



Behind The Scenes



~ Magic Moments ~

Our Mission: "Magic Moments produces original musical theater that includes amateurs, special needs, and performers of all ages, fostering an environment of acceptance, growth, learning and support for our members and the larger community".



February 2012

Save the Dates!



- **Get your tickets now!**
- **March 22-25, 2012**
"A Night at Nick's" performances
- **June 11, 2012**
Annual Dinner

2012

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"Heaven never helps the man who will not act."

– Sophocles

As we look forward to another phenomenal production I am overwhelmed with a sense of excitement about what's to come! This past year we faced a number of challenges on a variety of fronts - including economic cutbacks, increasing demand for participation in our show, and the continuing need to fill all the supporting roles that make our production possible. We have worked hard to face these issues with a sense of determination, creativity and boundless energy! I thank you all for everything that you do. While many artistic groups have faced serious financial cutbacks, we feel very fortunate to have continued support in the community.

Letter from the President



But much more will be needed as we move forward and grow interest in our group. I ask you to think about how you can best help in this effort.

The SCFD proves year after year to be the main contributor to artistic achievements in our community. I hope that you all find ways to support their efforts. In addition, we have been blessed by support from our large contribution sponsors listed below, as well as multiple individual supporters on a smaller level. With an audience of 2500 viewers, a cast and crew exceeding 220 people, this is a great opportunity for businesses and individuals to promote themselves as well as support a great organization. Do you know any business or person that would want to support our group? If so, talk to them or let a board member know who they are, so that they can reach out on your behalf! This relatively simple

action can help us greatly.

Being a part of Magic Moments involves much more than participating on stage. As we have seen this past year, it simply is not possible to accommodate everyone who registers to be on stage while maintaining the quality production we feel is crucial to our artistic expression. There are however multiple ancillary aspects of our production that could use your assistance. If you have time to contribute, please let us know so we can see where you best fit in our organization. If you have suggestions as to how we can make our show better, do not hesitate to let us know. The more options and ideas we have to pull from, the better we can become.

Again, thank you for all you do for Magic Moments. I look forward to the year to come!

Best Regards,
Ted Kuenz



We're Gettin' Greener



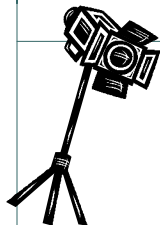
In our continued effort to save time and money, protect our environment, and reduce consumption and waste, we are striving to email all newsletters.

In October we asked everyone to "go green"

with us, and we are happy to announce that we cut down our newsletter printing by more than half. This February edition is being emailed to everyone that we have email addresses for, and postal mailed for those that we don't.

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"In the Spotlight"- Donna Debrececi and The Band (our unsung heroes)



A well-deserved "In the Spotlight" tribute goes out to **Donna Debrececi**, and her magnificent band. Donna is a 3rd generation Denver native, and is married to Todd Debrececi - author/teacher/musician/make-up artist extraordinaire. According to Donna's parents, she started playing melodies by ear at age 3, and started piano lessons at age 5. She has worked with Magic Moments since 2000. Her favorite show is still "Spirit and Soul", when she actually had cues written in the music score indicating when to tell the band to duck to not get bonked by the tent. In Donna's words, "Can't even describe how much I've learned from all the amazing people with my years in MM".

Donna speaks straight from her heart when it comes to the band members (from left to right): **Mitch Jervis:** Guitars electric and acoustic - doubles on bass.

Done every show with me since 2000. Can't image attempting to put it all together without him. Comes and sets up his whole system so that we have it for the first live band rehearsal.

Larry Ziehl: Drums, electronic drums, percussion. Larry has done all MM shows with me except for one. He's been playing with Lannie Garrett/Patsy DeCline for many years, and thankfully Lannie lets him get a substitute for the week of MM.

Bob Reholz: Reeds, amazing musician, teacher, performer. Not one for theatre before we got ahold of him, Bob's first MM show was our 25th Anniversary production of "Stand by Me". I don't think he'll mind me saying that it was a life changing event for him. I'm so glad to have him on board.

Jon Sterling: Keyboards and vocals. Not

many keyboard players I'd be so thrilled to share a stage with. Jon is amazing! He's an orchestra all by himself, and his piano chops are incredible. Jon plays all over town with anyone who is lucky enough to get him. Jon will have a few singing solos in the play this year. (I'd better tell him.)

Scott Alan Smith: Guitars, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica. I've known Scott since, well... let's just say a VERY long time. He's been playing for MM and PHAMALy years before I even knew what they were. An amazing musician and dear friend, Scott also teaches, produces, and records, and has written books on guitar instruction, fingerpicking, and tonality.



Tickets are Now On Sale



Tickets for the 2012 Magic Moments Production, "A Night at Nick's" are now on sale at www.magicmomentsinc.org under the Tickets tab. Tickets are for reserved seating, and the best seats go fast so be sure to get your tickets right away!

Tickets for Inner Circle seating are \$21 each, and tickets for

Outer Circle are \$18. Wheelchair accessible seating is available in both sections, as are seats that do not require stairs to access.

Also new for 2012 you can purchase Magic Moments retail items online as well. Add some flowers for your favorite cast member to your tickets order and have them waiting for you there at the show - no need to stop at

the flower shop on the way. Or purchase a t-shirt or DVD and pick it up the night of the performance.

If you have any questions about purchasing tickets you can call the box office at **303-575-1005** and leave a message.



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MM Performs at FAF Jubilee



In the fall of 2011 Magic Moments received a very exciting phone call from the Fine Arts Foundation (FAF). They were planning a celebration for their "Citizen of the Arts Jubilee" which was honoring Judi Wolf. She had requested that Magic Moments come perform for her. We were so excited and honored at the opportunity to be recognized by the FAF community and by Judi herself.

The FAF Jubilee was held on January 27th, 2012 at the Westin Hotel downtown. Magic Moments worked for months to put together a 5-minute performance that would best show the FAF the "magic" in Magic Moments.

Donna Debrececi helped us create a

medley of "Ease on Down the Road" from the Wiz, "Feed the Birds" from Mary Poppins, and "You Can't Stop the Beat" from Hairspray.

KQ pulled a cross-section of 22 performers from our Magic Moments family, including kids, adults, professionals, amateurs, special needs, dancers, singers - everything that best represents our group. Alli Whitaker, Rachael McWilliams and Debbie Starks worked together to design amazing choreography for the performance. Kamala Quintana, Dori Gharrity and Tracie Pollet managed all of the logistics, and we even met a new friend in Ryan Durfee who played piano for our music rehearsals and performance.

Our performance was a huge hit! We shared the stage that evening with "Sing Out, Louise!" from the Rocky Mountain Arts Association and the Colorado Children's Chorale.

Magic Moments was the final performance, and the audience was clapping along by the end. Then Jackson Garske escorted Mrs. Wolf to the stage where everyone performed "There's No Business Like Show Business" together. We have already had requests for tickets and to sponsor our organization from some who were so impressed by what we do! Congratulations for a job well done.

... and now a word from KQ



Looks like we have our PSM - Production Stage Manager!! His name is Michael Morales. Please welcome him.

Michael has done national tours, so he should have a good start on how to manage Magic Moments. We are very fortunate to have found him.

The show is beginning to take shape and is looking like great fun. The ideas are flowing, and the laughter ensuing. The band plays a much larger role this time, and this adds a twist to our usual fare.

We have several new choreographers who are bringing

in some new and exciting ideas. Several of the design staff are new as well and they are bringing in some "fresh air". This promises to be one of our more entertaining productions. Hope to see you there.

With love and coffee, KQ

Many thanks to our wonderful Sponsors

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