

Theatre Store—Shopping Ideas:

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Stop by the STARS office, 534 Ashmun St., and pick up a beautiful, spacious tote-bag with the STARS logo (below). And how about a beautiful **coffee mug**, and high-quality **T-shirts** with our "Bring Back the Lights" Soo Theatre logo? Get a gift certificate; give the gift of lessons to a special person in your life. Give a donation to the theatre in the name of a loved one whom you wish to honor! See enclosed donor sheet.



STARS: a program of Soo Theatre Project, Inc.



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Take 4—Action! SPRING 2006

SUMMER 2006 at the Soo Theatre

Summer Camps

hildren can have an adventure in the arts this summer at Soo Theatre Arts Resource Studios (STARS). Plans are underway for two elementary arts exploration camps-a mix of music, dance, acting and art.

For middle school and high school students STARS is planning a musical theatre camp. These programs will be one- or two-week day camps, and enrollment is limited. Registration begins May 1. Call STARS at 632-1930, email stars@lighthouse.net, or stop by for more information. Information will also be posted on our website, WWW. sootheatreproject.org.

Productions

number of *benefit productions* are being planned by Soo Theatre Project this summer.

These productions will begin on May 19 and 20 with a Broadway Revue, featuring STARS dance, theatre and voice students. Eric Shaw and Karen Hughes will appear in concert on June 17. A production of Hansel and Gretel is already being rehearsed, and will be presented in July. Other performances are in the planning stages.

Summer Classes, Lessons, Workshops

C ome STARS teachers will continue with music and dance classes **D** and private lessons through the summer. Workshops on a number of topics are also being scheduled.

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Lighting and Sound Equipment Needed

S oo Theatre Project needs money for basic lighting and sound equipment, and for operating the building while we look for funding to proceed with renovations. Income from the summer performances will help with these expenses.

Happenings in the Soo Theatre Complex

Demolition has started upstairs in the former apartments. Students from the Skill Center's Construction Technology class and workers from the Chippewa County Sheriff Department's Community Service program, along with Soo Theatre Project volunteers, have started to make the upstairs space available for construction of new studios and office space for STARS and the Soo Theatre Project. In just a few months the STARS program has outgrown the space on the ground floor!

Peter's Place

Peter's Place (named after Peter Gianakura, long-time proprietor of the American Café), will soon have a counter with coffee, tea, cold drinks and a few snacks available. For the time being, access by the public will be limited to special events, as the "café" is both office and waiting area for STARS until more space in the building becomes usable.

Thank You

Thank you to the hundreds of people who have given money and in-kind services, and who have lent their time and expertise to the Project. Without you we would not be where we are today. There is LOTS more to do. Soo Theatre Project is counting on your continued support.

How You Can Help

✓ Join our "*Bring Back the Lights*" campaign—an ongoing fundraising effort. Pledge over a number of years or make a one-time donation. A donor sheet is in this flyer.

✓ Contribute to our "*The Curtain Can Go Up Because the Wall is Down*" drive. A modest donation of \$25.00 puts your name on the wall in the window and later in the lobby.

Thanks also to our hard-working Board of Directors-Soo Theatre Project, Inc. Dianna George, President Colleen Arbic, Vice President Alistair McKay, Assistant Secretary Mary Krzycki-McKay, Secretary Debbie Cole, Treasurer Cathy Abramson **Taylor Brugman** John Ignatowski Marian MacLeod Jim Schmidt Annette Shilts Kris Thorne Richard Trautwein John Wilkinson

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Our mission is to renovate and restore the Soo Theatre complex and to use this facility to sponsor, encourage and create opportunities for participating in and appreciating the arts.

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SOO THEATRE PROJECT, INC. needs your help to "Bring Back

the Lights" to downtown Sault Ste. Marie. Pledge or donate in one of the following categories.

List of Credits - persons or businesses giving at these levels will have their names on our honor roll permanently in the foyer/entrance or lobby.

___\$50,000 - Impresarios Some portion of the building will be dedicated in your name

___\$35,000 - Movie Moguls

__\$25,000 - Maestros

___\$20,000 - Executive Producers

__\$15,000 - Directors

___\$10,000 - Playwrights

___\$5,000 - Choreographers

___\$2,500 - Stage Managers

__\$1,000 - Film Buffs

List of Credits - Giving at these levels will also put your name on lists in the lobby.

___ \$500 - Set Designers

__\$250 - Stage Crew

___\$100 - Scene Stealers

The Curtain <u>Can</u> Go Up Because the Wall Came Down

The dividing walls are down, but we continue to give you the opportunity to put your name or the gift of other names on the "Wall." \$25 buys your name on the Wall in a studio window, and later in the theatre lobby.

Soo Theatre Project, Inc is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization 501(c)3. Please make your donation payable to Soo Theatre Project, Inc.

Name (print as you want it to be):

Name_____

Address

Telephone

Email

If you wish to add other names, please attach a printed or typed list. Mail this slip to:

Soo Theatre Project, Inc. 534 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-1435

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, call any member of the Board of Directors, call the office at 632-1930 or email us at sootheatre@lighthouse.net. If you wish to be put on the email list to receive info on the Soo Theatre Project and other cultural events, email Marian MacLeod: <u>macwoman@charter.net</u>

Check us out! www.sootheatreproject.org Telephone: 632-1930 email: sootheatre@lighthouse.net or <u>STARS@lighthouse.net</u>