



# Spotlight

JANUARY 2014

Kalamazoo's Community Theatre

**You Won't Want to Miss this Award-winning Musical!**



## eXciting eXtras

### Panel Discussion

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

We hope you'll join us immediately following the Saturday, February 1st performance for a brief, free of charge, panel discussion with the show's Director, **Jay Berkow**, and **Dr. Jeanne LaHaie**, literary instructor at Western Michigan University. The discussion will center around the conflicts faced by the characters as they journey "into the woods" and how those conflicts mirror our own daily struggles. It's sure to be an insightful, thought provoking interaction.

“**O**nce upon a time...” Inspired by the Grimm fairy tales, this multiple Tony Award-winning musical takes the audience to a beguiling and dark place, where wishes come true; not free. Among the classic characters that wander the woods searching for fulfillment of their wishes are Cinderella and her wicked stepsisters, Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf, Rapunzel and her Prince, and Jack of beanstalk fame. As their fanciful tales intertwine, they are forced to confront what actually happens after “happily ever after.”

Director **Jay Berkow** (*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *the Musical*) and Musical Director **Brent J. Decker** lead a talented cast, which includes Civic veterans **Gina Maria Chimner** (*Grey Gardens*, *the Musical*, *Sweeney*

*Todd*), **Kelly Dominique** (*The Imaginary Invalid*, *Tartuffe*), **Kellie Goddard** (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), **Ken Holda** (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), **Lou Irwin, Jr.** (*Ragtime*, *the Musical*, *Little Women*, *the Musical*), **Este' Fan Kizer** (*All Shook Up*, *Sleepy Hollow; a Musical Tale*), **Meredith Mancuso** (*Les Misérables*), **Lynn Hall McLeod** (*Annie*, *Smokey Joe's Café*), **Regina McLeod** (*Grey Gardens*, *the Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof*), **Heather Pruitt** (*Annie*), **Zachary Joel Smits** (*Les Misérables*), **Elizabeth Stone** (*Les Misérables*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*), **Corinne Swarthout** (*Charlotte's Web*, *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*), **Ethan Waldron** (*Les Misérables*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *the Musical*) and **Lori Worden** (*Macbeth*, *Little Women*, *the Musical*).

Making their Civic debuts in *Into the Woods* are **Carrie Drummond**, **Katie Hume**, **Deontez Lockett**, **Nicky Mendelsohn** and **Miguel Ragel-Wilson**.

The stage management team is comprised of Stage Manager **Kathryn M. Jones** and Assistant Stage Manager **Kim Boysen**.

*Into the Woods* is sure to sell out quickly, so don't wait; order your tickets today by calling the Civic box office at **269-343-1313** or online at **www.KazooCivic.com**. As always, discounted tickets are available for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more.

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GREY GARDENS, THE MUSICAL (JAN-FEB)



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## FREE PERFORMANCE



**THEATRE KALAMAZOO**  
**NEW PLAYFEST**  
STAGED READINGS

### Other Things We Fear in the Dark

by Fran Hoepfer

**February 8, 2014**

THE EPIC THEATRE AT 8:00PM

A modern family play—a dark comedy, literally—about two families who intend to meet up on Valentine's Day only to be trapped inside due to a power outage.

For more detailed information visit:  
[www.KazooCivic.com](http://www.KazooCivic.com)

## Ring in the New Year!

A new year brings the excitement and anticipation of new beginnings, fresh starts and renewed promises. A chance to break old habits, make positive changes, and try new things. When I reflect back on the year that has just passed and look forward to the year ahead, I can't help but marvel at the many reasons why our community is a great place to live.

Here at the Civic, we are excited to embrace 2014 and to continue the celebration of our amazing 85th season. The first few productions of the season were very well attended and received high accolades. From our blockbuster season opener *Les Misérables* to the endearing Civic Youth Theatre

production of *Nancy Drew: Girl Detective* to the Senior Class Reader's Theatre's nostalgic *Songs of the Silver Screen* to the high-flying family classic *Peter Pan* — our 85th season has been a true example of great community theatre. So many dedicated volunteers give their time and talent to make these productions possible. It takes an equally large commitment on the part of our sponsors and donors who financially support the endeavors of our theatre and allow us to offer affordable ticket and tuition prices to our fellow community members.

And, last but not least, we have wonderful patrons who support our work, enjoy time-honored as well as fresh, new productions, and take time out of their lives to sit back, relax, and enjoy a show.

We set out this season to “shine the spotlight on community” — to be reflective, thoughtful, and appreciative of our generous community. As we flip our calendars and look ahead, we are filled with hope and excitement for a tremendous new year. The remainder of our season, starting with the comedic classic *Arsenic and Old Lace* this month, promises much enjoyment and entertainment for all of those who love the theatre. Resolve to spend more time doing what you love and join us!

On behalf of the entire Civic family, we wish you a healthy and happy New Year! — KC



**Kristen Chesak**  
Managing Director



*“Happy New Year from  
all of us at  
the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre!”*

### UPCOMING AT A GLANCE

**Arsenic and Old Lace**  
OPENING NIGHT  
January 10 at 7:30pm

**Inside the Civic**  
FREE AUDITION WORKSHOP  
January 18

**Academy of Theatre Arts Winter Classes**  
FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE  
January 24 at 5:00pm



TIME STANDS STILL (APR-MAY)



HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING (MAY)

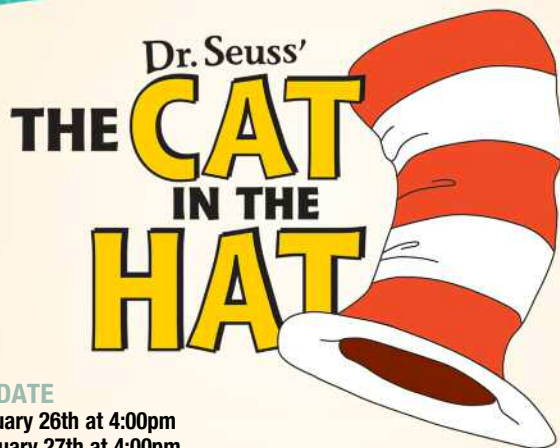


THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER (MAY)



ROBIN HOOD (MAY)

# AUDITIONS



## AUDITION DATE

Sunday, January 26th at 4:00pm  
Monday, January 27th at 4:00pm

## CALLBACKS

Wednesday, January 29th at 4:00pm

## LOCATION

The Carver Center – The Carver Studio  
426 South Park St  
(Those auditioning are encouraged to arrive thirty minutes prior to audition time.)

## CASTING

Seeking a Company (actors and production crew) of approximately 35 youth between the ages of 9 through a Senior in High School. Nine to eleven onstage roles are available along with production crew opportunities including Props, Costumes/Make-Up, Paint, Lighting, Sound, Assistant Stage Management, Publicity/Usher and a Scenery Building crew. Students must have turned 9 on or before the day of auditions.

## FIRST REHEARSAL

Monday, February 10th at 4:00pm

## PERFORMANCES

March 14, 2014 – March 21, 2014  
(With a potential holdover through March 22nd)

## DIRECTOR

Zachary Thompson

## REQUIREMENTS

Those wishing to audition are required to register in advance for either the **Sunday, January 26th or Monday, January 27th** audition date. By registering in advance you will receive your audition paperwork, as well as, all pertinent information via email prior to the auditions.

- A parent or guardian is required to attend the first half hour of auditions.
- Those auditioning for onstage roles will be asked to participate in creative movement exercises and may be asked to read from the script.
- Those auditioning for crew positions will be asked to listen to designer presentations, speak to designers/technicians and indicate interest for specific crews.
- All students auditioning will need to indicate a preference for "Acting Only", "Tech Only" or "Either/Or".

## AUDITION PREP

**FREE** Inside the Civic  
Youth Audition Workshops  
Saturday, January 18, 2014

## Inside THE CIVIC FREE YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Acting and Props

**SATURDAY,  
January 18, 2014**

The Carver Center | 426 South Park St.

**NOTE: All participants will attend  
MEET THE DIRECTOR (11:00am-11:30am)**

## TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

### PROPS WORKSHOP #1

Time: 9:30am–11:30am  
Instructor: Stacy Bartell  
Ages: 9-18 Limit: 12 participants  
(Reserved for those who also want to attend the acting workshop)

### PROPS WORKSHOP #2

Time: 11:00am–1:00pm  
Instructor: Stacy Bartell  
Ages: 9-18 Limit: 12 participants

## ACTING WORKSHOP

### MOVEMENT/SCENE WORK WORKSHOP

Time: 11:00am–1:00pm  
Instructor: Zac Thompson  
Ages: 9-18 Limit: 75 participants

Advanced Registration is required  
by noon Friday, January 17th.

Detailed production, audition and workshop information available at [www.KazooCivic.com](http://www.KazooCivic.com)

Into the Woods  
OPENING NIGHT  
January 24 at 7:30pm

Academy of Theatre Arts  
WINTER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE  
January 25 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (CYT)  
AUDITIONS  
January 26 & 27 at 4:00pm





LES MISÉRABLES (SEPT-OCT)



NANCY DREW: GIRL DETECTIVE (OCT)



SONGS FROM THE SILVER SCREEN (NOV)



PETER PAN (NOV-DEC)

# Linda Nemitz

**O**n November 29th, we lost a much loved member of the Civic Family; Linda Nemitz. After making her Civic debut in *Morning's at Seven* (1966), Linda went on to serve the Civic in many meaningful capacities. An accomplished actress, she entertained audiences with her work in *Hello Dolly*, *Mame*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, *Our Town*, *On Borrowed Time* and *The Music Man*. For fifteen years Linda was our Box Office Manager; always greeting patrons with a smile, a kind word and a hardy laugh.

In 2012, in recognition of her wonderful contributions to the Civic, Linda was presented with our Larkin H. Noble Award.

Our most sincere condolences go out to Linda's family and friends. How fortunate we all were to have known this incredible woman.



*Surrounded by her husband Art and daughters Jennifer and Julie, Linda was presented with our Larkin H. Noble Award in 2012.*

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**Arsenic and Old Lace**  
**Into the Woods**  
**The Miracle Worker**  
**Good People**  
**Boeing Boeing**

**Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun**

and you may also use your admissions for our Civic Youth Theatre and Senior Class Reader's Theatre shows:

**Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat**  
**The Magical Adventures of Merlin**  
**Irena's Vow**

OR you and a guest can see any two shows of your choice. To order your Act II Season Subscription, just call and we'll take care of the rest.

To order call the Box Office at 269-343-1313 or visit [www.KazooCivic.com](http://www.KazooCivic.com)

The Miracle Worker  
TICKETS GO ON SALE  
January 27 at 10:00am

Academy of Theatre Arts  
WINTER CLASSES BEGIN  
February 1

Good People  
TICKETS GO ON SALE  
February 3 at 10:00am



Coming Soon  
2014 SPRING  
BREAK DAY CAMPS!

THE CIVIC

# Academy of Theatre Arts

A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

## WINTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### PLAY THIS WINTER AT THE ACADEMY!

It's shaping up to be one cool winter here at the Academy and as always, there is something for everyone so check us out!

If you are interested in preparing for upcoming auditions we have the perfect offerings for you! We have an Adult Winter Workshop Series that will help you prepare for Irving Berlin's *Annie Get Your Gun* auditions on March 9-10, 2014! If you would like to prepare for our Senior Class Reader's Theatre production of *Irena's Vow* then "Character Craft" would be the ideal class for you. And for our 9 to 11 year-olds who would like to prepare themselves for our Spring Break Day Camp musical-in-a-week "A Midsummer Night's Dream" we are offering "Shakes it Up" where students will work on Shakespearean Scenes!

#### WINTER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the Carver Center anytime between 1:00 PM-3:00 PM on Saturday, January 25, 2014 to meet our teaching artists, have your questions answered and get a tour of our facilities. There will also be a raffle for one full class tuition for the Winter 2014 class of your choice!

### NOW REGISTERING!

WINTER CLASSES/WORKSHOP FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE:  
Friday, January 24, 2014 at 5:00 PM

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

FOR DETAILED CLASS INFORMATION CALL: **269-343-2280** OR VISIT: **www.KazooCivic.com**



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**January 10 – January 25**

THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM | CLASSIC COMEDY

**M**adness doesn't run through the Brewster house. It gallops! As one of the most popular comedies ever written unfolds, theatre critic Mortimer Brewster discovers that his sweet, charming, elderly aunts have taken to relieving the loneliness of old men by inviting them in for a nice glass of homemade elderberry wine. The tasty libation just happens to be laced with a few additives: arsenic, strychnine, and "just a pinch" of cyanide. As the hilarity spirals out of control, Mortimer appears to be the craziest of the bunch, running around desperately trying to cover for his aunts, protect his confused bride, commit one brother and have the other arrested.

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*and Old Lace*

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