andre Knox, Greg Phillips, Anthony Shields, Ruby Uribe, PaDong Xiong, Yer Yang, and Sonja Youngquist for your generous contribution to our school community! Thanks also to COMPAS for providing the funding for this important project.



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We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.open.spps.org

Coming Soon...

- Shakespeare Festival – April 23
- St. Paul Theatre Tour – May Interim with Pam
- International Thespian Chapter Charter for Open Theatre – watch for announcements!

Café Table Reservations!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail _____

Reserve one table for four for the following date:

_____ **Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.**

_____ **Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m**

Return with \$50 payment per table. Make checks payable to St. Paul Open School. Mail to: St. Paul Open Theatre, 90 Western Ave. South, St. Paul MN 55102, Attn: Pam Larson, or bring to school office by Thursday, March 12. Call 651-293-8670 for more information.