

Danville Light Opera CENTER STAGE

Promises, Promises

by director, Chelsea Zych

"Women need a reason to have sex. Men just need a place." – Billy Crystal

Chuck Baxter's life is passing him by; his job is going nowhere, his love life is non-existent, and no one seems to notice him – until a chance meeting in a bar thrusts him smack into the middle of the sexual revolution. The top executives at his company need a secluded spot to take their mistresses, and Chuck's bachelor pad is just the ticket. After all, you can't expect a nice girl to go to a motel with a man she just met.

But a friend's apartment . . . that's a different story. Before long, Chuck is climbing the corporate ladder, enjoying the perks that come with promotion and even working up the courage to ask out his lovely co-worker, Fran. But entanglements arise when the head of personnel demands exclusive use of the apartment. Chuck is willing to stand up to the other executives, but a stunning revelation the night of the office Christmas party leaves him wondering what he really wants out of life, and what he's willing to sacrifice to get it.

Promises, Promises – based on the Oscar-winning film *The Apartment* – is Neil Simon's sparkling take on love and lust in the late 60s, with a vibrant score from Burt Bacharach. Following a successful Broadway revival in 2010, *Promises* now heads to central Illinois for its Danville Light Opera premiere. You won't want to miss this smart and sexy show. Reserve your tickets by calling 431-1660 and join us April 26, 27, and 28 for *Promises, Promises*.

Performances:

April 26th, 7:30 pm

April 27th, 7:30 pm

April 28th, 2:00 pm

DACC Bremer Auditorium.

(Doors open 30 minutes prior to shows.)



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2013-2014 SEASON PREVIEW INSIDE



DLO proudly presents 2013 - 2014 SEASON

FALL 2013

We are pulling out all the stops for this one. Amazing production team, and a show for all ages.

RENT

An edgy show that has some wonderful music, a heart wrenching story line and a successful Broadway history. If you have seen the movie, you won't want to miss it brought to the stage.

DINNER THEATER 2014

February 2014 brings a show that started in the movie theater. Now, with some amazing music by Dolly Parton, the tale of the office at Consolidated, the gossip and the victorious battle, you'll have a hoot of a good time, with good music and lots of shenanigans.



SPRING 2014

On the big screen in 2013, this show is a



loved tale that everyone will enjoy. Unbelievable music, and, DLO's first of hopefully many collaborations with DACC. We are joining forces to bring this classic to life on the stage. Already in the planning stages, this will be the perfect closer to our season, Back to the Stage.

BACK TO THE STAGE

Bringing the movie musicals back to live theatre.

DLO SEASON TICKETS FOR THE 2013-2014 SEASON ARE AVAILABLE NOW! GET YOURS TODAY!

ARTS IN THE PARK 2013 BACKWARDS BROADWAY YAWDAORB SDRAWKCAB

We will be announcing an audition date soon for our Backwards Broadway-themed Arts in the Park performance (Sunday, June 23, 5 p.m.). If you've been involved with any DLO show in the last couple of years, you are invited and encouraged to prepare a song to audition and perform at AITP.

Backwards Broadway gives you the opportunity to sing that song you've always wanted to sing, but it belongs to a role in which you would never be cast due to gender, age, ethnicity, or physical type. Are you a soprano who has always yearned sing "Some Enchanted Evening"? Or would you love to sing "Summertime", but know there's no way you'd get cast in *Porgy and Bess*? Are you an adult who'd like to sing "Castle on a Clouds"? You get the idea! Find your fantasy song now, and start practicing!

Audition dates are Saturday, May 11, 1:30 to 3:30 and Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 to 8:00. Auditioners should prepare their entire song so we can know where to place it in the AITP line-up. Look for more information on the web site. We will also send out an e-Stage Alert, so if you have not yet subscribed to our emailed newsletter, please send a subscription request to danvillelightopera@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, you can contact Jeanne Dunn at jeanze@comcast.net.

Summer Youth Show

DLO Youth Show Is Going GREEN!

The 2013 summer youth production is proud to announce another partnership with our favorite author, **Andrea Green!** We are so excited to have her back, and she has become a wonderful supporter of our children's theatre program. We are in the process of considering a few scripts, but *as soon as the decision is made, we will announce it on the DLO web site.* Make sure you check www.danvillelightopera.com often!

We are making a few changes to the structure of the youth program this year. First, we will NOT HOLD FORMAL AUDITIONS. The show will be cast within the first 2 weeks of rehearsals, as we get to know each of the children's strengths and talents. Last year we found many kids blossomed far beyond the expectations set at auditions, and we want everyone to have the chance to feel comfortable and do their very best!

Second, because we are not holding formal auditions, the summer program will be available through signing up to the **first 45 students.** We will make sure to publicize our official sign-up day, and will send out information. If you want to receive an email about the date, please send a message to oscbb@yahoo.com with your name and information, and you will be put on the youth program email list.

We hope that, if your child is involved in a lot of different summer activities, you will seriously consider if your family is able to commit to the program. **Our attendance guidelines will be much more strict this year,** because we want to have the opportunity to work hard and show our community how talented our area children are!

If you were a part of the program last summer, you know that your child will not just

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learn lines and songs, but will be encouraged and learn how to encourage others. It's so important to us that our kids walk away knowing they are an important part of the team, and essential to everyone succeeding.

We are planning to do the same this summer — we want your children to know what amazing talents they have and how wonderful they are, inside and out. We hope your family is as excited as we are to be a part of it!

We will keep you posted!

- Charlie Hester, director;
- Chris Huffman, music director.

Go to www.danvillelightopera.com to find more information about the show.

Thank You and Congratulations!

To the cast and crew of our fantastic Dinner show this past February. The audience loved it, the seats were sold out, the experience - top notch. DLO was delighted to have such a strong and talented cast who brought a truly professional-level performance to the Danville Arts Community. Thank you, our faithful patrons for supporting the arts in Vermilion County. We promise

to bring you more of the same! If you missed it, don't wait till next season to see what DLO is up to. We are looking good!



CAST

Chuck Baxter - Bryan Jenkins
Fran Kubelik - Bailey Williams
J.D. Sheldrake - Rick Welchans
Doctor Dreyfuss - Jeff Romig
Marge MacDougall - Lisa Richter
Miss Olson - Terra Ogle
Mr. Dobitch - Aaron Martin
Mr. Kirkeby - Zayne McCorkle
Mr. Eichelberger - Bryan Schroeder
Sylvia - Allison Willard
Ginger - Sarah Albers

Vivien - Shannon Bireline Schroeder
Office Nurse/Mrs. Sheldrake - Mimi Myers-Saylor
Office Doctor/Waiter/Watchman - David Techtow
Hostess - Robin Romack
Orchestra Voices -
Allison Freil, Nancy Henderson,
Marty Lindvahl, Suzy Smalley

DIRECTORS

Drama - Chelsea Zych
Music - David Zych
Choreography - Jesse Pierce

