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Young Auditorium Shows That They Love A Piano

On Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Cultural Affairs presents *I Love A Piano* at Young Auditorium with dinner available in the Kachel Center prior the performance beginning at 6:00 pm. This event is sponsored by First Citizens State Bank. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets are available by calling 262-472-2222, or purchase on-line at www.uww.edu/youngauditorium.

I Love A Piano is a nostalgic musical journey spanning seven decades of American History through the songs of Irving Berlin. The storyline follows this piano from the Ragtime sounds of the 20's to the Swinging rhythms of the 30's, from the sentimental songs that inspired the nation during two world wars to the sweet optimism of the 50's. Timeless classics like *White Christmas*, *God Bless America*, *Puttin' on the Ritz*, and *There's No Business Like Show Business*, do more than define a generation, they define American music.

There are still seats available for the I Love A Piano Dinner, but reservations are due by October 20, 2009. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm with the menu including: Cranberry, Apple and Pecan Stuffed Breast of Turkey, Dijon Baked Wild Pacific Salmon, Brown Sugar Glazed- Acorn Squash, Roasted Root Vegetables (Turnips, Carrots, Parsnips, Beets), Whipped & Herbed Russet Potatoes, Steamed Fresh Broccoli, Caramelized Pear and Walnut Salad, and Pumpkin Trifle. Coffee, tea and gratuity are included in the \$24 per person price and tickets for the dinners can be ordered through the box office at 262-472-2222 or on-line at <http://tickets.uww.edu>

The cast includes:

TOM BRUETT - Tom is a playwright and lyricist and recently had a short play done in NYC and LA. His recent credits include *Hello, Dolly!* at Arkansas Rep, *Carousel* at the Springer Opera House and a reading of a new musical at Goodspeed.

TALIA CORREN - is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, BFA Musical Theatre, originally from Denver, CO. Her favorite past roles include: Charity (*Sweet Charity*), Anytime Annie (*42nd St.*), Sally (...Charlie Brown), and Columbia (Rock Horror Show).

KYLE FOWLER - is thrilled to be with ILAP. Credits include *Snoopy!*, *A Little Night Music*, *Seven Brides...*, *Oklahoma!*, *A Chorus Line*, & *The Secret Garden*. Kyle has traveled the world with H.A.L. and has most recently helped record an OCR of the new musical *Make Me A Cowboy*. Kyle proudly holds his BFA from Millikin University.

RYAN LAMMER - graduated with a B.A. in theater and speech from Wagner College. Recent performances are; *R-Family Vacations Cruise*, and the *Inaugural Nickelodeon Family Cruise*. His favorite roles include Dylan/Roger in *Raised in Captivity*, Mark in *A Chorus Line*, and a 2 year return performer in the Country Show at Hershey Park.

EMILY MATTHESON - Emily is thrilled to be joining the *I Love a Piano* tour! Most recently, Emily appeared in the premiere musical, *Mariel*, with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Favorite roles include “Rizzo” in *Grease*, “Sheila” in *A Chorus Line* and “Dorothy” in Tony-nominee Liz Swados’ *Missionaries*, In Concert. Emily holds a B.F.A in Musical Theater from Syracuse University.

ALIX PAIGE - is very excited to be making her National Tour debut in *I Love A Piano*. Previous credits include *Sunday in the Park with George* (Dot), *Mad Forest* (Lucia), *Cabaret* (Sally Bowles), and *Footloose* (Ariel). She recently graduated from the University of Miami with a BFA in Musical Theatre.

ASHLEY PEACOCK - is thrilled to be a part of this year’s tour of *I Love a Piano*! National/International tours: *42nd Street* (N.America), *42nd Street* (Asia). Theatre: *Trojan Women* (Cassandra), *The Good Doctor* (Julia), *Chicago* (Annie), *Uncommon Women* (Samantha). TV: *Rescue Me*, *Law & Order*. Training: The American Musical and Dramatic Academy, NYC. LTMDLR&Iv. Peace.

JASON WEITKAMP - is delighted to be on the road again with *I LOVE A PIANO*. He graduated from Millikin University and has performed at STAGES, the Fireside, and Wagon Wheel, to name a few.

Don’t miss *I Love A Piano* at the Young Auditorium. Tickets are \$32/\$25/\$19 gen. public (UW-W students ½ off gen. public prices)(dinner tickets are \$24 per person) and available by calling 262-472-2222. Or purchase online at www.uww.edu/youngauditorium.

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