

# Curtain Call

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## The "Emperor" is Coming

*Trina Ruyle*

The Riverside Players, the Sauk Prairie community theatre group, is pleased to offer a world class opportunity right here in Sauk Prairie.

The Kennedy Center's Imagination Celebration on Tour is visiting the River Arts Center for two shows on Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The Kennedy Center artists will perform *The Emperor's New Clothes* in opera format. This program is will appeal to all ages and has educational material and outreach activities included. Teachers workshops are being offered at the elementary and middle school levels and curricular packets are available for classrooms in the district. In addition, the Prairie du Sac Public Library will have the story and music available in listening stations before the performance and are planning other activities related to the performances.

Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. More information about the show can be found on the Kennedy Center's web site... [www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/ontour](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/ontour)

Tickets go on sale October 24, 2003. Tickets may be ordered in advance

through the River Arts Center's Box Office, this newsletter, or by visiting RiverSide Player's Web Site: [www.geocities.com/riverside\\_players](http://www.geocities.com/riverside_players).

## How We Spent Our Summer Vacation

*Diane Sullivan*

### The Funnel Cake Wagon

Riverside Players board was thrilled with the success of the funnel cake wagon at this year's Cow Chip festival. The great part was that we were always busy. The unfortunate part was that we had to close down at 5:00 on Saturday because we had run out of batter. Next year, we'll know to buy more supplies. We'd like to thank all of you who helped, and encourage anyone who would like to help next year to call Diane Sullivan at 644-1435. We'll get your name on a list!!

Thanks again to all who helped and all who ate!

### Drama Camp

Our summer drama camp, Fractured Fairy Tales was a theatrical success. 15 kids flourished under the direction of Jamie Olah. It was an intense week of acting exercises, rehearsing, costuming and learning the fundamentals of theatre. The evening production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was enthusiastically received and well attended. Riverside Players would like to thank Deb Cork for making this dream a reality and for making sure all the kids were costumed. Look for another drama camp or two next summer.



## Board Changes

This summer has also seen a change to the composition of the Board of Directors: while we gained a new member, Eric Dingman, we lost two valued members, Patrice Luer and Deb Cork. Both Patrice and Deb are currently refocusing their volunteer efforts, and may, from time to time, come out to play with us again!

Our newest board member, Eric Dingman, joined us in the spring. Some of you may know Eric as Nick's Dad. We're discovering that he's a very good addition to the Board!

## Costume Rentals Suspended

Since our costume mistress, Deb, resigned from the board, we're feeling the pinch on Costume Rentals!

We are sorry to announce that we will not be renting costumes in 2003. We promise, however, to do our very best to bring you back this service in 2004!

If you're interested in helping out with Costumes, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you!

## Upcoming Events

**October 24, 2003**  
**The River Arts Center**  
***To See the Stars***

This year's Middle School Production. Contact the Chris Kratzke for more information.

**October 31, 2003**  
**5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
**The Masonic Temple, PdS**  
**\$2 per person**  
***Haunted House***

Bring your kids for a Halloween treat! For more information call Eric Dingman.

**November 2, 2003**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**River Arts Center**  
***Board Meeting***

Interested in participating? For more information call Chris Kratzke.

**November 2003**  
**River Arts Center**  
***The Boyfriend***

For more information call the RAC.

**December 18, 19, & 20, 2003**  
**7pm (18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>), 4pm (19<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Leahy Theater**  
***ALKY***

This production is about teen drug and alcohol abuse. For more information call Diane Sullivan.

**November 23, 2003**  
**River Arts Center**  
**2 p.m. & 4 p.m.**  
***The Emperor's New Clothes***

See the article for the details of this event. For more information call the Box Office @ 643-5634.

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### *Riverside Players Community Theater Board*

#### **How to contact the board:**

Chris Kratzke	President	643-2147
John Kremm	Secretary	828-9442
Kurt Eakle	Treasurer	643-8151
Mercedes Cox	Honorary	643-8018
Shirlee Lendved	Director	592-4810
Eric Dingman	Director	
Diane Sullivan	Director	644-1435
Trina Ruyle	Director	355-2525

#### **Riverside Players Mailing Address:**

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#### **Riverside Players email Address:**

riverside\_players@yahoo.com

#### **Riverside Players on the Web:**

www.geocities.com/riverside\_players

www.madison.com/communities/riverside\_players

The two web sites are complement each other--you can find out all sorts of stuff in both of them! Come and Visit!

### Membership Makes it Happen!

Support us with Money--

- Become a Member,
- Make a Donation,
- Purchase an ad in a program
- Help us purchase a specific item.

Support us with Time--

- Become a Board Member
- Join a Committee,
- Work on a production,
- Be IN a production!

Your donation helps us to bring events like *The Emperor's New Clothes* to Sauk Prairie and to do shows like *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten!*

*Use this handy form! Fill it out & send it back!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address (If you prefer being contacted this way!):

\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Levels:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 — Individual
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 — Family

**Performing Partner Levels:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10-\$99 — Stagehands Union
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 - \$249 — Actors Equity
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 - \$499 — Playwrights Guild
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 - \$999 — Directors Circle
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 + — Producers Club

**Please contact me about Volunteering:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Back Stage, In the House
- \_\_\_\_\_ On Stage
- \_\_\_\_\_ I' m even interested in being on the Board!
- \_\_\_\_\_ I just want to talk!

**Advertising**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I' m interested in putting an advertisement in your next program! Please contact me!

RiverSide Players is a non-profit 501(c)3 Corporation. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the current tax law.

Checks should be made payable to RiverSide Players. Mail your check with this form to:

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# Ticket Order Form

Use this handy form to order your tickets for *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (just in case we need to contact you): \_\_\_\_\_

eMail address, if you'd like confirmation that we got your order:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Show Date: November 23, 2003**

Select one of these two times: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 p. m. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 p.m.

Tell us how many tickets you want:

	Quantity	Amount	Total
Adult Tickets		\$10	
Student Tickets		\$6	
Donation *			
Postage **		\$1	
<b>Total</b>			

\* Extra help is always appreciated!

\*\* Tickets put on ' Will Call' at the Box Office, don't pay this fee!

You may choose your payment option:

\_\_\_\_\_ I'll pay now, here's my check (please make checks payable to "Riverside Players").

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Mail My Tickets to me when they are available

\_\_\_\_\_ Please keep my tickets in the Box Office, I'll pick them up on Show Day

\_\_\_\_\_ I'll charge them when I pick them up at the Box Office! There will be an extra fee of \$1 to charge your tickets.

Please mail this form with your check to:

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# Mercede' s Musings

*Mercedes Cox*

In 1990, Riverside Players Theatre was formed when a proposal was presented to, and approved by, the Community Education Council.

Leslie McFarlane became President and would lead Riverside Players for many years, becoming one of it' s staunchest members.

In the very beginning, an advertisement was placed in *The Star* seeking interested individuals. One day, Nancy Breunig, with the Community Education Center, found a resume under her office door from Rael Le Breche, who, with his family, had just moved here from Madison. Mr. Le Breche had been very active in theatre on the UW campus. He became our very first director for our very first production, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, which played to a capacity crowd in the Community Education Center.

Back then, Riverside Player' s mission and vision was, not only, to bring drama back to the high school students, but also provide dramatic experiences to all levels of education from K-12. Luckily for us, Cliff Thompson and Dr. Richard Magnuson were fully behind our efforts and supported us all the way.

Since then, the Sauk Prairie High School' s Music Department maintains it' s record for excellent musical productions. Many more dramas have been directed by Mr. Le Breche. Even the student' s own production of *Electra* last spring was obviously, a demonstration of their real interest in real drama!

There are many funny, tragic and unusual events that have happened in our 13 years of existence, from the loss of family members to substituting actors at the last minute to technical problems (like when

the lights went out during a production at the Community Center).

Riverside Players has been all over the Sauk Prairie area reading scripts, holding auditions, finding costumes, raising funds, etc. One of our biggest challenges is finding, and keeping, a willing group of volunteers. We continue to encourage interested people to join the Riverside Players Board, audition for productions, volunteer as member of a production team, or help out with fund raising events.

While drama activities are not new to Sauk prairie high school, it is very fulfilling to see the interest and progress that has occurred in the past 13 years. We hope that Riverside Players has contributed a little to the rejuvenation of drama for every age. And we invite you to come to both the Middle School production of *To See the Stars* in October and the High School' s production of *The Boyfriend* in November.

## Party, Party, Party!

*M. I. Ghostly, Jr.*

When I moved into Prairie du Sac in early October, I had to look hard for a suitable place to live and I finally found it! It' s just wonderful. It' s very old & dark and I just love it!

I' ve spend all month planning my October decorations and I' m just about done with them. In fact, some of the nice students at the High School and at the Middle School are helping me put the final touches on!

All that' s left to do is to invite you and your youngin' s to my "Open Basement" Party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Just stop by between 5pm and 8pm and I' ll give you a tour of my new digs! Be careful, there might just be a Monster at the door charging you to come in (don' t worry too much, though, It doesn' t usually charge too much--around \$2 I think).

Look for my signs on Water Street--they' ll point the way to my new home! See you soon!

## Current Member List

We owe a big Thank You to our members--your continued support is very important to us--for without **you**, we wouldn' t be here!

## Family Members

John & Peg Faludi  
Denman & ramona Kramer  
Josie Tarnutzer

## Stagehands Union

Nancy & John Appleyard \*  
Hazel & Ray Bayley  
Sally & Pete Blum \*  
Don Bye  
Chris & Roxann Grinde  
Dana Kolb  
Frank & Laura Olah  
Dorothy Schauf  
Geri Symons

## Actor's Equity

Mercedes Cox \*  
Kurt Eakle & Anna Bruhn

## Director's Circle

Sauk Prairie United Way

## Producer's Club

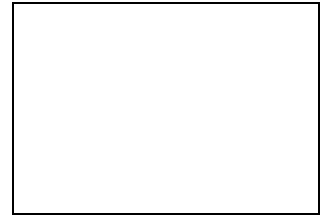
Sauk Prairie County Arts, Humanities & Preservation Committee

Names with a "\*" are Charter Members!

Won' t you consider renewing your membership today? We' d really love to have you join us.

Please also mark your calendars for the January Member Meeting. We will be looking for a nice place to meet, preferably where we can also have cake and coffee...we hope to see all our members there!

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## Get Involved!!!

*Trina Ruyle*

Riverside Players is always happy to see new faces at our meetings. We always need fresh ideas and energetic individuals to be involved in our community theatre group.

If you, or someone you know, would like to direct, act, build sets, sell tickets, make costumes, organize fund raisers, or be a part of a decision making team to bring great theatre to Sauk Prairie, contact us!



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**December 7, 2003**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Hillcrest on Lake Wisconsin**  
**Annual Meeting**

Please join us at the Hillcrest for our Annual Meeting! For more information and reservations please call Mercedes Cox.

**January 2, 2003**  
**Time, Location are TBD!**  
**Member's Meeting**

Come spend an evening with us to discuss what you would like to see from us. For more information call Chris Kratzke

***Keep a watch for future events--we're working on a play reading and a summer production!***