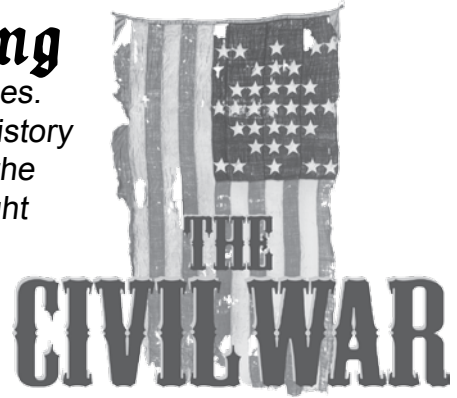


# Danville Light Opera CENTER STAGE

## Our Story in Song

That is what The Civil War is... stories. Stories to create a glimpse of our history from not only those who fought on the battlefield but, also, those who fought the effects of this turbulent era at home, in the hospital, on a soap-box, in the White House, and on the auction block. Yes, stories... honest, tragic, uplifting, haunting, heartbreaking and hopeful stories from an age of change so important it continues to shape and effect our nation still to this day. Stories told through heartbreaking letters, fiery speeches, and candid memoirs. Stories told through songs ranging from glorious anthems and uplifting hymns to folk ballads and simple melodies. The story of a



### Notes From the Director

By Angie Mansfield

nurse, whose valiant efforts to save and heal most often failed. The story of a family sold, ripped apart from the auction block like livestock. The stories of the individuals who fought the war.

Yes, The Civil War is a compilation of stories...stories that need to be heard--must be heard--in order to better understand who we are and what we come from as individuals as well as a nation of diversity.

I hope you take the opportunity to experience this time in the history of our nation, the history of the bloodiest battles we ever fought, the greatest time of civil change, the time when it was unclear where the USA would end up, the Civil War. Men died by the sword, families suffered, and lives were forever changed in these stories... honest, tragic, uplifting, haunting, heartbreaking and hopeful stories.



Performances October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm  
at the Danville High School Auditorium.

See page 3 for a complete cast list and the back page for  
ticket prices, box office hours and an order form.

# *Our 55<sup>th</sup> Season, A Season of Hope continues...*



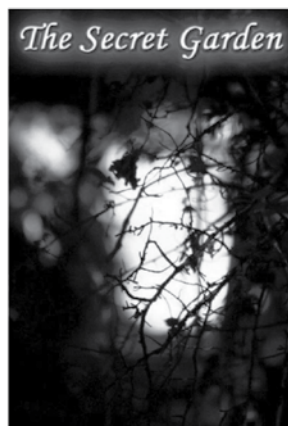
**February 12, 13 & 14, 2010**

The Bremer Theater at Danville Area Community College  
Jeanne Dunn, Director • Karen Grove, Musical Director  
Jessica Brackman, Choreographer • Susie & Mark Willard, Producers

Inspired by the film of the same name, Spitfire Grill takes the music of James Horner and brings a hauntingly beautiful story of hope to life in song. The story is of a young woman who gets a second chance at life, through some unusual circumstances in a small Wisconsin town. Set in the local restaurant, a feisty parolee follows her dreams, based on a page from an old travel book, and finds a place for herself working at Hannah's Spitfire Grill. It is for sale but since there are no takers for the only eatery in the depressed town, newcomer Percy suggests to Hannah that she raffle it off. Entry fees

are one hundred dollars and the best essay on why you want the grill wins. Soon, mail is arriving by the wheelbarrow full and things are definitely cookin' at the Spitfire Grill. Percy, guided by those who want to help her, soon learns that she can help them too.

Auditions will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Center Stage. Roles are available for a cast of 4 women and 3 men. Scripts will be available in the Danville Library and at the Java Hut, for you to look at ahead of time. Please prepare a short excerpt to sing at auditions.



**April 23, 24 & 25, 2010**

The Bremer Theater at Danville Area Community College  
Greg Williams, Director • Belinda Smith, Musical Director  
Jesse Pierce, Choreographer • Suzy Smalley, Producer

Taken from Frances Hodgson Burnett's book, The Secret Garden was first published in The American Magazine, in 1910, and again in book form in 1911. This classic story of hope comes to life on the stage through book and lyrics by Marsha Norman, and music by Lucy Simon.

Orphaned in India, an 11 year old girl returns to Yorkshire to live with an embittered, reclusive uncle and his invalid son. The estate includes a hidden, magic locked garden and a chance for a little girl to find hope again.

Auditions information will be available in the next issue of Center Stage. Look for details soon.



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Check it out at:

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## Production Team

Angie Mansfield, Director  
Belinda Smith, Musical Director  
Gary Lickfett, Producer  
Stephanie Keller, Stage Manager  
Jenny Taylor, Sound & Visuals  
Tom Fricke, Light Design  
Kathy Hantz, Costumes

## Cast List

Our DLO cast for the fall production of The Civil War

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Jason Asaad        | Lisa Burgess     |
| Shannon Felton     | Tom Fricke       |
| Erin Halls         | George Halls     |
| Payton Halls       | Matt Hester      |
| Kenneth Huff       | Craig Krukewitt  |
| Jaeya Lee          | Robert McIntire  |
| Kalen McGowan      | Keishara Mullins |
| Cindy Nichols      | Janet Olmstead   |
| Tobi Peck          | Brad Pollert     |
| Johnathan Shepherd | Brad Smith       |
| Carolyn Smith      | Bruce Stelzer    |
| Sheryl Stelzer     | Rick Welchans    |
| Mike Westfall      | David Woodrow    |

## Some interesting facts about the Civil War:

- The first cigarette tax, 2.4 cents per pack, was imposed by Lincoln's Union government in 1864 to raise money for the Civil War.
- When coffee was unavailable, soldiers brewed soybeans and called them "coffee berries"
- Boys as young as 12 years old took part in the battle. Some to protest slavery, some to escape boredom, some had no reason but going on an adventure.
- It is estimated that 10 to 20% of the fighting "men" were underage; that's 250,00 to 420,000 boys.
- The first two casualties of the war were from an accident when firing a cannon.
- There were picnickers enjoying a day out anxiously waiting to see the Union win at Manassas.
- Photography was only 22 years old when Matthew Brady secured a pass to capture the struggle on film. In the course of the war, he produced over 3500 pictures taken and developed on the battle front. All of his work was self-funded and exhausted his entire fortune, \$100,000.

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## THE CIVIL WAR

### Box Office Hours for Season Members only

Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 2pm-4pm  
Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6pm-8pm

### Box Office Hours for Members & General Public

Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - 2pm-4pm  
Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - 6pm-8pm  
  
Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> - 2pm-4pm  
Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - 6pm-8pm  
Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 6pm-8pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - 6pm-8pm

Location: Village Mall, Danville  
Box office phone # 431-1660.



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# \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
# \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Names(s) on membership(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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# \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
# \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets @ \$17 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Student tickets @ \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (with Student ID)

Total ticket purchase due = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DLO DOLLAR PURCHASES

# \_\_\_\_\_ DLO Dollars @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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