

high school theater

Denver School of the Arts to headline Kempe Foundation benefit

Revue to include songs from "Hair," "Spring Awakening," "Annie" and more

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The students at Denver School of the Arts get to perform for a different type of crowd on April 16. They have been asked to do a "Broadway Revue" performance at the Kempe Foundation Gala Fund-Raiser.

Thirty-five DSA students ranging from 6th to 12th grade will perform 10 musical numbers like "A New World" from "Songs From a New World," "Hard Knock Life" from "Annie," "Sit Down. You're Rocking the Boat" from "Guys and Dolls," "Song of Purple Summer" from "Spring Awakening," and "Flesh Failures/Let the Sunshine In" from "Hair," to name a few.

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the Protection and Treatment of Abused Children. DSA students are honored to support this function and help raise awareness about this wonderful organization.

Over 500 guests will be celebrating in New York style to raise funds to support abused and neglected children treated by Kempe.

There also will be a benefit performance of the revue at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at DSA, 7111 Montview Blvd. Tickets will be \$10 (or more if you'd like to donate), and all funds will go to help the theater group to Ethiopia this summer for their service trip to teach creative drama in orphanages.

Tickets are also available for the Kempe Foundation Event:

"Kempe Takes Manhattan"

Friday, April 16, 2010

Denver Marriott City Center

Tickets available: Patron \$400, Regular \$250, Young Professional \$125

Sponsorships starting at \$5,000

Info: www.kempe.org

Cast list:

"New World"

Man 1: Alexander Moll Johnson

Man 2: Matthew Rodgers

Woman 1: Katie Solko

Woman 2: Kailey Marshall

"Hard Knock Life"

Annie: Zoe Miller

Molly: Georgia Pullis

Orphans: Kathleen Gabriel, Samantha Piel,

Jackie Smook, Maddie Page-Schmidt, Maclean

Rozansky, Natasha Wells

"Song of Purple Summer"

Isle: Sarah Harmon

Martha: Zoe Rhulen

Otto: Kirk Hauck

Hanchen: Matthew Rodgers

Thea: Tess Westenhaver

Anna: Marlo Berberian

Ernst: Zach Cantor

Georg: Everett Graham

Adult: Sarah Reichardt

Melchoir: Jake Brasch

Wendela: Marissa Howard

Moritz: Ethan Griggs

"Steam Heat"

Samie Johnson, Ailey Picasso-Hobin, Matthew

Rodgers

"Sit Down. You're Rocking the Boat"

Nicely: Alexander Moll Johnson

Chorus: Marissa Howard, Zoe Rhulen, Sarah

Harmon, Kirk Hauck, Mateo Correa, Samie

Johnson, Zach Cantor, Everett Graham Ayla

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"Any Dream Will Do"

Joseph: Ethan Griggs

Chorus: Mateo Correa, Landon Harris Ash Harris, Ayla Sullivan, Maclean Rozansky, Natasha Wells, Kathleen Gabriel, Samantha Piel, Emma Aturie, Jackie Smook, Georgia Pullis, Zoe Miller, Maddie Page-Schmidt.

"Run, Freedom, Run"

Performed by school's "Urinetown" ensemble

"You Can't Stop the Beat"

Tracey: Kailey Marshall

Penny: Katie Solko

Seaweed: TBA

Link: Matthew Rodgers

Edna: Ethan Griggs

Wilbur: Zach Cantor

Motormouth: Connine Sauls

Amber: Jackie Smook

Velma: Lynzee Szabo

Chorus: Landon Harris, Anneliese Farmer, Tess Westenhaver, Ash Harris, Zoe Rhulen, Samie Johnson, Madison Nichols, Mei Mei Pollitt, Ayla Sullivan.

"Hair"

Claude: Jake Brasch

Woman 1: Katie Solko

Woman 2: Lynzee Szabo

Chorus: Full ensemble.

For information on the Ethiopia benefit

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