“When the going gets tough, the tough get going” ~ Billy Ocean

I know Billy Ocean wasn’t the first person to say that, but I’ll give him the credit... Once again Magic Moments is embarking on another fun filled and exciting adventure! Not only do we have this year’s annual production to prepare for, new board members on board, but due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control we were challenged with finding new theatre space for our performances!

Since 2011 we were privileged to call The Anschutz Theater at Kent Denver our performance space. They have been extremely generous in allowing us the use of their facility and we appreciate all that they have done to contribute to our success. However, due to ongoing construction projects on campus, they are no longer able to host outside groups for the foreseeable future.

We searched high and low and are excited to announce Highlands Ranch High School as our new Production space for the 2019 show!

In its 35 year existence Magic Moments has been performing an annual production and has moved from one performance space to the next. Much of this was due to the growing size of our cast and audiences, but also changes at the various venues we have used. Going forward I feel it is important to keep in mind the goal of our production, the level of quality that is expected, and what it brings not only to the participants but also to the audience.

We are determining any of the challenges and surprises this space may bring and exploring our options to make it work great for us!! I look forward to seeing you all at this year’s production!

In service,
Ted Kuenz
President Magic Moments Inc.

In The Spotlight ~ Elizabeth Langworthy

I performed in my first musical in fifth grade. By the end of sixth grade, I know I wanted to do musical theatre for the rest of my life. By the end of high school, I had performed in 17 musicals!!

My parents supported my dreams. They discovered Magic Moments and we decided it would be a good fit for me. And, IT HAS BEEN! I love every moment of Magic Moments. I even love thinking about it between the seasons! One of the many unexpected gifts from Magic Moments is the support they give to special needs members to continue developing their musical theatre skills. Through Magic Moments friends, I learned about several doors open to me.

One door was taking theatre courses at Red Rocks Community College. I hope to earn a Musical Performance certificate from RRCC in 2019!

I also learned about Laura High, my wonderful voice teacher. Laura has been teaching and training me for almost 3 years. I have applied all of my Sweet Nothings Scholarship funds towards continuing my lessons with Laura.

She teaches me how to develop my vocal range, music styles, audition skills and performance skills.

I got my first Magic Moments solo in the 2018 show, “In the Same Boat”. It was a big moment for me!! I am very grateful to KQ and everyone at Magic Moments for making that dream come true and keeping all of my dreams alive!

Thank you for your dedication to Magic Moments, Elizabeth, and for continuing to shine each year!

Elizabeth and Laura - 2018
Congratulations 2018 Scholarship Winners

Sweet Nothings are the love notes and messages written to cast members that are printed and inserted in the Magic Moments performance programs. All proceeds go towards scholarships awarded to applicants with special needs who wish to pursue performing arts lessons of their choice. Magic Moments matches earnings from the Sweet Nothings proceeds.

Billy and Kathy presented certificates to the following 13 proud and deserving SNs Scholarship winners at the Annual Dinner.

Award Winners are listed from Left to Right.


Not Pictured: Lilly Hinsley ~ Voice & Dance, Heather Pyle ~ Voice & Dance

Annual Dinner

On June 10, 2018 Magic Moments friends gathered at the Lone Tree Hub to celebrate another successful year of Magic Moments at our Annual Dinner.

Highlights of the Annual Dinner included: Announcing the 13 Sweet Nothings Scholarship winners. We also recognized and thanked our exiting Board members Billy Baldwin, Casey (Rogers) Baldwin, Bill Youmans, Mary Jeffreys and Danny Rusak for their contributions this past year!

Thank You’s were given to our Production Team, including Carla McWilliams, Alli Hershman, and Rachael Lessard for the great work they did on this year’s show!!!
At the cast party for ‘In The Same Boat’, Cara Sullivan was announced as the first recipient of the ‘Erin Bradford Golden Shoes Award’.

Cara Sullivan

Each year the award is presented to the person who most exhibits those qualities that best describe Erin:

- **Enthusiasm** for the production
- **Acceptance** and support of all abilities
- **Spirit** of generosity
- **Inclusion** in the troupe

The award is named after the beloved final piece of her clown costume in ‘Step Right Up’.

Erin Bradford, 1997

There were many cast and crew members under consideration for this award and the Production team was honored to select Cara Sullivan! As one of Erin’s friends, Cara helped keep her memory alive in many ways during the Production this year.

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for this award.

The official plaque was presented at the Annual Dinner in June.

Debbie Bradford, Cara Sullivan, Stephen Bradford, Billy Baldwin
Hello Campers, hope all y’all had a great summer. The writers and the staff have been hard at work putting a truly EPIC show together. This one promises to be as good as, if not better, than “All This and WWII”, “Spirit & Soul”, or even “The Child” which won several awards.

The concept concerns a “Dreamer” without a dream. He/she wanders through life aimlessly when a “Mentor” appears and tries to lead her/him back to hope and the courage to try. There will be “flashbacks” showing how he/she ended up this way so we will need a Dreamer Child as well as a Parent.

We are looking at including several big dance numbers as well as some serious singing and some very fun songs. A sample of songs include: “9-5”, “Another Brick In The Wall”, “One Song Glory”, “Separate Ways”, “From Now On”, “Honestly Sincere”, “Believer”, “Most People Are Good”, “Colour My World”, and “Quarter Past Midnight”. The set, lights, and sound are already in the process of becoming some of the best we’ve ever had.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that we have hired Angela Steiner as Music Director this year. You may recall she was our rehearsal pianist for Mitch last year.

As you may have known, Mitch was a one-shot deal, coming in to help us, like he did many years ago after which he found Donna Debreceni for us (and we all know how great that turned out!)

This time he brought us Angela. Mitch is one of the best around and we were privileged to have had him work with us, if only for one year.

We look forward to a musical future with Angela!

With Love and Coffee and Donuts,

~ KQ

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**Golf Tournament**

Magic Moments is pleased to announce that our 2nd Annual golf fundraiser on Saturday Sept. 29, 2018 was a fun time for all! After a chilly start it turned into a perfect day for golf. Everyone had fun and almost everyone won a prize!

Thank You to the organizers and all the golfers for making it such a successful day!! Thanks to Kennedy Golf Course for hosting our event this year!

Watch for your chance to join the fun next year!

Ted Kuenz

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Auditions Now Open for
“Boulevard of Broken Dreams”

“Boulevard of Broken Dreams”, this year’s MM production, follows a person who has lost his/her will to dream. This may be due to the Parent, education, current society, dead-end job, many factors.

This one is a “serious” show, like when we did “The Child”. There is, of course, some humor thrown in for good measure. The ending will be unusual but “Magic Moments-y”

This year’s production features songs from: “The Greatest Showman”, “Sing”, “Miss Saigon”, and “Rent” to name but a few. Also included are songs by Pink Floyd, Imagine Dragons, Kelly Clarkson, Luke Bryan, Florence +The Machine, and Disturbed’s – “Sound of Silence.”

The roles include: a Dreamer, a Mentor, the Parent, the Child Dreamer, an epic Dancer, a mouthy Waitress, a disgruntled Patron, the four Dreamers: Fame, Fortune, Love, and Peace, and many others.

There will be some big, intricate dances this year as well.

We really need a large cast to pull this one off so please recruit your friends, theater mates, family, choir members, and anyone else who would like to

SING and DANCE

and feel good about it!!

Click Here for even more info!

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Visit us on Facebook at: Magic Moments Inc.

For questions, please email: auditions.magicmoments@gmail.com
Or leave a message at 303-607-7555
What Else Can I Do?

Remember that Magic Moments is supported by great volunteers just like you!

There are many ways to get involved, serve on a committee and volunteer your time, so start thinking now about any volunteer opportunities you may be interested in!!

Several opportunities will be available for sign up at Registration on December 8, 2018

Colorado Gives Day is coming December 4, 2018!!

Plan ahead to include support for our favorite Colorado Non-Profit, Magic Moments Inc.

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving.

Funds given for Colorado Gives Day will go towards general operating costs, props, costumes, printed music scores, programs, paid trained staff for our actors with special needs, facilitating workshops, and equipment for our annual production.

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