



Michelle Mueller of Lincoln practices bowing after a rehearsal during the annual Theater Camp in the Temple building studio Wednesday. Josh Wolfe/DN

Young actors learn, create during Rep's summer camp

By Kate Grafel
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Lasting friendships are forged, pranks are played, and the world of theater is celebrated as 29 high school kids experience a week they will never forget.

The Nebraska Repertory Theatre's annual summer camp began Sunday with auditions in the Studio Theatre and will conclude Saturday with an original production by the students.

High school students from all over Nebraska arrived at the Temple Building Sunday afternoon and launched a week full of auditions.

UNL doctoral student Michael Rothmayer used the auditions to determine the nature of each student's participation in the final show, which the students are writing.

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The performance will be a tribute to the arts, featuring monologues and dialogues, music, writing and drawing.

The students attend acting and improvisation classes each morning, followed by a two-hour workshop in the afternoon.

Diane Robinson, an actor and director from Chicago, teaches the acting class. She is currently acting in the Rep's "Picnic," which opened July 13.

The improvisation class is taught by UNL graduate student Amy Rafa. Students in this class play energy-building, warm-up games such as "Kitty in the Corner" and "Zip Zap Zop."

They also play a common improvisation game known as freeze tag. Two actors improvise a scene until an audience member says "freeze." The two actors hold their positions until the person who stopped the scene takes the place of one of them and begins a new scene.

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"Grease" slides into Community Playhouse

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"Grease"...it speaks for itself—a film that encapsulated an era dominated by punk guys with greased back hair and leather jackets, ladies with tight pants and too much lip-stick.

Well, you can get another chance to see that timeless story unfold on the stage of the Lincoln Community Playhouse each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm.

The show focuses on the two

1959 gangs: The Burger Palace Boys, which is run by bad boy Danny Zuko and the Pink Ladies, which is helmed by Betty Rizzo.

"I think people will be surprised," said Matt Landis, who is playing the part of Zuko, "since this is more of an ensemble production than the movie."

Landis, making his debut at performing "Grease", said that he welcomes the challenges of being the star character.

Despite the story line straying from its intense attention on the relationship between Zuko

and the goody-two-shoes girl who eventually steals the heart of Zuko, Sandy Dumbrowski, it will adhere to the petty and perverted activity that defined high school for far too many of the hopeless teens in "Grease" the movie.

"We are going to take a nostalgic, raunchy approach to it," Robin McKercher said, the artistic director of the show.

Stealing hubcaps, hot rodding around and sexual mayhem are going to serve as an integral feature of the play, McKercher said.

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July 24: Canada's World Footbag (hacky sack) Championship
July 31: TBA
August 7: National Smile Week

Fountain Frolics:
Every Thursday, Noon @ Broyhill Fountain, Nebraska Union Plaza. Enjoy live music, lunch, and the beautiful Nebraska summer, every Thursday this summer! Hot Dogs, Chips, and Pepsi for sale.

July 20: Amy Williams
July 27: Nebraska Jazz Orchestra
August 3: Terri Jo Dahlquist and Molly Ruhlman
August 10: Nebraska Brass

Movies on the Green:
Wednesday nights this summer on the grass north of Kimball Recital Hall at Dusk (approximately 9:00pm). Free Pepsi and Popcorn! Come enjoy one of these Academy Award winning films under the stars this summer!

July 26: MASH
August 2: The Bridge on the River Kwai
August 9: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

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