

Showcasing the SE Wisconsin North Shore Academy of the Arts Community in the Visual, Literary and Performing Arts

In the Spotlight is a quarterly newsletter that highlights just some of the cultural and educational happenings around the North Shore Academy of the Arts. Please visit <http://www.northshoreacademyofthearts.com> and register at the bottom of the homepage to become a subscriber of the "latest and greatest" NSAA news and happenings.

President's Spotlight

Thanks to the efforts of our new marketing director, Angela Mack, we are proud to share with you our first newsletter. Within the body of this we hope you will get a glimpse of the exciting opportunities you can find at NSAA.

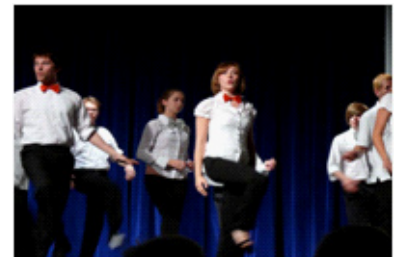
Fall marks an important season for NSAA—the launch of new programs and the kick off of our production season. This fall we'll be producing *Willy Wonka*.

If you've had the opportunity to read the delicious story or see the movie of *Willy Wonka*, you'll realize why Stagekids Production is producing the musical this fall. Not only is the message worthwhile, but the story is endearing. Who can resist rooting for the boy whose hope rests on the one in a million chance of finding the golden ticket?

We at NSAA believe in golden tickets...that everyone has the chance to win. To win means to reach for dreams and achieve.

Join us this fall in the search for the golden tickets as we team up with a local chocolate producer. You'll see NSAA Stagekids *Wonka* chocolate bars for sale around our community. Buy one—buy many. As you unwrap it, think about your talents and dreams and how, as you unwrap life, you just might find the golden ticket.

The News Graphic will cover the story and announce the tickets found. For those of you who don't find a ticket, take comfort in knowing you are supporting a great cause—NSAA is a not-for-profit organization in the arts. For those who do find a ticket...stay tuned to see what your winnings have earned you.



"Secret Identity" performs the song "One" from A Chorus Line, photo by Anna Jaehnert

For everyone, keep believing in golden opportunities. And never pass up a chance to unwrap a "bar of chocolate." You never know what you'll discover...

Imagine...Discover....Create....Dream,



Sheri Bestor, NSAA Founder and President

Staff Spotlight by Angela Mack

NSAA is supported by staff and volunteers who are passionate about the arts. They have interesting lives and stories that we think the community should know about! Shining in this spotlight.....

Paula Christensen, NSAA Program Director, Art Instructor, and Artist

At the age of five, she was given real canvas and a tube of acrylic paints. Little did she know that she would grow up to be voted among one of the most influential in the Milwaukee art scene as well as one of the most influential around NSAA.

As a little girl, Paula lived in Milan, Italy and her parents were her primary influence. They exposed her to the arts at an early age, encouraged her dreams, and gave her the tools necessary to become successful in the arts. They sought documentaries about artists and music for entertainment. Family vacations were spent viewing art. Paula's mom was an opera singer in Chicago and Italy. Her father had his PhD in Political Science but also helped with stage design.

Paula's childhood dream was to become an author. Her parents helped her send her five page novels to every New York publisher they could find. Even though her stories were rejected, she will always cherish one letter. One publisher took the time to hand write her a letter thanking her for her submission. That personal touch fanned the flames and encouraged her to continue creating.

Paula carries that same personal touch with her as a director, instructor, and artist. It is Paula's goal to always give that personal support to each artist who walks through that door, so that NSAA is as inspiring as it is enriching.

She also treasures the legacy of her parents and remains thankful for being raised in an "arts filled" home. Her soul longs to travel "back

home" to Italy and throughout Europe someday. Her service and employment at NSAA and beyond has enriched hundreds of lives. Keep shining Paula!



(L) Paula (in glasses) poses with her Bayshore Mall friends in front of one of the "Whimsical Table For Two" tables created for Bayshore Mall

Brief bio: Paula Christensen went to MIAD for college and the Museum School in Boston for graduated studies. She received an achievement scholarship to Lesley College in Boston on the Harvard Campus. She has been a gallery director, artist, graphic designer, window designer, picture framer, illustrator and teacher. In addition to NSAA she has taught at MIAD, Milwaukee Art Museum, West Bend Art Museum, Wustum Art Museum and more.



Volunteers Needed in the Spotlight.....

Maintenance/Handy Man

General maintenance for an the building, inside and out. Flexible Hours.

Clerical Assistance

General clerical work and office help. Answer phones and take accurate and complete messages. Mornings or Afternoons. Flexible hours

Classroom Aides

Assist teacher in classroom, either performing arts or Visual Arts

Set Builders

Assist in NSAA scenery/set Building for upcoming productions

Summer Spotlight

Summer programming is still in full swing and summer classes are still available for registration, but here are some highlights from this summer..



Stagekids Team Elite Performers performing for the Mequon Recreation Department, photo by Mary H. Bromley

- * Stagekids Team Elite Performers (STEP) traveled to perform at "Gathering on the Green" in Mequon and "Broadway at Bayshore" at Bayshore Mall.
- * NSAA's adult performance group, "Secret Identity", directed by Jen Batiansila presented the show "The Best of Broadway" on the newly remodeled NSAA stage in June.
- * Ozaukee Idol and Ozaukee Jr. Idol initial auditions and semi-finals took place at NSAA.
- * Knuth Construction Company built a professional stage at NSAA and the lighting and sound systems were upgraded by Tom Faye of Faymous Music and Sound and Paul Thur from the Cedarburg PAC.
- * Ballet Princesses Dance camp, taught by Stagekix Department Director, Kathleen Fictum, has been a big hit with the 3 to 6 year olds!
- * Visual Arts programming such as "Summer Art Sampler" have been widely attended by kids of all ages.
- * "Musical Theatre Summer Camp" was widely attended in June. (Register now for the August sessions!)
- * NSAA artists collaborated to recycle Bayshore Mall tables into works of art on the "Whimsical Table for Two" project.
- * NSAA launched its first modeling programming through collaboration with "Je Suis Talent".
- * Erik Knuth taught the first family Yoga classes to be offered at NSAA.
- * "Imagine Me" preschool enrichment program offered complimentary classes on July 21 and July 29. (Still registering for fall arts enrichment programming.)
- * 2008 "NSAA Showcase" featured some of the finest NSAA adult and child entertainers.
- * "The Key" Mural Series is an exciting visual arts collaboration between NSAAA and Bayshore Mall.
- * St. Marcus Lutheran School from Milwaukee took the first Paramount Walking Tour designed for school groups.
- * NSAA alumnus and instructor, Josh Pope, recorded for Rhodium Records
- * NSAA's adult performance group, "Secret Identity", directed by Jen Batiansila presented the show "The Best of Broadway" on the newly remodeled NSAA stage in June.

Student Spotlight

by Kristin's Mom and NSAA costume volunteer, Kathy Monroe edited by Angela Mack

NSAA has influenced and enriched the lives of many students. Our arts programs create leaders who communicate well and influence the world around them. One of our longtime students shining in this spotlight.....

"When Kristin was four years old we took her to see NSAA's "Wizard of Oz". She sat on the edge of her seat the whole show and told me that this was going to be what she did when she got older. The next day she and her brother spent the whole day acting out the entire play. So when she was in first grade I signed her up for a NSAA class of "Annie" songs with Karen Schmidt. One day after class Mrs. Schmidt handed me an enrollment form for Pocohontas and told me to sign Kristin up because she had stage presence. So we did. Kristin played the little Indian girl in Pocohontas when she was in first grade. That's where it all began. Then,

2nd grade -Grease - chorus
 3rd grade - Fiddler on the Roof - chorus
 (One of our favorites!!!)
 4th grade - Sound of Music - nun chorus
 5th grade - Seussical - Bird girl
 5th-7th - private vocal lessons at NSAA
 6th grade - Wizard of Oz - Miss Gultch & understudy for Wicked Witch
 7th grade - High School Musical - basketball player & auditioner
 7th grade - Annie - Lily St. Regis
 7th grade - Stagekids Team Elite Performers (STEP)
 7th grade - Theater Jazz and Hip Hop
 next!!!! - Stagekids Willy Wonka and Pirates of Penzance, voice lessons, Stagekix Dance Team

Kristin is an all around good student. She loves to read and do projects for school. She was nominated by her teachers last year to attend a national leaders conference in Minneapolis this fall. She is currently attending confirmation class and participates in community service through church such as serving at St. Ben's, hunger walks, and worked with our church on the spring clean up at NSAA this year. She loves working with children.

Kristin hopes to be able to continue her acting throughout high school. She is excited that NSAA is expanding their programming to include high school students. She dreams of going to a big city college like Minnesota to become a teacher and hopes to be able to spend a year studying abroad in France." ---Kathy Monroe, Kristin's Mom



(L) Kristin as "The Wicked Witch" in the NSAA Stagekids Production of "Wizard of Oz"
 (R) Kristin wearing her best smile and positive attitude like she always does

Classroom Spotlight

Still accepting registration for "Imagine Me" Arts Enrichment Classes for ages 3 to 6. Call (262) 377-3514 and leave a message.



I'm an.....Artist, A Dancer, An Author, A Singer, An Actor, A Musician.....IMAGINE ME!
 "Imagine Me" is beginning its third year in providing premiere courses for the 3-6 year old child. What makes this program so unique is that the arts are emphasized and used as a primary tool for learning. The low student/teacher ratio (7/1) is appealing to many of our families as well as the quality of staff involved in the program. One of the developers and main instructors for this program is Barb Gould who graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Elementary Education and Area of Concentration in music. She is certified to teach kindergarten through eighth grade and has taught for over 20 years. She also has a Masters Degree in Instruction and Curriculum with a special interest in early literacy acquisition.

Depending on the child's interest, there are many options from attending every weekday to once or twice a week.

Picasso Course: Emphasis on the visual arts T/Th 9:30-11:15

Mozart Course: Emphasis on music M/W 9:30-11:15

Seussical Course: Emphasis on drama Fridays 9:00-11:15

Super Star Member Spotlight

Become a supporter of NSAA through our Super Star Membership Program designed to bring families and individuals together. Members receive many benefits which can be found at this link: http://www.nsaatv.org/AboutUs_Index.html

Individual \$50 Family \$100

Mail your check payable to NSAA:

North Shore Academy of the Arts

Attn: Super Star Membership Program

1111 Broad Street

Grafton, WI 53024

or call (262) 377-3514 to pay by credit card



Photo by Anna Jaehnert

*Membership is good for 12 consecutive months

Supporter Spotlight

Zaun Ralph
 Landis Gilda
 Knuth Construction Company
 Einhorn Foundation
 Greater Milwaukee Foundation
 The Family Peck Foundation
 The Columbus Foundation
 The Cedarburg Jr. Women's Club
 The Greater Cedarburg Foundation
 Anonymous
 Skorik Scott & Stephanie
 Cornell Mike and Cheri
 Marks James
 Biegert Robert

Buschman Joan
 Clark Ellen and Mitch
 Friedl Robert & Jennifer
 Frontier Anthony and Jennifer
 Hafner Robert and Melissa
 Isnard Linda
 Jaehnert Tina
 Kimmel Paul and Merlynn
 Knuth Marilyn E.
 Knuth Cheri & Erik
 Knuth Dan and Debbie
 Krieger Donna and Val
 Laszewski Jay & Family
 Levy Mr. & Mrs. Lowell

Noldin Paul and Angela
 Olson Jeff & Ann
 Slicker David and Jennifer
 Stumpf Robert
 Swanson Gil
 White Louise & Russell
 Wirthlin Robert & Jean
 Mabry Bill and Pat
 Willenson Neil and Adria
 Buening and Heiny Stacy and David
 Clark Ellen
 Reinhardt Mark
 Cibulka Joseph & Geraldine
 Stumpf Robert

Wirthlin Robert & Jean
 Featherstone Lisa
 Blum Les and Erin
 Murphy Mark W.
 Friedl Robert & Jennifer
 Cordio John J.
 Zyvoloski Mark and Barbara
 Kreiger Donna and Val
 Associated Bank
 Rhodium Records
 Techteriors

NSAA is a 501c3 organization that relies heavily on support from the community. We have many to thank, but in this spotlight we'd like to thank our recent supporters.....



Fall Spotlight.....

NSAA is now accepting registrations for fall classes.

How do I register?

- Drop off your register form and payment in the "registrations" box located outside of the NSAA building anytime.
- Go to our "current brochure" (insert link) on the website and print out the registration form. Drop off at NSAA registrations box or mail to:

NSAA, 1111 Broad Street, Grafton, WI 53024

- Call (262) 377-3514 and leave a message about the class you are interested in.

8/3 Ozaukee Idol & Jr. Idol finals at the Ozaukee County Fair
 8/24 NSAA performers at the Chalk Festival at Bayshore Mall
 9/2 NSAA performers at Bayshore Mall
 8/25 Disney's The Jungle Book show at NSAA 2pm
 9/22 NSAA Fall classes begin
 9/26 -9/28 Additional HathaYoga Classes Offered Due to Popular Demand
 10/10-10/11 NSAA & the Village of Grafton present the First Annual Pumpkin Festival
 1/23 Stagekids Willy Wonka opening at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center
 2/21 Starlight Night annual dinner, auction, and entertainment fundraising event