

The Revue

News and Happenings of The Gooseberry Park Players

The week of July 7, 2008 • 218-299-3314 • For the Amazing Cast, Crew, and Company of *The Wiz*

Now That's the Ticket An Very Important Ticket Update

First, the good news—we're very close to hitting our first ticket milestone of 25% of all tickets sold. We'll have treats with the cast and crew to mark the occasion and thank them for their hard work.

Now, the challenge—that means **we still have 75% of our tickets to sell**, and only two weeks to do it.

Please remember that **each family committed to sell a minimum of 25 tickets**. As a program that doesn't charge a participation fee, ticket revenue is an important part of our budget. We need your support to be successful. To those of you who have met or exceeded your commitment—thank you! We need you to keep up the good work and continue taking orders for tickets. To those of you are just getting started, now is the time! Please talk to your friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, classmates, teammates, teachers, youth groups, service clubs, etc. This will be an amazing production and we want as many people as possible to see it. YOU are the best marketers we have—we have placed posters and billboards throughout the area, but they can't match the excitement and energy of someone involved in the program talking about the show. We are proud of how hard the cast, crew and staff work, and **performing for a full house** is one of the most rewarding ways to see that hard work pay off.

Some things to keep in mind:

- The Box Office is now open from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can turn in ticket orders any time the Box Office is open. Likewise, anyone can call the Box Office to order tickets during those hours.
- When taking orders over the phone, Box Office staff will always ask if someone in the company referred the caller for tickets so we can make sure those sales are counted towards each family's ticket commitment.
- There is a display outside the Lab Theater that breaks down ticket sales by performance. Stop in and check out our progress.
- Some shows will be reserved out sooner than others. Since tickets are available for all shows right now, this is an ideal time to make sure that everyone is able to get tickets to the performance of their choice.

Keep the orders coming—we'll update you on our progress at the end of the week!

Now Here's Something You Really Can't Miss

Parents are strongly encouraged come Monday, July 14 at 6 P.M. so we can:

- **eat** (this is the 3rd family potluck)
- **meet** (parents will have a get-together with Jim)
- **have a seat** (in the theatre)
- **for a treat** (preview a showcase of what your kids have been working on)
- **and sign up** (for volunteer duties during the performances—sorry, couldn't think of a word that rhymed here)

At the risk of repeating myself, we are all *strongly encouraged—dare I say required*—to attend. There will a lot of information shared and it's important we touch base. Also, the company will be signing show posters to be auctioned off at the silent auction (always a popular item), so kids need to come and share their autograph, which may be famous some day.

This potluck will feature brats and hot dogs, so the families with the last names beginning with these letters please bring the following:

A–D: desserts

F–H: hot dogs or brats (cooked)

J–O: chips and sliced hot dog buns

R–W: beans and fruit

Bring enough for two families. It will be held in the Lab Theatre at Concordia as usual. Drinks napkins, plates and utensils will be provided See you all there!

One Big Happy Family

At Gooseberry, we pride ourselves on being one great big, caring family. But just like in any family, we all have our "chores" to do in order to be successful. Please keep in mind that we are a fee-free program and would not survive without the "sweat equity" of our families.

Have You:

- Put in volunteer hours? *Each family is asked to put in 30 hours.*
- Sold tickets? *Each family is asked to sell at least 25.*
- Donated to the Silent Auction?
- Asked someone to be a Corporate Sponsor?
- Had fun and made new friends? *We sure hope so!*

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The Silent Auction Final Stretch...

We're entering the home stretch for silent auction donations. Please drop your donation in the blue tote at the box office or contact Gary Totten for a pickup. The program goes to press in a few days, and we want to acknowledge silent auction donors in the program. If you are planning to donate something to the silent auction, let Gary know ASAP. Remember that we will gladly accept any and all items or services for the auction. We also need baskets/containers for display purposes.

Also, tell your friends and family—and get geared up yourself—for great items already donated, such as a braces package (worth \$5,000!), Lasik eye surgery package, \$500 Hotel Donaldson donation and more.

It's Good to Be Needed And We Need You!

CORPORATE DONATIONS. Please keep in mind that your support is still needed. We strongly encourage every family to find at least one corporate or private donation. Remember to check with the businesses you frequent; those that rely on your business. (Insurance Agents, Accountants, Lawyers, Real Estate Agents, Chiropractors, Physicians, Dentists, etc.) We would also like you to note that we accept donations year round. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any board member. You will also find more corporate brochures at the Box Office.

Oops Good to Know We're Only Human

There were a couple of errors on the company locator that went out last week. Please make the following corrections:

- Under Larson, MacKenzie Larson and Marisa Sweeney were misspelled. Correctly spelled here.
- Maren Hulden's phone is 701.866.9796
- Adam Bakken's mom's e-mail should be janwitte@solutionsinpractice.org

Special, Just for You An Additional Tech Call Saturday, July 12th

In addition to our regularly scheduled Tuesday and Thursday night calls, there will be a special tech call on Saturday from 10 A.M.–5 P.M. for major painting and set construction. Shift schedule for Saturday is:

10 A.M.–12 P.M.; 1–3 P.M.; 3–5 P.M.

We need 6 to 7 people per shift for painting and 4 to 5 people per shift for set construction. There is a sign up sheet posted outside the lab or you can sign up by e-mail to gppbios@cableone.net.

They're Good, But They're Not Mind Readers...

Please remember to sign up ahead of time if you're planning to come to a tech call. The professional staff plan projects based on the number and skills of the individuals/families who have signed up *in advance*; if others come who haven't signed up, there may not be projects or resources available to make the best use of everyone's time.

Also remember to log your volunteer hours in the one of the Volunteer Binders located outside the theatre or in the shop. Thanks for all that you do!

You Could Be A Star Or at Least Buy a Star Ad

The deadline has passed for purchasing star ads, which are ads that go in the program from you, the proud family member, congratulating your child on all of his or her hard work. We can extend the deadline till the end of this week, so please get them in to Pam Hestenes (pnh0001@aol.com). They are only \$25 and mean a lot to the kids who work so hard. Don't worry that you need to be ultra-clever. Just a simple "Congratulations, we're proud of you!" would be great.

"The Wiz" T-Shirts They Sure Look Good on You!

Gooseberry has one medium and two large T-shirts available. Cost \$15 each. Contact Dave Schroeder at 701-799-0206.

*The kids are doing great and the show is moving along wonderfully. Thank you for being a part of Gooseberry!
We are honored to be able to provide this summer theatre experience for your family.*