

SUNSET
PLAYHOUSE

2014-2015

Annual Report



SUNSET PLAYHOUSE

Vision Statement

The Sunset Playhouse is a permanent center for quality entertainment and education in the performing arts for our community of all ages.



Mission Statement

The Sunset Playhouse is a not-for-profit performing arts organization which produces quality live theatre and entertainment for our community. Our School for the Arts educates children and adults, developing their talents in all aspects of theatre arts.



Value Statement

We believe in a quality experience, in all areas of The Playhouse, in an atmosphere of integrity and mutual respect.

Terms we associate with our Values are:

INTEGRITY

JOY

NURTURE

QUALITY

RESPECT

Sunset Board President

Marla Eichmann



Wonderful! That is the word that comes to mind in describing the just-ended 2014-15 season here at Sunset Playhouse. We have positive financials, enabling us to start building a reserve. This would not have been possible without our generous donors,

deficit spending, this positive trend began last season and continues. I am very proud of this accomplishment and the people who made it happen. Ticket sales continue to increase, as well as the other income categories. Expense control is now part of the culture and we can begin to focus on the parts of the Playhouse that have been ignored and need attention.

The people who have worked so hard on all of this are very special and dedicated individuals. Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong is doing an excellent job in her role as Artistic Director. She pays attention to all of the details and her energetic approach to leading the organization is contagious. I am thrilled to have her here running what goes on inside our Playhouse!

I am very excited about two new positions at Sunset. We warmly welcome Nick Korneski, joining us as Technical Director, with over 20 years of experience in Rockford, Illinois. And we're delighted to have our own Ann Mather stepping into the job of Business Manager/Volunteer Coordinator. We also have an excellent lineup of directors for our upcoming shows and, with Ann and Nick providing continuity, we are sure to enjoy both excellent performances and sets!

Thank you to all of the volunteers, patrons, and performers--you are fantastic! Thank you for all that you do and all of your support. I wish to extend a very special thank you to the Board of Directors.

Looking ahead to the 2015-16 season, we are going to focus on community outreach and engaging more individuals in very specific ways. We have many excellent ideas but need energetic people to make them happen. I hope you are one of those doers, a Friend of the Playhouse, who will want to join us on the next leg of our fabulous, exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Marla Eichmann

Board President, Sunset Playhouse



Sunset Board of Directors

2014-2015

Marla Eichmann - President

BS degree University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
MBA Degree University of Michigan
Leadership America Class of 1995
AT&T Numerous mid to executive level positions over 30 years
Covad Communications - V.P. of Operations
Board of Directors - Woman's Clubs of Wisconsin

Spencer Mather - Vice President

Attended Citadel Theatre School - Canada
12 years of professional acting experience in radio, television and other theatrical productions
Securant Bank & Trust and 13 years of employment in financial industry

Paul Armstrong - Treasurer

BFA degree in Theatre from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Graduate work in business at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Owner of Best Electric Service Inc.

Richard Katschke - Secretary

BS Journalism Northern Illinois University
MA Communications Theory and Performing Arts Northeastern Illinois University
Associate Vice President of Public Affairs - Medical College of Wisconsin
Board of Directors Skylight Theatre
Board of Directors Milwaukee Chamber Theatre
Budget allocation and workplace giving committee UPAF

Bob Dude - Member at Large

BA in Economics Lawrence University
MBA and MS in Accounting University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
21 years in U.S. Naval Intelligence Office
22 years Executive VP and CFO for Family Health Systems
Member Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
Board Member and Treasurer Historic Milwaukee
Faculty, Learning in Retirement

Mary Gensler - Member at Large

BBA degree in Marketing from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
US Bank for 37 years currently Wealth Management Division

Donald Ralfs - Member at Large

BS degree Iowa State University
MBA Marquette University
Alcoa 14 years
Wisconsin Electric Power 27 years
Elm Brook Little League BOD and Commissioner
President Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove

Sharon Rise - Member at Large

BA and MA - Communications degree in Theatre and Communication from Marquette University
VP Development Next Door Foundation
VP Development Blood Center of Wisconsin
Association of Fund Raising Executives
Association of Marquette University Women

Richard Schilffarth

BBA degree University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate work in Business University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Received Money Management Institute's "Pioneer Award" for structuring investment consulting and creating the Wrap Fee alternative to commissions in Financial Services Industry
Lectured at Wharton School of Business and Graduate School of Business at UW Madison
Board positions - Friends of Art, Culinary Institute of America, Skylight Theatre

Lee Szczepanski - Member at Large

Graduated Waukesha Area Technical College Machinist at K.H.S. America
Journeyman Board - Gill and Wing Club

Nora Werra - Member at Large

BA degree University of Wisconsin-Madison
SPHR certification as Senior Professional in Human Resources Management Human Resources Institute
Certified Management Consultant
25 years in HR management
Trustee Mary Finnigan Art Endowment Fund
Board - St. Catherine's Residence Friends

David DeAngelis - Ex Office Member

Manager Village of Elm Grove

Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong

Artistic Director - Sunset Playhouse

Artistic Director

Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong



The 2014-15 Sunset Playhouse season was an exciting one!

Over 31,000 patrons enjoyed performances as part of our Furlan Auditorium Productions, Musical MainStage Concert Series, SideNotes Cabaret Series, and bug in a rug

Children's Theater Series. The Sunset Playhouse School for the Arts brought a record-number of students our and, in addition to the usual classes, camps, and workshops, introduced a new Junior Musical program to the playhouse. Children, aged 8 - 16, presented GUYS AND DOLLS, JR. at the same time our adult version of the show was in performance. The adult cast served as mentors for the young performers and both groups enjoyed and benefitted from the partnership. This program will continue in 2015-16 with our fall production of THE ADDAMS FAMILY.

Two of our shows, GUYS AND DOLLS and MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, were produced with the benefit of corporate sponsors. Our HVAC fundraiser has helped offset the cost of purchasing a new HVAC unit for the Furlan Auditorium which, after 22 years, has failed. Finally, we were recipients of grants from the Wisconsin Women's Club and the Wisconsin Arts Board, and are also very proud to be a UPAF Affiliate organization.

What would we do without our volunteers? Over 500 dedicated members of the community have contributed to the success of the Playhouse by donating more than 25,000 volunteer hours during the 2014-15 season. We continue to actively seek and welcome new volunteers and ask you to introduce your friends to the Playhouse and to encourage them to become a part of the Sunset family.

Sincerely,

Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong
Artistic Director, Sunset Playhouse

Sunset Playhouse Staff

Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong | Artistic Director

Nick Korneski | Technical Director

Kristen Kraklow | Production Volunteer Coordinator

Ann Mather | Business Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Erika Navin | Director of Education

Danny Slattery | Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Rejman Staufenbeil | Box Office Manager

Volunteers

Inge Adams
Conni Aehl
Namitha Alexander
Jennifer Allen
Kathy Andrews
James Anschutz
Carol Anschutz
Paul Armstrong
Allison Armstrong
Megan Armstrong
Nancy Armstrong
Karen A'Rowan
Ronald Auer
Barbara Auer
Beverly Ayers
Jackie Bach
Jake Badovski
Catherine Baerwald
Max Bahneman
Scott Bahr
Richard Ballard
Joyce Ballard
Audrey Barr
Evelyn Barta
Melissa Barta
Jeff Barta
Duane Bauer
Randy Beaver
Ernest Bell
Robert Benish
Belva Benish
Lynn Bertoni-Shaw
Susan Bickler
Charlotte Binkowski
Donald Birschel
Dee Birschel
Beth Bland
John Blaszak
Jan Blaszak
Jennifer Boettcher
Emma Borkowski
Dave Boxhorn
Marques Bradford
Dianne Breitzman
Jim Brill
Joshua Brooks
Mary Brozynski
Dick Bulgryn
Charlie Burbach
Janice Camus
Bud Caprioli
Len Carini
Sharon Carini
Alexi Carlson
Ed Carroll
Beverly Carroll
Thom Cauley
Charles Cerny
Allison Chicorel
Emily Chiesa
Maureen Chobanoff
Michael Chobanoff
Robin Christiansen
Kathleen Cleary
Mike Cody
Jean Cody
Roberta Coles
Dorothea Collins
George Cook
Jackie Costa
Laci Crow
Joanne Cunningham
Megan Cunningham
Donna Daniels
Nancy Daniels
Nancy Daniels
Judy Dannenbrink
Ashley Daoust
Barbara Decker
Shirley Delahunt
Carol Dimitriades
Nancy Kay Dlouhy
Casey Dobson
Holly Dobson
Carol Dolphin
Shirley Dominitz
Nancy Domres
Jim Donaldson
Kirsten Dowdy

Kaitlin Drew
Mike Drews
Jessie Drews
Bob Dude
MaryAnn Dude
Ryan Dudley
Marguerite Dunn
Mary Ann Eastman
Sophia Eckdale-Dudley
Nicole Eckdale-Dudley
Marla Eichmann
Teri Eisenhauer
Rachelle Elbert
Joan End
Jan Endries
Pam Erdmann
Geri Eserkahn
Dan Esposito
Kay Esposito (Knudsen)
Kayleigh Faber
Dave Falcon
Alyssa Falvey
Barbara Figi
Grace Fischer
Nicole Fischer
Tom Flynn
Pat Flynn
Gary Foss
Diane Foss
Jane Foster
Ralph Frattura
Alaric Frinzi
Sue Fromm
Karen Fuchs
Carol Fuchs
Taroly'n Fulkerson
Thomas Gale
John Galobich
Ralph Garcia
Ray Gardner
Terry Gavin
Mary Gensler
Tim Gensler
Elizabeth Gersonde
Tristan Gramme
Pam Gray
Marguerite Greinke
Jessica Gromacki
Carolann Grzybowski
Meagan Guse
Jackson Hake
Jim Handlos
Connie Handlos
Julie Hanisch
Grace Noel Hanson
Laurene Harschutz
Donna Hart
Mia Hartounian
Pat Hasenzahl
Nicholas Callan Haubner
Vicky Heckman
Janice Hector
Emily Heinz
Mia Helbig
Bob Helbig
Tim Hendricks
Lauri Henning
Molly Hess
Peggy Heuler
Bob Hirschi
Betty Hoffmann
Laura Hohing
Sandra Hollander
Payton Honkamp
Barb Horder
Alecia Hough
Max Huenink
Keith Huennekens
Ian Hueston
Fran Hughes
Monica Ianelli
Kathlyn Inkmann
Pat Jablonowski
Raj Jadhav
Merry Jaeger
Scott Jaeger
Sarah Joers
Kristin Johnson

Benjamin Johnson
Marie Johnson
Mike Johnson
Bill Jonas
Karen Jurek
Joan Kalinoski
Logan Kannenberg
Peter Kao
Dick Katschke
George Katsekes
James Katzenmeyer
Catherine Kearn
Karen Keigel
Nancy Kelley
Andrew Kelly
Judy Kern
Matthew Kiyono
Aaron Klein
Mary Knudten
Sarah Koallick
Kathy Koberstein
Patricia Kobus
Ginny Kopischke
Scott Korman
Mary Krauss
Sarah Krenzien
Jared Kuehn
Joan Kuhlthau
Matt Kunen
Beverly Kuntzsch
Jessica Kveen
Marjorie Laffin
Carole LaForce
Lillian Lakritz
Jonathan LaMack
Jenny LaMack
Alec Lau
Dan Laughland
Danielle Lemmermann
Ellie Leverett
Laura Leverett
Ann Levinson
Mike Lindgren
Ben Lisowski
Ben Lisowski
Gail Loosen
Judith Looze
Ysabel Lopez
Susan Loveridge
Ted Ludwig
Judy Ludwig
Nikki Lueck
Elise Luenebrg
Bethany Lutes
May Ellen Luxem
Jack Lynch
David Mackinson
Bryan Madson
Lauree Madson
Jim Mallmann
Amanda Marsala
Drew Martin
Chris Martin
Debbie Marx
Spencer Mather
Terri McCoy
Gail McGuire
Diane Mee
Judy Meier
Hilary Merline
Bill Miller
Rudy Miskowitch
Liz Misteles
Bob Molenda
Joyce Molenda
Magdelyn Monahan
Chris Mueller
Nancy Mueller
Karie Mueller
Dave Mueller
Larry Myre
Julie Myre
Lori Nappe
Jennifer Shaw
Jeannie Nazario
Mike Nazario
Allyson Nemece
Sally Nicholson
Abby Nicola
Joe Nolan
Dennis Novak
Mary H. O'Brien

Molly O'Connell
Joyce O'Connor
Nancy Olson
Diane Ormsby
Jim Padovano
Sue Page
Bea Pamperin
Rae Elizabeth Paré
Matthew J. Patten
Patti Peplinski
Rick Peplinski
Terrie Peschman
Patricia Peters
Elaine Peterson
Eileen Peterson
Courtney Peterson
Erika Peterson
Ruth Peterson
Peggy Peterson-Ryan
Bella J. Petropoulos
Kathleen Pett
Paul Pfannenstiel
Emily Pieper
Stephanie Pluta
Ron Pogodzinski
Jan Pogodzinski
Joan Polczinski
Jordan Pollard
Michael Post
Joan Powers
John Powers
Betty Powers
Gerry Powers
Jan Pritzl
Cyndi Przybyski
Heather Pulkowski
Hannah Rahmanpanah
Liz Rahmanpanah
Tom Raidy
Sidney Rakowiecki
Hailey Rakowiecki
Donald Ralifs
Rob Rasmussen
Hannah Rehfeldt
Amy Rehfeldt
Christopher Rehfeldt
Heather Reynolds-Coonen
Kysabel Lopez
Dave & Marlene Riehl
Nancy Ring
Karol Roberts
Dean Rockstad
Mary Rockstad
Bonnie Rohn
Gary Rohn
Mikhela Rosko
Julie Rozek-Brady
Rebecca Ruechel
Bob Scanlan
Zoey Scharforth-Heinle
Richard Schillfarth
Al Schimmel
Mona Schmalz
Bud Schneider
Carol Schneider
Mary Jo Schoepke
Greg Schoepke
Karen Schroeder
Barb Schuldt
Diane Schumacher
Dave Schumacher
Joe Schumacher
Linda M. Schuster-Hake
Chris Schwartz
David Schwabel
Dolores Scrobel
Pam Seccombe
Dorene Sedlar
Amy Sedlar
Kaitlyn Serketch
Larry Seymour
Annabelle Shaw
Aubrey Shaw
Jennifer Shaw
Jim Shaw
Emma Shingledecker
Kim Shingledecker
Jim Shkiele
Bonny Shkiele
Sarah Sierszyn
Laura Ann Simonson
Jim Skalitzyk

Lee Skalitzyk
Danny Slattery
Ken Smith
Christopher Smith
Joseph Z Snyder
Lisa Snyder
Kathy Sobottke
Linda Stalter
Lee Stalter
Jim Stankovsky
Edith Stankovsky
David Staufenbeil
Calista Staufenbeil
Jolie Steeger
Jenny Steeger
Adam Steffan
Stanley Steingold
Michael Steinke
Susan Steinke
Dennis Steinke
Phil Stepanski
Danita Stich
Antoinette Stikl
Ann Stover
Ron Strampe
Judy Strampe
Deanna Strasse
Dana Strothenke
Diana Susa
Jann Szczepanski
Lee Szczepanski
Robert Szyba
Sharon Szyba
Marianne Szymanski
Cobi Tappa
Marsha Tenwinkel
Kathy Terlizzi
Conni Terlizzi
Lois Tesch
Redding Tews
Karen Thaker
Yeng Thao
Verne Thieme
Ava Thomann
Lyle Thompson
Dorothy Thoms
Tanya Tranberg
Jeanne Troglia
Paul Troglia
Sheri Turnaciff
Katarina Vandlik
Dove Vanness
Danna Vanness
Karen Vaughn
Cindy Velcheck
Judy Vento
Glenn Villa
MartinWallner
Kathy Warner
Julia Warner
Carol Wehrley
Betty Weier
Zach Weiner
Megan Weiner
Aimee Weiner
Sheri Weitner
Tom Wendt
Shirley Wendt
Carla Werner
Nora Werra
Pat Westen
Mark Westen
Gary Westerbeek
Kathy Westerbeek
Sami Williams
Annette Williams
Terry Winter
Lila Wixom
Pepper Wood
Susan Wustrack
Georgine Yanicke
Rachel Young
Nolan Zadra
Dan Zeck
Phyllis Zeck
Zach Zembrowski
Matt Zembrowski
Erica Ziino
John Ziino
Pat Ziino
Jeanne Zimmerman
Susan Zuern

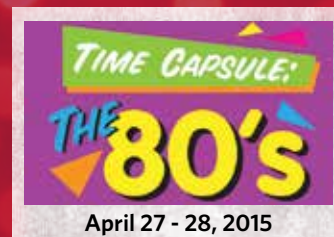


2014-2015 Season

Furlan Auditorium Productions



Musical MainStage Concert Series



SideNotes Cabaret Series



Financial Overview 2014-2015

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash	\$	221,973	
Accounts Receivable	\$	9,112	
Other Current Assets	\$	22,004	
Total Current Assets			\$ 253,089

Fixed Assets

Building & Equipment	\$	2,511,293	
Depreciations	\$	(1,771,225)	
Total Fixed Assets			\$ 740,067

TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 993,156
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Advanced Ticket Sales	\$	151,253	
Other Current Liabilities	\$	85,656	
Total Current Liabilities			\$ 236,909

Mortgage	\$	514,923	
Other Long term Liabilities	\$	100,000	
Total Long Term Liabilities			\$ 614,923

Total Equity			\$ 141,324
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			\$ 993,156
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Sponsor a Sunset Show

There are many great opportunities to sponsor a Furlan Auditorium Production, Musical MainStage Concert, A SideNotes Cabaret Show or a bug in a rug Children's Theater Show. A sponsor is recognized in the show's program, in the advertisements and eblasts for the show, and on Sunset's website. A sponsor of a Furlan Auditorium Production receives 50 tickets to the show and the use of the Studio Theatre for a pre-show reception.

Following the performance, the sponsor's guests may return to the Studio Theatre to continue their party and meet the cast members at this post-performance reception.



Advertise in a Sunset Program

The Sunset Playhouse produces its own program. There are eight programs per season. There are 2150 performances in a season showing to 30,000 to 35,000 people. The audience of the Sunset Playhouse is composed primarily of Milwaukee and Waukesha County residents with the resources to attend the theater and patronize our advertizers. An ad in one or the entire Furlan Auditorium Production Season is a perfect opportunity for businesses to reach a loyal customer base while supporting the Sunset Playhouse.

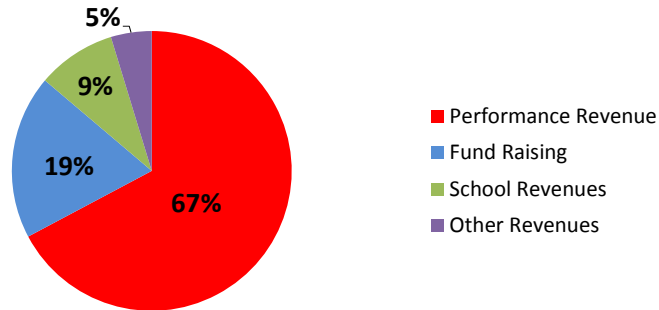


Financial Overview 2014-2015

Revenue and Expense Statement

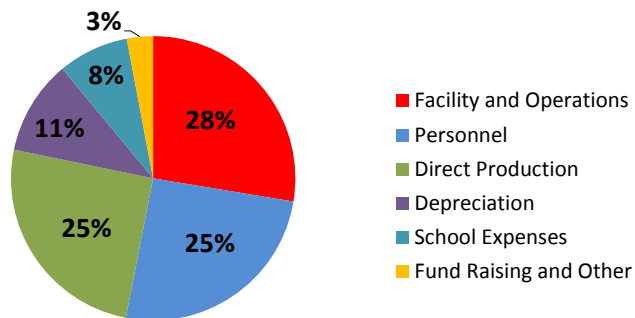
Revenue

Performance Revenue	\$ 585,031
Fund Raising	\$ 164,942
School Revenues	\$ 79,271
Other Revenues	\$ 40,925
Total Revenue	\$ 870,169



Expenses

Facility and Operations	\$ 210,351
Personnel	\$ 194,251
Direct Production	\$ 191,749
Depreciation	\$ 81,938
School Expenses	\$ 61,150
Fund Raising and Other	\$ 22,761
Total Expenses	\$ 762,200



Net Operating Result \$ 107,969





Dear Sunset Stars:

The mission of Sunset Playhouse includes an emphasis on education. Our renowned School for the Arts has been educating and entertaining children for over fifty years. We nurture self-confidence, encourage

collaboration, and value each student who participates in our programs as a unique individual.

Our 2014-15 School for the Arts season saw our current programs grow, as well as many new offerings take off. Year-round programming welcomed over 320 students, and our School for the Arts and bug in a rug performances brought more than 2,500 patrons through our doors. Our school educated over 700 students at off-site locations through after-school classes, high interest days, and Girl Scout/Boy Scout workshops. Our bug in a rug series performed for 11,000+ children at 57 traveling performances.

New this year was our exciting Junior Musical Session, offered in the fall of 2014. At the same time our Furlan Mainstage Series was producing GUYS AND DOLLS, our school was developing GUYS AND DOLLS JUNIOR. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, including an inspiring mentoring night between the student and the adult casts. We also expanded our Performance Camp by offering two complete sessions (instead of one), during which students audition, rehearse, participate in technical aspects, and perform an original musical—all in one week!

Thanks to grant funding from the Wisconsin Arts Board, we were able to offer our Actletes program again during our 2014-15 season. Area high school students were given the opportunity to explore theater and create work based on their own ideas, initiative, and perspective. They participated in a variety of workshops and created two full productions (one an original musical they wrote) during the season.

I am proud to report all of these fantastic numbers for our School for the Arts. I, the teaching staff, and professional performers work hard to inspire a new generation of theater patrons, volunteers, and participants. However, the best memories are those of a student's laughter, the aha moment, a four-year old patron's excitement, a student's huge leap in confidence, etc. These are the really special moments we celebrate each season.

And now we turn our attention to a brand new 2015-16 season with a glimmer in our eyes as we prepare to meet the next generation of Sunset Playhouse supporters.

See you at the theater!

Erika Navin

Erika Navin

Sunset Playhouse School for the Arts

The Sunset School for the Arts has been providing performing arts education and quality children's theater for over 50 years. The school's mission is to provide programs that enable youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the performing arts, as well as gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture.

Our Educational Programs:

- provide an environment for students to learn and grow as artists
- nurture self-confidence and discipline
- encourage individuality AND teamwork



"My daughter has grown so much and I credit much of her growth from a shy, timid first grader to the outgoing, confident, talented performer she is today to her experience at Sunset."

Jen R. - Sunset parent

The Sunset Playhouse School for the Arts offers:

- Weekly classes and workshops conducted during Fall, Winter, and Summer sessions for children ages 2 - 18
- Summer Performing Arts Camps
- A fully-staged Junior Musical Session for children ages 8 - 16



"I just wanted to let you know how much my daughter enjoyed her musical theater class at Sunset! Many years ago my sister and I took a fun drama class at Sunset taught by Alan Furlan, and I was so happy to have the chance to return with my daughter. Thank you so very much for this wonderful opportunity." Molly H - Sunset Parent

Alan Furlan Memorial Scholarship Fund



The Alan Furlan Scholarship of Sunset Playhouse was established in 1982 to provide financial assistance to Sunset volunteers who are pursuing a career or advancement in any facet of the performing arts.

Named for Alan Furlan, Sunset's long-time Artistic and Managing Director, grants are supported through a variety of means including cookie sales at all performances, and gifts and donations from our audiences, members, corporate sponsors, and the community. The Scholarship Fund is administered by the Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors.

Sunset Playhouse

Actletes Troupe

Named by Stephanie Seymour, a sophomore at Eisenhower High School, the Sunset Actletes program began in September of 2010. The Wisconsin Arts Board has generously funded the program for our 2014-15 season.

Actletes is:

- Open to all high school students
- Provides theatrical education through workshops and classes
- Performance opportunities
- Production execution from start to finish



"I love Actletes because no matter who you are or how much theater experience you have, you're immediately welcomed into the family." Alyssa R. 2014 - 15 Actlete

"The Actletes Program - and the people you've assembled within it - have been so valuable to my daughter and those who love her. She is getting a more well-rounded view of how challenging and how rewarding a career in the arts can be."

Lenny H - parent of 2014-15 Actlete

Community Outreach

The Sunset Playhouse School for the Arts provides many children their first introduction to arts and culture through classes and public performances.

We offer:

- Theater Workshops
- Classroom Curriculum Enhancement
- High Interest and Career Days
- Volunteer Opportunities



"Thank you for once again engaging our daughter's fondness for singing, dancing and acting. She is by far, not a great performer, but she has fun! You are the best and all of your efforts with the School for the Arts are truly appreciated." Joanne T - Sunset parent

Sunset Playhouse bug in a rug Children's Theater

The Sunset Playhouse School for the Arts produces a 3-show Children's Theater series called bug in a rug.

Children ages 2 - 8 as well as the whole family:

- Laugh together
- Learn a variety of values like teamwork, friendship, and perseverance
- Gain an appreciation for live theater

Each Sunset Playhouse bug in a rug original production includes public performances at Sunset Playhouse and tours to area elementary schools, preschools, libraries, and community centers allowing thousands of children, perhaps for the first time, to experience the excitement and joy of live theater.



"My second graders loved the performance! The actors inspired the children to become actors themselves by involving them in the play! Both young and old audience members were engaged and loving every minute of the show!" L. Shinnors, Tonawanda Elementary

"Sunset Playhouse always impresses our librarians and audiences with their professional performances and inspirational messages"

L. Lowrey Milwaukee Public Library

Sunset Playhouse bug in a rug Children's Theater

2014-2015 Season



November 13-15, 2014



February 19-21, 2015



May 13-16, 2015



November 11-14, 2015



February 10-13, 2016



May 11-14, 2016

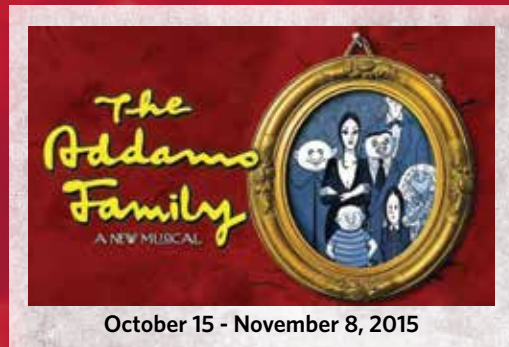
2015-2016 Season

2015-2016 *Season*

Furlan Auditorium Productions



September 10 - 27, 2015



October 15 - November 8, 2015



December 3 - 27, 2015



January 21 - February 6, 2016



March 3 - 20, 2016



April 21 - May 8, 2016



June 2 - 19, 2016



July 14 - August 7, 2016

2015-2016 *Season*

Musical MainStage Concert Series



September 14 -15, 2015



November 2 -3, 2015



December 7 - 8, 2015



February 1 -2, 2016



March 14 - 15, 2016



April 25 - 26, 2016

SideNotes Cabaret Series



RANA... ROAMIN'
A MUSICAL MEMOIR
October 1 - 3, 2015



HAVE A COOL YULE
WITH CHRIS MARIANI
December 16 - 19, 2015



FUN FUN FUN!
WITH MRS. FUN
February 18 - 20, 2015



HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE FOOTLIGHTS
April 7 - 9, 2015



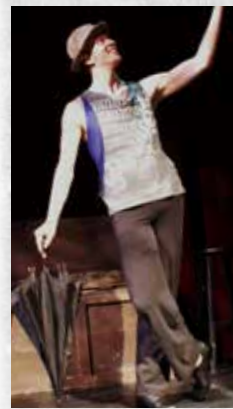
OUR FAVORITE THINGS:
A TRIBUTE TO JULIE ANDREWS
May 19 - 21, 2015

Musical MainStage Concert Series



Sunset's Musical MainStage Concert Series celebrates its tenth birthday this season! These popular productions, showcasing professional singers and musicians, feature a different theme for each of its six concerts. In addition, every show introduces one promising high school student. To date, more than forty talented "Rising Stars" have had the opportunity to appear at the Sunset, many of whom have gone on to perform all over the country. With a funny and informative script, two narrators provide a framework for the theme and song selections. Sunset is very proud to host Musical MainStage and we think the series' tenth season is an achievement worth celebrating!

SideNotes Cabaret Series



Now in its eighth season, Sunset's SideNotes Cabaret Series continues to offer a unique assortment of outstanding musical entertainment presented by talented professionals in an intimate, casual setting. SideNotes cabarets feature music from theatre, film, popular culture, and the Great American Songbook, often highlighting show biz legends who have helped shape the world of entertainment. Relax with a tasty cocktail or glass of wine and come to the SideNotes Cabaret for an exceptional and distinctive evening of lively performances presented by the area's finest performers and musicians. You're sure to enjoy all the variety SideNotes has to offer!

History of Sunset Playhouse

Sunset Playhouse is a not-for-profit community theater organization, incorporated in 1954. In the 1950s, a small theater group from St. Mary's Church in Elm Grove had been leading a transitory life, performing in different venues. A building fund drive was launched, enlisting the support of the entire metropolitan Milwaukee area. Eventually the theater group managed to buy swampy land and the **Sunset Playhouse** opened its doors in March of 1960.



Sunset was the first theater in the state of Wisconsin to be built entirely by a community theater group, but the founders of the **Playhouse** didn't have enough money to build the facility of their dreams.

While the structure was little more than a concrete box, it was the ticket to providing the levels of quality and service the community deserved. Without having to worry about conflicting with school events or janitor schedules, the new group's new home would quickly become the bedrock upon which **Sunset Playhouse** would continue to grow and attract thousands of volunteers.



With four additions over forty years, the **Playhouse** has come a long way since those early productions when the audience sat on folding chairs. A 1968 addition expanded the lobby, allowing the business office to move out of the basement.



In 1973, the scene shop was able to move upstairs, with a large furniture and prop storage room below. The lobby and offices grew again in 1981 and then, in 1999, with the biggest undertaking since the construction of the original building. A Studio Theatre was added, along with a new rehearsal hall, dressing rooms, catering kitchen, and a completely rebuilt and expanded lobby.

Over the past 60 years, **Sunset** has benefitted from the leadership of Ian Dobbie, Alan Furlan, Michael Spicer, Thomas Somerville, Michael Duncan, Mark Salentine, Jonathan West, Diana Alioto, and our current Artistic Director, Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong. The theater's staff consists of an Education Director, Technical Director, Business Manager/Volunteer Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Box Office Manager, Box Office Associates, and Theater Technicians. In addition, **Sunset** benefits from a large pool of talented and dedicated volunteers who work in conjunction with these professionals and are essential to the on-going success of the **Playhouse**. **Sunset** is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership.



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