



Danville Light Opera

# CENTER STAGE

## WIPEOUT!

*Did you wax up your surfboards, get out your beach blankets and catch the wave of this swell surf musical? It was just another sunny day at Avalon Beach until Mom and Pop announce they were selling their beloved surf shop and teen hangout. The snobbish developers from the nearby ritzy Cove want Avalon's stretch of sand... for a parking lot! But Mom and Pop's daughter Midge and all the loyal Avalon kids were determined — they were not going to let that happen!*

*We had a wonderful cast ranging in age from 8 to 16, and big or little, they worked their very hardest to put on a fabulous show! In addition to many DLO veterans, we had lots of first timers this summer. We made strides to challenge them every step of the way. At auditions, it seemed like we had gotten just the right kids to audition, and it seems we were correct! Not only did the cast work hard to learn their lines, songs, and staging, but they also stepped up as individuals to help coach others in choreography and music. Alexis Simmons, Zayne McCorkle, and Bailey Williams not only lead onstage, but also off—where they were great role models for the younger cast members. We hope you saw the hilarious “Luau Love”, the tragic “Dead Man's Reef”, and the adventurous “Heave-Ho!” You were probably ready to grab your suit and jump into the waves!*

*In addition to our wonderful cast, we had a great team of youngsters working hard to build the set and make it their own (with careful supervision, of course). We had working surfboards and moving surf! We looked forward to our “painting day” where the kids got to give their surfboards personality.*

*We certainly had our work cut out for us—living up to the standard that DLO has achieved for so long, but if there ever was a group of young people that could, this was it and they did! Hang loose!*

***Stephanie Keller, Director***

# DLO'S 26TH SEASON IS HERE!



## A Word From The Director...

Hello, Dolly! is one of the classic Broadway stage productions, and Danville Light Opera is pleased to bring it to the Danville High School Auditorium stage October 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

I've always loved Hello, Dolly! My high school produced it the year I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and it's been a favorite ever since. It's big-time theater, with grand costumes on Dolly, precision timing with the Waiter's Gallop, and unforgettable songs, from "It Takes A Woman," "Before the Parade Passes By," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," and of course, the title number "Hello, Dolly!" The story - the way that everyday life can change in a moment, but yet turn out to be a great experience is compelling.

And what about the unforgettable characters: Dolly Levi, brought to life by Carol Channing on Broadway; Horace Vandergelder, and Walter Matheau's version in the movie; the store clerks Cornelius and Barnaby (did you know that Charles Nelson Reilly played Cornelius on Broadway); along with Irene and Minnie in the millinery shop.

Hello, Dolly! is a chance for everyone that's been involved with DLO in the past to be part of one of those "big stage" productions. There's room for everyone, and we hope to see you at auditions August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The production team of Tom Fricke (director), Karen Grove (music director), and Cherie Turner (choreographer) will help the DLO family bring this production to life. Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m., and Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. A perusal script is available at the Danville Public Library. Additional audition information will be posted on the DLO website.

Tom Fricke, Director

## STILL SEEKING DIRECTORS...

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Like to tell people what to do? Maybe you have done it before and are ready to step back in to the shoes of a director. Well, now is the time, here is your chance! We are still looking for drama and music director's for our dinner theater production of A...My Name is Alice. A great, simple script with fun songs and an opportunity for creative expression. If you would like to be considered and are willing to give the time, please contact someone from the DLO board right away. We need to find YOU now, so planning can begin.



DACC Bremer Auditorium  
Dinner Theater  
February 18, 19 & 20, 2011



## Spring - 2011

A much anticipated production will be coming our way in the spring of 2011, so plan to join us. Plan to perhaps audition. This will be a fun show that no one is going to want to miss. Our director's are lined up and we are expecting nothing but the best for your enjoyment.

DACC Bremer Auditorium  
May 6, 7 & 8, 2011

# GET YOUR SEASON TICKETS NOW!

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

*Tempus fugit.* Indeed it does. We are nearly through the summer, and at this writing, only weeks after the youth musical *Wipeout*. Arts In The Park is history, and DLO's contribution to those events were well done and well received. Many thanks to all those who had a part in bringing these events to the stage. Likewise, kudos are due to those who worked hard to organize the summer cast appreciation party, which in spite of the rain, was a treat for all who attended. We have welcomed two new members to the board of directors, i.e., Cindy Nichols, and Stephanie Keller, and are looking forward to our new season, opening, as you know, with *Dolly!* Fasten your seat-belts—time flies (or flees, if you prefer) and so are we!



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## *DLO Board of Directors*

Danville Light Opera is under the direction of a board of 12 members who work together to make each season of musical theater not only entertaining, but some of the highest quality community theater around. We hope you enjoy each season, each production and the opportunities that Danville Light Opera has, to be part of so many quality artistic outlets. We want to thank all of our faithful patrons and supporters who make it possible for DLO to continue in the tradition that Danville has grown accustomed to. Please, always feel free to contact any of DLO's board members with any concerns you might have. Our board is currently made up of the following:

Gary Lickfett, President

Stephanie Keller, Vice President

Tom Fricke, Treasurer

Karen Grove, Secretary

Jason Asaad

Jeanne Dunn

Ron McDaniel

Todd Nardoni

Cindy Nichols

Belinda Smith

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**DLO SEASON TICKETS FOR THE 2010-2011 SEASON ARE AVAILABLE NOW! GET YOURS TODAY!**

## **SEASON MEMBERSHIPS, ADS, AND SPONSORSHIPS:**

Significant cuts to state funding have hurt all fine arts organizations. The support of businesses and individuals in our community makes it possible for DLO to continue providing entertainment and wonderful opportunities for involvement and experience, to people of all ages. Purchasing season memberships, taking out ads in our programs, and sponsoring shows are great ways to keep Vermilion County's rich theatre tradition alive and well! Please call our box office at 217-431-1660 or email [danvillelightopera@hotmail.com](mailto:danvillelightopera@hotmail.com) if you would like information about purchasing a season membership, an ad in the 2010-2011 season programs, or if you would like to learn more about the benefits of sponsoring one of upcoming shows.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA ON OUR WEBSITE, [www.danvillelightopera.com](http://www.danvillelightopera.com)**

**DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA IS CURRENTLY SEEKING DIRECTORS FOR next winter's "A is for Alice."**



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Sunday,  
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