

# Curtain Call

## Forum Auditions

It's time for a toga party when we hold auditions for the riotous musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, on July 14 and 15. Roles are available for eleven men and seven women.

You should bring a prepared Broadway song (not from *Forum*). We'll vocalize you, have you read a scene or two, and go through a short dance audition. Auditions begin at 7:00 each night and you can come to either or both nights. **New people are always welcome!**

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin on July 16 and normally run from 7-9 weeknights. Depending on the role, you may not have to be there for every rehearsal. However, everyone will have to be at all rehearsals beginning August 31. Performance dates are September 5-7, 11-14, and 18-21.

Morrie Enders will direct with Sam Ruud as Music Director and Jennifer Nichols as Choreographer. Sam began with our theatre when he was in fifth grade. He has a music education degree from Drake University and is a music teacher in Arcadia. Jenny has choreographed many shows with us including *Joseph*, *State Fair*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

*Forum* is sponsored by Al's Auto Body of La Crosse (eighth year sponsor).



## BOOK NOW for NYC!

We are now accepting bookings for our next New York City trip. This tour is November 12-16 and features three fabulous shows. You'll be among the first to see the new Broadway musical, *Wicked*, based on the biography of the Wicked Witch of the West. This musical stars the latest Broadway songbird, Kristin Chenoweth, as Glinda and two-time Tony Award-winner, Robert Morse, as the Wizard of Oz. We'll get you into the Christmas Spirit with *The Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular*. This extravaganza features the Rockettes and the legendary living nativity. Then it is Broadway at its best with the tap dancing hit, *42nd Street*. This show has a huge cast and features incredible dancing.

We'll take you for an informative walk around the neighborhood, show you the fabulous skyline via a cruise, and take you behind-the-scenes of Broadway. There is no better way to see New York City than with La Crosse Community Theatre!

Dates: November 12-16

The Shows:

***Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular*** - unforgettable!

***42nd Street*** - tap dance heaven!

***Wicked*** - The other side of over the rainbow!

The Extras:

Circle Line harbor cruise

Broadway Open House tour

Walking tour of mid-town Manhattan

The Travel Arrangements:

Round trip coach class airfare from La Crosse to Newark on Northwest Airlines

Four nights lodging at the Helmsley Windsor Hotel

The Price:

\$1,175 for double, \$1,010 for quad, \$1,575 for single

Call 784-9292 for a brochure.

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## Quilt Raffle

Carol Copsey, owner of Carol's Corner, is donating a quilt to raffle during *Forum*. This is a beautiful new design called "Trellis Floral Garden" and features flowers along a trellis. It will be a wonderful addition to any home.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and will be available in the lobby and box office during the *Forum* run. Proceeds will be used to purchase costume shop equipment. Please support your theatre by purchasing a raffle ticket.

Carol has donated five quilts for raffles through the years. Thank you, Carol!

## Meet Diane Richards, Development Coordinator

After twenty-five years as an LCCT actress and general volunteer, Diane Richards officially joins the staff as our Development Coordinator. Diane holds an Associate Degree in Visual Communications from WWTC. As the Assistant Youth Services Librarian for the La Crosse County Libraries, Diane developed programming and created promotional materials.

Diane has appeared in our productions of *Steel Magnolias*, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, and *Grace and Glorie*. She has the distinction of appearing in our 1988's female version of *The Odd Couple* (Florence) and our recent production of *The Odd Couple* (Gwendolyn Pigeon). We produced her play, *The Evolution of Emily*, in 1989.

Diane will be involved in improving our communication and service to our audience and community at large.



## Meet Cheri Cox, Costume Designer

Cheri Cox has joined the LCCT staff as our Costume Designer. She has a B.A. in Dramatic Arts from University of Nebraska at Omaha and an M.F.A. from Southern Methodist University. She recently was the Costume Designer for Creede Repertory Theatre, a professional summer stock theatre in Colorado.

Among Cheri's many designs are *I Hate Hamlet*, *Tuna Christmas*, *King Lear*, *Moon for the Misbegotten*, *The Fantasticks*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*. She also has numerous credits as a Stitcher, Cutter, and Draper.

Cheri and her husband, Aaron, are planning to settle in the Onalaska area.

If you are interested in volunteering in the costume area, please drop by 508 Main Street in August and introduce yourself to Cheri. You're going to find her to be a talented and fun person!

## Betty Lamb Honored

Betty Lamb was recently awarded the Robert G. Miner Award for Back Stage Excellence in honor of her achievement in costume shop volunteerism. Betty worked in the shop for many years as Dawn's assistant and then became our interim Costume Designer for the 2002-2003 season. Thank you to Betty for all of your dedication, time, and talent.

## Thank You La Crosse Sign Company

When you come to see *Forum*, you will notice our marquee looks a lot better than it did last season. La Crosse Sign Company has spruced us up by fixing a light, general cleaning, and replacing the pins that hold the letters onto the sign. We thank them for this donation. They really make us look good!

## Thank You Franciscan Skemp

Thank you to Franciscan Skemp for donating used office furniture to get Diane Richards, LCCT's new Development Coordinator, ready to get going. The hospital donated a desk, file cabinet, bookcase, and chairs.

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## Bridget Kavanaugh Receives Scholarship

Bridget Kavanaugh has been selected to receive the Michael M. Thompson Memorial Scholarship for 2003. She will be using the \$500 scholarship to further her education as a theatre major at New York University in New York City. Her theatre program combines liberal arts, theatre studies, and conservatory acting training at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting.

For La Crosse Community Theatre, Bridget appeared in *Tom Sawyer*, *The Little Princess*, *Sara Crewe*, *School House Rock Live*, *Jr.*, and *Harvey* (crew). Bridget also was in several plays at Holmen High School.

The scholarship is named for LCCT's first Artistic/Managing Director.



## Join Us for Our Next Bus Trip



We are planning a trip to The Fireside in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on September 27th, for a delightful musical romance that dances and dances and dances. With its high-stepping athletic dancing, its exuberant high spirits, its side-splitting good humor, and its sweeping romantic escapades, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is as joyous a musical as you'll see anywhere. You'll laugh and cheer at this time-honored tale of seven boisterous mountain men who go to hilarious lengths to find and marry the women of their dreams. And what could be better than a happy ending? Why, seven happy endings, of course!

We will be having lunch at The Fireside before the show. The menu includes Vineyard Salad, Baked Boneless Pork Loin served with Herbed Stuffing with Sauerkraut and Jones Sausage, Whipped Idaho Potatoes with Gravy, and Stir-Fried Farmer's Summer Squash. For dessert, you will enjoy the Apple Charlotte Russe.

The Fireside is Wisconsin's #1 year-round motorcoach attraction specializing in professional Broadway shows, family hospitality, superb dining, and beautiful gift shoppes.

Our group will be departing from La Crosse at 7:30 a.m. The cost per person is \$78.00 including a complete dinner, theatre performance with main floor seating, and motorcoach transportation.

For more information, contact Betty Jo Schultz at Cornerstone Travel at (507) 895-3931.

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## Food Drive a Success

LCCT has just completed another successful food drive.

Tickets to our June 22nd 1:00 matinee cost two or more non-perishable food items. We were able to collect 484 food items and \$240.00 in cash donations. The food and cash were donated to W.A.F.E.R.

Thank you to everyone who donated.



## Buy your season tickets now!

Season tickets for the 2003-2004 season are still available.

Call 608-784-9292 or stop at the theatre to buy yours.  
Box Office hours are 11:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday.

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