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Message from Amanda Gramza CPA Stage Technician



I am graduating on Saturday. I will have a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education.

Congratulations, Amanda!

Announcement Letter

A Season Announcement letter that will be personalized and mailed to 1,000 subscribers and donors as well as approximately 6,000 past, single-ticket buyers will be mailed out next week.

New amenities such as an On-Site Soup & Salad Café, pre-show activities, new restaurant partners and our new, on-stage Opera Up Close series will be introduced. Patrons are encouraged to become subscribers by purchasing 3 or more shows.

Weekly Update

The first Weekly Team Update was emailed on January 28, 2008.

Since then, the Weekly Team Update has grown to include news relating to not only the CPA Team but the whole IA Team.

I enjoy hearing from you and in turn sharing your good news and ideas with the team. I'm also always on the lookout for pictures and *Food For Thought* quotes. Feel free to send me your articles, quotes, and pictures anytime during the week. The deadline is noon on Fridays.

Arts In Education

Teachers were mailed a "Sneak Peek" of next year's Arts In Education shows and

were asked to be "Early Bees". They were offered incentives to order early and order they have! More than 2,500 tickets have already been sold for the 2010-2011 season.



Message from Burt Dikelsky CPA Executive Director

The Center for Performing Arts theatre camp will return to campus in two weeks. Emerald City Theatre Company of Chicago will work with 50 children from GSU and the Southland to produce an extravaganza called Juke Box Musical Theatre on June 25 at 7 p.m. Joining the professionals from Emerald City will be Kristin Garey daughter of Cheri Garey of IA, Tori Buenger daughter of John Buenger in IT, and Olivia Jones daughter of Loretta Jones in HR. These young women will be acting as counselors to help the kids get the most out of their experience here at GSU.



Message from Jon Cobb CPA Theater Manager

Hi Everybody –

This weekend in The Center one of our favorite dance recitals by American Dance Center returns for a five show run. Limited seats are still available, and this is truly one of those worth seeing. For more info contact our box office at x2222, or simply purchase tickets at the door for \$21 each. Show times are at 11a, 3p and 7p on Saturday and at 2p and 6p on Sunday.

Meanwhile, I'd like to draw your attention to another great rental event we have coming up on Saturday September 11th at 7:30pm. This massive blues jam featuring some of the hottest performers in the Southland, including the legendary Lonnie Brooks, is sure to sell out - so the smart cookie buys their seat today! I've copied the text below from our website, and if you click on the link shown you can even watch an excellent sample video.

http://www.centertickets.net/tickets_events.aspx?id=36856



Electro Glide Records presents an All-Star Blues Jam that you won't want to miss. Hosted by Electro Glide Records guitar sensation, Jimmy Warren, with his "rockin style" of blues, the evening includes performances by:

- Lonnie Brooks, a blues legend recently inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame who is known for his "Louisiana Swamp Style";
- Larry McCray, "The Delta Hurricane," known for his electrifying guitar solos and powerful vocals; and
- Chris Beard, a bluesman that is known both for his "down-and-dirty" traditional blues and his showmanship.

Before the Jimmy Warren Band and the all-star cast takes the stage, The Catch Blues Band and Big Dog Mercer will warm up the crowd with a few songs to pave the way for an unbelievable evening of blues at its best.

Opera Up Close: New, On Stage Series for 2010-2011



The Center is excited to offer a brand new, onstage "Opera Up Close" series, featuring Sunday matinees with world-class singers performing opera classics in an intimate, on-stage setting complete with cabaret style audience seating and a European café menu of coffee and desserts. The media sponsor for the "Opera Up Close" series is 98.7 WFMT-FM, "Chicago's Classical Experience."

First in the series is a **Lyric Opera Preview** Sunday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. when singers from the Lyric Opera Chorus perform selections from the upcoming Lyric season including highlights from Puccini, Wagner, Verdi and more.

Next up is **The Other Three Tenors** in a tribute to Mario Lanza Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 at 4 p.m. The Other Three Tenors combine their vocal abilities with occasional side-splitting humor to create a show with songs ranging from Irish ballads to Viennese waltzes.

The final show in the series is a concert version of "**La Traviata**" Sunday, March 27 at 4 p.m. A talented All-American cast performs a concert version of Verdi's beloved opera that tells the tragic love story of Violetta and Alfredo through soaring melodies and thrilling drama.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa