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### NEW MEMBERS

Richard & Mary Benda  
Ryan Haas  
Cathy Hirsch  
Jeff Jay  
Megan Klug  
Megan O'Connell  
Eric Petersen



## A Note from the President A Few Well Chosen Words ... (I hope)

*by Fred Goodhew*

Soon — very soon — you will be receiving notice about a new survey that the TAG board will be sending you. It is our hope that this survey will give TAG the information we need to better serve our membership. I am asking that you **please** take the time to complete the survey and return it to us.

There will be several options available for you to participate in this survey. We will be asking questions about what we are now doing, what we are not doing and the things that we could do or do better to serve all of you. We have done surveys in the past with a response of less than 20 percent of our membership. Actually, this a pretty good response from a survey, but we would like to increase that percentage greatly. The questionnaire will ask you to rate the items mentioned on a five point scale, which is a little different than we have done in the past. It is very important that as many of you as possible participate and give us your feedback.

What we can expect from our organization depends on the participation of those involved, and we need to know how we can best serve you. Hopefully this process will give us a better idea of how to proceed and what we can do to improve our services.

If you have any ideas that you think are important, and I know you do, please e-mail me at [fredg1@cox.net](mailto:fredg1@cox.net) or call me at 391-2270. Let's discuss them.

Thanks for reading this, NOW LET'S TALK.

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# On Stage News

## **\*Omaha Community Playhouse presents**

### ***The Crucible***

Through June 1, Howard Drew Theatre

Playwright Arthur Miller's invigorating tale of morality and injustice is based on the Salem witch hysteria in 17th Century Massachusetts.

Susan Clement Toberer is guest director and Lara Marsh is stage manager. Amy Kunz and Scott Kurz lead the cast of 24, including Julie Adams, Mary Beth Becker, Thomas Becker, John Bell, Maire Creegan, Abby Dickson, Al DiMauro, Phyllis Doughman, Rian Durham, Keith Homan, Jay Huse, Matt Kelehan, Mary Kelley, Steve Krambeck, Stacie Lamb, Christina Leonard, Amber Marsh, Steve Miller, Rebecca Schier, Randy Shanks, and Ashley Spessard.

Performances run Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. only. Tickets for this dramatic play are \$32/adults and \$21/students. Mention that you're a TAG member to get a \$10 discount; membership card required when picking up your ticket. For reservations or more information, call (402) 553-0800.

## **\*The John Beasley Theater presents**

### ***Ain't Misbehavin'***

Through June 1

Winner of three Tony Awards in 1978, *Ain't Misbehavin'* is a musical revue featuring the music of Fats Waller. Directed by Tyrone Beasley, the show features five performers presenting an evening of rowdy, raunchy and humorous songs.

Performances take place Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. at 3010 Q St. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$20/seniors, students and TAG members. All tickets are \$15 for Thursday performances. Group rates and season tickets are available. For reservations or more information, call (402) 502-5767.

## **\*The Omaha Community Playhouse presents**

### ***South Pacific***

May 23-June 22, Mainstage

The 2007-2008 Mainstage season ends on a high note with this American musical theatre classic. Adapted from James Michener's *Tales of the South Pacific*, the music and lyrics of Rodgers and Hammerstein help bring to life the story of American service men and women stationed in the South Pacific during World War Two. While a group of restless sailors are searching for women, Navy nurse Nellie Forbush falls for a French plantation owner and Marine Lieutenant Joe Cable is captivated by a beautiful native girl. Racial tension and dangerous military missions strain both relationships.

*South Pacific* won a Pulitzer Prize and nine Tony awards, including Best Musical of 1950. Memorable songs include "There Is Nothing Like a Dame," "Bali Ha'i," and "Some Enchanted Evening."

Susan Baer Collins directs; Steve Priesman is stage manager. Guest artist Greg Ryerson plays Emile DeBecque with Angela Jenson-Frey as Nellie, Philip Meggers as Joe Cable, Jim McKain as Luther Billis, and Judy Radcliff as Bloody Mary. Other cast members include Tim Abou-Nasr, Kyle Avery, Dawn Buller-Kirke, Julie Crowell, Tony Fugit, Max Hauze, Patrick Kilcoyne, Stan Lassegard, Austin Learned, Jessica Lucas, Christi Malek, Zoey Newman, Joseph O'Connor, Joshua Peyton, Jenny Priesman, Shanti Psota, Jon Purcell, Ona Ramsey, Kelly Schlott, Carrie Stickrod, Rob Tiedgen, Rick Tritz,

Logan Vamosi, Jared Walter, and DJ Zenchuk.

Performances run Wednesdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 6:30 p.m. There will be no evening performance on closing Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$38/adults and \$24/students. Mention that you're a TAG member to get a \$10 discount; membership card required when picking up your ticket. For reservations or more information, call (402) 553-0800.

## **\*SNAP! Productions presents**

### ***The Little Dog Laughed***

Through June 22

SNAP! presents the regional premier of this naughty send-up of show biz morality that proves that laughter is the best revenge. A fast-paced and hilarious look at the world of celebrity, *The Little Dog Laughed* tells the story of a hot Hollywood actor who may be about to win the role of the century, if he can keep his sexuality under wraps. Add to the equation a rent-boy looking for love, his "girlfriend" looking for a home, and a scheming talent agent out to make the deal of a lifetime, this outrageous and poignant comedy is the perfect way to spend an evening out.

Directed by Todd Brooks, the cast includes Michael Jaurez, Connie Lee, Emily Neve and James Palmer. Technical staff includes Todd Brooks, set design; Ernie Gubbels, lighting design; Dave Podendorf, sound design; Nancy Ross, costumes; and Rhonda Hall, props. Liz Heim is the producer and Brian Callaghan is stage manager.

Performances are Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. at the SNAP!/Shelterbelt Theatre, 3225 California St. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$12/students, seniors & TAG members. For reservations, call (402) 341-2757 or visit [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com).

## **\*The Bellevue Little Theatre presents**

### ***Patience***

Through June 15

This delightful Gilbert & Sullivan operetta tells the story of a simple milkmaid, Patience, who is courted by a pair of young poets. All of the young ladies of the village are in love with these two young men, but they are both in pursuit of Patience. The plot thickens when military suitors and more romance are added.

Joe Miloni is stage director and costumer. The cast includes Sherrie Bateman, Roger Bennett, R. Tipton Biggs, Geoff Chenoweth, Rob Chesire, Chelsea Cockson, Susan Delavan, Matthew Dewell, Keith Holmes, Tom Fleckten; Becky Lowe, Joseph Miloni, Dee Neilsen, Ruth R. Rath, Anne Soderlund, Alex Thomas, and Cynthia Way.

Musical director is Victory Sedlacek and Patrick Roddy is choreographer. Ted Roche is producer; Nellie Chenoweth is assistant producer; and Greg Ongert is producer's assistant. Richard A. Boyd is stage manager; Jack Hogston is in charge of set design and construction; Liz Kendall is lighting designer; Jeff Lively is sound designer; and Paula Groff is in charge of props.

Tickets are \$15/adults, \$13/seniors and \$7.50 for students.

Performances are Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call (402) 291-1554.

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# On Stage News

## **\*BlueBarn Theatre presents**

### ***Five Women Wearing the Same Dress***

June 12-28

Written by Alan Ball (*American Beauty*, *Six Feet Under*), this touching, funny story eavesdrops on five bridesmaids going through "wedding hell" complete with outlandish hairdos and ugly identical dresses. It's a raucous, rowdy comedic romp about life, love, men and marriage, as seen through the eyes of five very different women.

Audience members are invited to wear a bridesmaid's dress to the show and receive a southern surprise at the door.

Directed by Susan Clement-Toberer, the cast includes Teri Fender, Erika Hall, Liz Kendall, Jessalyn Waldron, Diane Watson and Ben Beck.

The show runs Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$19/adults, \$15/students, seniors, TAG members, and groups of ten or more. For reservations or more information, call (402) 345-1576.

## **\*Cabaret Theatre presents**

### ***At Last***

June 13-14

Camille Metoyer Moten, one of the area's most versatile singers, will present this one-woman show accompanied on the piano by music director/producer Chuck Pennington.

The show includes some jazz standards with a little pop and Broadway. Special guests include members of Cabaret Theatre and Paul Tranisi. Logan Pennington will be featured on drums.

Performances are Friday & Saturday at 7 p.m., Omaha On Stage, located at 2339 N. 90<sup>th</sup> St. Tickets are \$12. For information or reservations, call 290-1797 or 558-6684

## **\*River City Mixed Chorus presents**

### ***The Gender Blender***

June 21-22

This concert is once again showcasing a different aspect of GLBT life: namely, what it means to be a man or a woman and the variations in-between; the confusion for some of us in growing up and playing the gender role we're born with, and the final acceptance of who we really are.

The highlight of the concert is a world premier performance of the five-part piece *The Gender Blender*, a commissioned work written by RCMC's music director Mark Kurtz. Members of the chorus will perform this number at the GALA Chorus Festival in Miami in July.

Performances are Saturday at 7:05 p.m., and Sunday at 4:05 p.m., at UNO's Strauss Performing Art's Center. Advance tickets are \$15/adults, \$13/seniors, students and groups, \$10/children under 10. All day of show tickets are \$18. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.RCMC.org](http://www.RCMC.org) or by calling (402) 341-SING (7464).

*Note: This concert is rated PG for adult themes and some language.*

## **\*Omaha Performing Arts presents**

### ***Menopause The Musical***

Through June 29, Scott Recital Hall, Holland Performing Arts Center

### ***Return to Forever Supergroup***

Featuring keyboardist Chick Corea, bassist Stanley Clarke, guitarist Al Di Meola and drummer Lenny White  
June 18, Holland Performing Arts Center

*To order tickets for either of these performances, call Ticket Omaha at (402) 345-0606 or [www.ticketomaha.org](http://www.ticketomaha.org). Ticket Omaha has the best seats, and no service fees for tickets purchased in person at the Holland Performing Arts Center.*

### ***Girls' Night Out Cabaret***

#### **An Evening of Songs by Amanda Miller**

May 31 & June 1

The evening will feature the talents of Samantha Brown, Cathy Hirsch, Megan O'Connell, Anna Rebecca Kunkel, Emily Pecklo, Courtney Stein, Melanie Walters, Allison Wissman, Jenn Witt and Lucy Zukaitis.

Performances take place at P.S. Collective, 6056 Maple St. Tickets are \$15. For more information or reservations, call (402) 679-0179.

### **The Rose Theater presents**

#### ***The Wizard of Oz***

June 6-22

This June, enjoy the timeless plot and heartwarming songs made famous in the 1939 movie, as well as extended song and dance numbers from the Broadway production. Directed by Michael Wilhelm with costumes by Sherri Geerdes, the show features a cast of 78. For reservations or more information, call (402) 345-4849 or visit [www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org).

### **The Grande Olde Players present**

#### ***Three One-Act Comedies***

June 26-July 13

For its final production at Omaha on Stage, the Grande Olde Players present:

- *Dressing Matilda*, a new work from the Great Plains Theatre Conference about a mother and daughter coming of age.
- *Just Desserts*, a wild comedy about the reading of a will.
- *Any Body for Tea?*, a comedy about six spinsters who lure their detective neighbor over by committing murder. This was the first play GOPT performed, in November 1984.

Bonnie Gill directs *Dressing Matilda* with Frannie Shelton and Danielle Smith. Many women will be able to identify with the themes and dialogue in this piece.

Mark Manhart directs the other two pieces, double cast with Kim Belken, Anita Brettman, Stephanie Elrod, Shirley Harrell, Carla McDowell, Mark Schnitzle, Mary Thomsen and Gary Wallace. Performances take place Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Omaha on Stage in the North Plaza 90 Shopping Center, 2339 N 90th St. Tickets are \$13/adults, \$12/seniors and \$5/children under 18. For reservations, call (402) 397-5262.

# On Stage News/The Green Room

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The Loft presents

*Charley's Aunt*

Through June 15

First produced in 1892, this farce has moved millions to tears of laughter. Performances are Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 and Sundays at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call (402) 234-2553.

Brian Douglas of the Urban Prairie Puppet Company

will present puppet workshops: June 20, 1 p.m., Benson Library and June 28, Florence Library.

**and coming in July...**

**\*BroadStreet Productions presents**

***The Great American Trailer Park Musical***

July 11-27

**\*Omaha Community Playhouse presents**

***Late Nite Catechism***

July 11-Aug. 3

**\*Papillion-LaVista Community Theatre presents**

***Oklahoma***

July 11-20

TADA presents

*Gilligan's Island*

July 10-Aug. 3

## Auditions & More Auditions

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Jordan's Room Productions is looking for local actors to be cast in a movie to be shot in Sioux Falls, S.D., and surrounding areas in September. Actors ages 8-80 are needed Casting has already begun. Those interested can find more information at [www.jordansroomproductions.com/casting.html](http://www.jordansroomproductions.com/casting.html).

**\*SNAP! Productions** will hold auditions for *Doubt, a Parable* Sunday & Monday, June 22 & 23, 7 p.m., at North Side Christian Church, 5555 Larimore Avenue. Four roles are available: Sister Aloysius, the principal, age range 45 to 60; Sister. James, a young nun, age range 21 to 26; Father Flynn, the priest, age range 35 to 45; and Mrs. Muller, African-American mother of a student, age range 35 to 45. The show will run Aug. 21-Sept. 14. M. Michele Phillips will direct. For additional information, please e-mail [mmichelephillips@cox.net](mailto:mmichelephillips@cox.net) or call 934-9695.

**\*Bellevue Little Theatre**, will hold auditions for the Stephen Sondheim musical *Into the Woods*, Monday & Tuesday, July 21 & 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the theatre, 203 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue. A cast of strong adult singers is needed for this production which will open BLT's 40<sup>th</sup> season and run Sept. 12-28. Julian Adair will be stage director, with Linda Shirck serving as music director. Those auditioning are asked to prepare an accompanied number and to wear comfortable clothing for movement. For more information, call (402) 291-6136.

## Thanks and Thanks Again

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Many thanks to the following generous members who included a donation to TAG with their memberships.

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David Mainelli

**\$199 and under**

Curt Siemers

## Awards Night Update

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Mark your calendars now for all of the annual awards events:

**July 6 Nomination Night**, P.S. Collective, 8 p.m.

**August 3 Awards Night**, Holiday Inn Convention Center, 5:30 p.m.

Visit [www.theatreartsguild.com](http://www.theatreartsguild.com) to view the complete list of eligible shows.

## & Other Good Stuff

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**SNAP! Productions Seeks Director**

SNAP is currently accepting applications for their fall production of *Advise and Consent*, scheduled to run Nov. 13-Dec. 7. Those interested should contact Michal Simpson at (402) 871-9101 or [msimpson6@cox.net](mailto:msimpson6@cox.net) or Todd Brooks at [Brooks1965@aol.com](mailto:Brooks1965@aol.com).

**Benefit Show for Jeff Lively**

A delightful dinner and cabaret to benefit Jeff and Sue Lively while Jeff recovers from brain surgery, will take place Tuesday, June 10, at North Side Christian Church, 5555 Larimore. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$15. For reservations, call (402) 451-1933.

The cabaret features the vocal talents of Mary Carrick, Scott Fowler, Liz Heim, D. Laureen Pickle, Michael Taylor-Stewart, Travis Wilcox, Aaron Wilhoft, Jonathan Wihoft and Jennifer Witt accompanied by Salli Compton and Todd Brooks. A wide range of music is included.

**\*Bellevue Little Theatre Announces 40<sup>th</sup> Season**

The season opens with the popular Stephen Sondheim musical *Into the Woods*, running Sept. 12-Sept. 28. Other productions include:

- *A Tuna Christmas*, Nov. 7-23
- *The Lion in Winter*, Jan. 23-Feb. 8
- *The All Night Strut*, March 20-April 5
- *The Foreigner*, May 22-June 7.

Season tickets are now on sale for the reasonable price of \$60/adults or \$50/seniors. For more information, call the Theatre at (402) 291-1554.



# The Green Room

## \*Chanticleer Announces Season

The 2008-2009 season features class characters and classic shows.

- Annie (CB Children's Theatre), Sept. 12-28, auditions July 12 & 13
- *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Nov. 7-23, auditions Sept. 14 & 15
- *Love, Sex and the IRS*, Jan. 16-Feb. 1, auditions Nov. 9 & 10
- *The Taffetas*, March 13-29, auditions Jan. 18 & 19
- *Kiss Me Kate*, May 15-31, auditions March 15 & 16

## \*Iowa Western Community College Announces Season

- *Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead*, Sept. 25-Oct. 4, auditions Aug. 20 & 21
- *Noises Off*, Nov. 13-22, auditions Aug. 20 & 21
- *Medea*, April 16-25, auditions TBA.

For more information, contact Kathleen Bagby Coate at (712) 325-3409 or [kbagby@iwcc.edu](mailto:kbagby@iwcc.edu).

## \*The Omaha Community Playhouse Stage Right Art Gallery and Silent Auction

OCP's annual art show and silent auction began in May and runs through Saturday, June 14. Artwork is on display in the lobbies of the Playhouse. Silent auction bid sheets are available near all the artwork. Bidding will close on June 14 during a reception beginning at 7 p.m.

## \*Bellevue Little Theatre Fireworks Stand

Once again, BLT will be the only area theatre selling fireworks for July 4. Curtis Leach will manage the stand again and he's looking for volunteers who can give just a few hours during the week that precedes or on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The stand will be located in front of the No Frills Grocery Store on Fort Crook Road in Bellevue.

If you can donate a few hours of your time to help the Theatre raise money, please e-mail Curtis at [curt1776@hotmail.com](mailto:curt1776@hotmail.com) or respond thru the theatre's web site [www.bellevuelittletheatre.com](http://www.bellevuelittletheatre.com). You may also email [Cyberma609@aol.com](mailto:Cyberma609@aol.com). We will all be glad to put you in touch with Curtis.

And if you purchase fireworks for your family this year, please support the theatre by buying from its stand.

## Tickets on Sale for *Late Nite Catechism* at \*OCP

*Late Nite Catechism* is an audience-participation comedy which will run in the Howard Drew Theatre July 11-August 3. It doesn't matter if you're a Catholic school alum, a practicing Catholic, a lapsed Catholic, or a non-Catholic. "Sister" has something for all of you. The show runs Wednesdays through Sundays. All seats are reserved and cost \$35 (includes tax) for all performances. The TAG discount does not apply for this show and half-price tickets will not be sold. For reservations or more information, visit or call the Box Office at (402) 553-0800.

## TAG Member Continues Acoustic Jam

TAG member Earl Bates hosts his long running Acoustic Jam, an evening of open mike every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at Lucky's Ten O One, 1001 Pacific St.. There is no cover and parking is available at the door.

## Theatre Arts Grant

Is there a conference or seminar you or your theatre group would like to attend? Do you need help with your entrance fees or submission fees? You may be eligible for up to \$300 if you apply for the Theatre Arts Grant. The grant is available year-round to any member who has graduated from high school or received their GED, for theatre-related activities that benefit the Omaha theatre community. Send in your application by the first of any month and the TAG board of directors will review it and make a decision during that same month. Contact Laura Jay at (402) 517-8707 or [laura.jay@hotmail.com](mailto:laura.jay@hotmail.com) for more information or to request an application.

## KVNO Broadcasts Omaha Symphony Concerts

Thanks to the generous support of the E. Nakamichi Foundation, Classical 90.7 KVNO is currently broadcasting selected concerts of the Omaha Symphony. The concerts are broadcast Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., through Aug. 17. The concerts include selections from MasterWorks, Casual Classics and Chamber Series. For more information, call (402) 559-5866 or visit [www.kvno.org](http://www.kvno.org).

## Grande Olde Players Relinquish Lease

Rental expenses and staffing problems have led the Grande Olde Players to end the rental of their space, known as Omaha on Stage, effective July 31. The Grande Olde Players will continue as a theatre company and will be exploring new opportunities over the next few months.

## June Events at Omaha on Stage

Until the lease expires on July 31, the Grande Olde Players and others will continue to perform at Omaha On Stage, located at 2339 N. 90th St. (90th & Blondo). Upcoming events include:

- June 13 & 14, Cabaret Theatre presents *At Last* with Camille Metoyer Moten
- June 26-July 13, Three One-Acts

## Avi8tors Perform Benefit for WWII Vets Group

The Avi8tors Ensemble, a popular Omaha-based musical group which performs the music of the WWII era in USO-show style, will perform a benefit concert to raise funds for Heartland Honor Flight. Proceeds from the performances will provide air and ground transportation to Washington, D.C., for WWII veterans and terminally ill veterans wishing to visit the WWII and other memorials there. The performance takes place Saturday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Omaha at (402) 345-0606 or [www.ticketomaha.org](http://www.ticketomaha.org).

# The Green Room

## Rose Theatre Announces Season

The 2008-2009 season at The Rose will feature seven plays and four dance productions.

- *The Little Engine That Could*, Aug. 29-Sept. 14
- *The Giver*, Oct. 10-26
- *Confetti*, Oct. 17-26
- *Berenstain Bears Save Christmas*, Nov. 27-Dec. 21
- *Imperial Nutcracker*, Dec. 4-7
- *Frosty the Snowman*, Dec. 26-30
- *Swing, Swing, Swing*, Feb. 12-22
- *Petite Rouge – A Cajun Red Riding Hood*, March 6-22
- *The Firebird*, April 2-11
- *Charlotte's Web*, May 1-17
- *Disney's High School Musical*, June 5-21

Season memberships are now on sale. A family membership is \$75 through June 30, then \$85. A membership includes four tickets to each of the seven regular-season show as well as discount tickets to the theatre's premium productions. Single tickets will go on sale Aug. 1. For more information, call (402) 345-4849 or visit [www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org).

## Composer Seeks Collaborators

Local composer Ken Hill has released a new album that he would like to develop into a full performance piece. His music is an instrumental blend of atmospheric/downtempo electronic music with acoustic guitar and woodwinds (bamboo flutes). The album, *A Radiant Nothing*, tells the story of a man who has lost his wife, and himself. Most of the story takes place inside his head, using symbolisms to represent aspects of his personality that are fighting one another for peace and understanding.

Ken is looking for people who can connect and believe in his vision. More information can be found at [http://www.soulwire.com/A\\_Radiant\\_Nothing\\_all/](http://www.soulwire.com/A_Radiant_Nothing_all/) or call him at (402) 541-9641

## Melodrama Season Open at Mahoney State Park

This season's rotating melodramas include *Rose of the Dismal Flats*, *Case Closed*, *Praried Treasure*, *Mystery Island* and *Design for Disaster*. Performances take place Tuesdays-Sundays through Aug. 17 and Friday-Sundays Aug. 22-Oct. 26.

Show-only tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/children 12 and under. Dinner and show packages are available for \$18/adults and \$10/children 12 and under. For reservations or more information, call (402) 944-2523, ext. 7122.

## TADA Opens New Theatre

Opening two months ahead of schedule, the new TADA Theatre is located on the second floor of the Creamery Building at 7th & P Streets in the Haymarket district of Lincoln. Patrons and members of the community are invited to the theatre's open house on Saturday, June 7, 1-5 p.m.

The theatre features a 65-seat main stage and the Showcase Stage that offers patrons table seating to enjoy such events as stand-up comedy, musicians, play readings, concerts, cabarets, and more.

## TAG Scholarship Winner a Rising Star

If you ever wonder whether it's really worth making all those donations to the TAG scholarship fund, take a look at Qiana Smith, our 1995 scholarship winner.

Qiana's theatrical career was featured in an Omaha World Herald story by Mike Kelly. Following graduation from Omaha North High School, Qiana attended UNO and then Ithaca College, graduating in 2000 with a degree in fine arts.

Since moving to New York in 2001, Qiana has toured nationally and internationally with Gladys Knight in *Smokey Joe's Café* and appeared as Mabel in a west coast production of *Fame*. She has performed off-Broadway and for a year and a half was a cast member of *Les Miserables* on Broadway.

Now known professionally as Q. Smith, Qiana is currently finishing a book about women of color onstage, titled *Queens of the Theatre*.

## TAG Scholarship Winners Announced

Two extremely talented high school seniors were selected to be this year's TAG Scholarship winners. Congratulations to Andrew Nowak of Skutt Catholic High School and Samantha Peters of Ralston High School, who will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee co-chairs Emily Neve and Karli Newman and to our volunteer judges: Liz Kendall, Kay Johnson Vincent Carlson and Ryan Pivonka.

## Awards Nights Sponsors and Advertisers Wanted

TAG is currently seeking media sponsors and advertisers for this year's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Night. TAG is a nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible. If you can't advertise or sponsor TAG, pass this information on to your employer, company or anyone who might be interested in this opportunity.

Contact Roxanne Wach (see her contact info below) to have her reserve a space for your ad in the program. She can help you create your ad when information is received by June 30, and at her discretion after.

## Advertising Levels

Awards Night program advertising is also available and includes choice of:

- Full page inside back cover, inside front cover - 6.5" wide x 7" tall - \$300
- Full page - 6.5" wide x 7" tall - \$200
- Half page - 6.5 x 3.5" horizontal or 3.25 x 7" vertical - \$100
- Quarter page - 3.25 x 3.5" vertical - \$50
- Business card ad - 2.5 x 3" vertical - \$25

Advertising suggestions include your business, congratulations to nominees, salutes to theatre, your theatre or your theatre's season. To place your ad in the program, or for advertising questions, contact Rox Wach at (402) 457-6160 or [roxwach@aol.com](mailto:roxwach@aol.com).

## Ad Specs

Black and white camera-ready ads can be mailed or delivered with payment (payable to TAG) directly to Roxanne by July 6. You can also email a jpg of your ad (300dpi) and send payment separately. Ads that are not paid for by July 6, will not appear in the program. TAG c/o Roxanne Wach. 4835 California St., Omaha, NE 68132.

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BB — <i>Five Women/Same Dress</i>																														
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GOP — <i>One Acts</i>																														
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