



IOLA COMMUNITY THEATRE, INC.

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Dear Friends,

You are invited to become a Star of the 2011-2012 season of the Iola Community Theatre. Having been established in 1965, Iola Community Theatre is one of Kansas' oldest continuously operating community theaters. We have provided live theatrical experiences for thousands of audience members, actors, directors, and technicians in those 46 years. These are life-enriching opportunities that may have been otherwise outside the means of many of those children and adults involved. Your tax-deductible donations will help us maintain this tradition of great live entertainment in our corner of Kansas.

This year, we will begin with a great twist on a classic tale. Disney's *My Son Pinocchio*, *Geppetto's Musical Tale* takes a look at the timeless story of the wooden boy Pinocchio from Geppetto's point of view. The show opens with the Blue Fairy and the well known "When You Wish Upon a Star", but rapidly changes course when Geppetto shows up to complain that Pinocchio is defective and wants her to take him back. The story becomes a look back in time to find out "what went wrong". With a wonderful new score by the multi Grammy-Award winning Stephen Schwarz, this show will become a favorite of the whole family.

In February, we take a musical look at the mating game in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!*. Variety called this adult comedy "so smartly conceived..." full of "catchy tunes and witty lyrics." Critics proclaimed it, "Hilarious! The most entertaining show on or off Broadway!" Much of the humor is irreverent and satirical, but always with an underlying sense of compassion for every character. This musical revue takes a hilarious and tuneful joyride through the dizzying spectrum of modern male-female relationships.

Our third show is a bit of southern fried comedy, with a side of life-long friendships. Think "Steel Magnolias" meets "Same Time Next Year", with a touch of "The Golden Girls". Free from husbands, kids and jobs, five former college swim team members meet at the same beach cottage each year to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. *The Dixie Swim Club* focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years.

We have an exciting line-up of shows for this season with lots of opportunities for both actors and audience members to become enthralled by the music, the laughter and the magic of wonderful performances by folks we know. Please help us keep this creative experience available for everyone.

Thank you for your support,
Iola Community Theatre

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ICT presents . . .



Disney
**MY SON
PINOCCHIO**
Geppetto's Musical Tale

September 16, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
September 17, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
September 18, 2011 @ 2:00 PM
Bowlus Fine Arts Center

The classic tale of an aging toymaker and his puppet, Pinocchio, takes on timely issues in Disney's **My Son Pinocchio**. Grammy Award-winner and master melodist Stephen Schwartz adds a compelling score of original songs to the beloved classics "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings." Join the Blue Fairy, Stromboli and a lively cast of characters as Geppetto journeys beyond the Toy Shop to discover what makes the "perfect child."

This family-friendly musical is appropriate for all ages and is a magical mix of heart-warming fairytale and action-packed adventure. You will love following Pinocchio's journey from an awkward wooden puppet to a real, live boy and will be charmed by Geppetto's transformation from demanding creator to a real, live father.



February 25, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
February 26, 2012 @ 2:00 PM
March 2 & 3, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
March 4, 2012 @ 2:00 PM
ICT Warehouse Theatre

This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship."

Act I explores the journey from "dating and waiting" to "love and marriage", while Act II reveals the agonies and triumphs of in-laws and newborns, trips in the family car, and pick-up techniques of the geriatric set.

This hilarious revue pays tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?" **Adult Comedy**



April 28, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
April 29, 2012 @ 2:00 PM
May 4 & 5, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
ICT Warehouse Theatre

Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. **The Dixie Swim Club** focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years.

Sheree, the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized and "perfect" life, and continues to be the group's leader. Dinah, the wisecracking overachiever, is a career dynamo, but her victories in the courtroom are in stark contrast to the frustrations of her personal life. Lexie, pampered and outspoken, is determined to hold on to her looks and youth as long as possible. The self-deprecating and acerbic Vernadette has decided to just give in and embrace the chaos. And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise.

As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them. **The Dixie Swim Club** is the story of these five unforgettable women - a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever...

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About Our Special Stars:

When our friends make a donation to the Iola Community Theatre, they help us pay for the production costs of all our presentations. Royalties and rental are especially expensive for musical presentations. We must buy set building materials and either make or rent costumes. Other expenses cover such things as makeup, props, and special sound or lighting. Our actors, musicians and technical people are all volunteers looking for a creative experience and donations help give them this opportunity. In addition, they help fund the Children's Summer Theater project. Our friends' dollars help us in our mission to provide quality theater, entertainment and recreation needs for hundreds of area people of all ages. That's why our contributors are the real **Stars of ICT**.

Your Chance To Be A Star

Donor	\$ 5.00 - \$ 49.00
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Name: _____
(as it should appear on the program)

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Contributors receive the first choice of seats and their names are listed on the performance programs and Iola Community Theatre Website.

Ticket Order All Tickets Orchestra Seating (donors' tickets will be selected first)

Please mark your preferred night and number of tickets:

Disney My Son Pinocchio, Geppetto's Musical Tale

at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center

September 16 ___ 17 ___ 18 ___ , 2011

___ Adults @ \$12.00 = \$ ___

___ Students @ \$8.00 = \$ ___

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!

at the Warehouse Theatre

February 25 ___ 26 ___ , 2012

March 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ , 2012

Ticket price includes dessert

___ Adults @ \$15.00 = \$ ___

___ Students @ \$10.00 = \$ ___

The Dixie Swim Club

at the Warehouse Theatre

April 28 ___ 29 ___ , 2012

May 4 ___ 5 ___ , 2012

Ticket price includes dessert

___ Adults @ \$15.00 = \$ ___

___ Students @ \$10.00 = \$ ___

Total Tickets \$ _____

Donation _____

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