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RECORDS REQUEST

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the state open records act ("Freedom of Information Act," 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), I request access to information in your school records regarding the performance of musical theater productions by students of Geneseo High School in Geneseo during the 2012-2013 school year. Specifically, I request access to the following:

- A press release, announcement, etc., showing the school name and:
 - 1. Title(s) of musical(s) performed (examples: My Fair Lady, The Wiz)
 - 2. And, dates the musical(s) was (were) performed
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 - 3. Or, simply a letter or email identifying the school, title(s) and date(s)

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Sincerely,

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"The King and I"

Friday, April 26, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, 2013 2:30 p.m.

Synopsis

East versus West makes for a dramatic, richly textured and ultimately uplifting tale of enormous fascination. It is 1862 in Siam when an English widow, Anna Leonowens, and her young son arrive at the Royal Palace in Bangkok, having been summoned by the King to serve as tutor to his many children and wives. The King is largely considered to be a barbarian by those in the West, and he seeks Anna's assistance in changing his image, if not his ways. With both keeping a firm grip on their respective traditions and values, Anna and the King grow to understand and, eventually, respect one another, in a truly unique love story. Along with the dazzling score, the incomparable Jerome Robbins ballet, "The Small House of Uncle Thomas," it is one of the all-time marvels of the musical stage.

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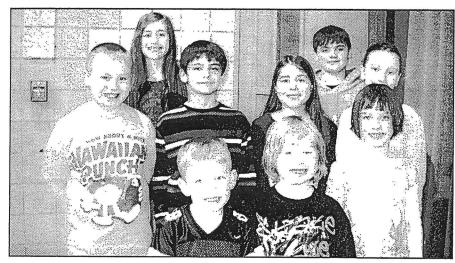






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Back Row: Erik Bergren, Connor Lillis, Piper Howard 2nd Row: Augie Schmitt, Will Sammons, Emma Yerkey, Cadence Talbert Front Row: Joe Morz, Mary Kate Mroz, Ava Perrigo



Back Row: Diana Scherer, Andrew Hock 2nd Row: Jack Moore, Ethan Savcedo, Brynley Castro, Rose Henderson Front Row: Joe Versluis, Paxton Sherloeyn, Madeline Roberts

Acknowledgements

The cast and crew extend their thanks to the following individuals and businesses who contributed to this production: Marilyn DePauw, Nancy Green, James Roodhouse, Kelli DeCap, Jeanne Brucher, Cherie Patterson, Kim Budde, Kris VanVooren, Rosemary Wolf, Polly Sherbeyn, Jon Obrecht, Fran Hirschfelder, Butch Bos, Ryan Rahn, Fareway. BlackHawk State Bank, Becker and Becker, Geneseo Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Hill Players, Tara Laingen, Sandy Gauley, Deanna Bott, Creative Images and Jackie Patterson.

Special Thanks

Kelli DeCap and Studio G Salon for donation of hair care products and help with hair styling, and the Geneseo Republic for the program.

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"The King and I"

Director's Notes...

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Mounting "The King and I" has been a tremendous challenge, but a great deal of fun. The support our cast members have shown for each other, even to the point of applauding during rehearsals for each other, shows a high level of stage maturity. We always enjoy inviting some of our younger students to join our high school students to complete a cast, and this show is no different. Thank you to parents/guardians who did much driving to get cast members to rehearsals, adjusted home schedules to accommodate rehearsals, and helped cast members learn lines, songs, and blocking.

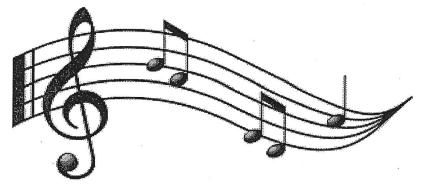
Cast

The King Hunter Kuffel
Anna Leonowens
Lun Tha
Tuptim Emma Evans-Peck
The Kralahome
Lady Thiang Alyssa Castro
Prince Chulalongkorn
Captain Orton
The Interpreter
Louis Leonowens
Phra Alack
Royal Wives Laura Anne Bergren, Courtney Emerick, Hannah Johnson, Auriana Mayer, Christina Mullin, Mallory Park, Kate Whiteman, Claire Yerkey
Royal Dancers Laura Anne Bergren, Julian Cocquit (Angel George), Katelyn Despain (Topsy), Maddy DeYoung (Little Eva), Courtney Emerick, Michael Farb, Jordan Hass (Ballet Dog), Lauren Holke (Eliza), Connor Lillis (Buddha), Donaven Mayer, Kyle Patterson (Uncle Thomas), Rachel Rastetter (Ballet Dog), Rachel Sears, Kate Whiteman, Luke Widger (Simon Legree), Chas Young
Amazons Katelyn Despain, Jordan Hass, Rachel Rastetter
Princes Erik Bergren, Andrew Hock, Connor Lillis, Jack Moore, Joe Mroz,
Ethan Saucedo, Augie Schmitt, Paxton Sherbeyn, Joe Versluis
Princess Ying Yaowalak
Princesses Brynley Castro, Rose Henderson, Piper Howard, Mary Kate Mroz, Ava Perrigo, Madeline Roberts, Diana Scherer, Emma Yerkey
Guards Julian Cocquit, Michael Farb, Kyle Patterson, Christoph Stemmermann
Priests of Siam Julian Cocquit, Michael Farb, James Hartsock, Donaven Mayer, Kyle Patterson, Christoph Stemmermann, Luke Widger, Chas Young

Pit Orchestra



Back Row: Kam Wilson, Ashley Parrott, Sara-Beth Floyd, Tyler Oldfield, Gabby Cooney, Kim Moore, Lily Kluge, Shaina Lohman, Seth Whittington Middle Row: Stephanie Swan, Adam Boyles, Piercen Trahan, Daniel Skelton, Jessica Schaumburg, Chelsea Schwarzko, Emma Benjamin, Jack Roberts Front: Evan Sammons, Abby Larson, Grace Lillis, Heather Robinson, Courtney Clifton, Megan Roome, Tori Kellogg



Tech and Crew



Back Row: Danielle Townsend, Jenna Vermost, Jenelle Wilson, Emily Buzard 4th Row: Ben Keener, Garrett Mannon, Steven Dennis, Gibson Kluge 3rd Row: Ryan Rockensock, Emma Evans - Peck 2nd Row: Kendra Fobert, Bri Rahn, Beth Jolly 1st Row: Maggie Wilson, Kathleen Dichiser



Orchestra

Bass Piercen Trahan
Violin Jack Roberts
Percussion Jessica Schaumburg, Daniel Skelton
Bassoon
Flutes Sara-Beth Floyd, Shaina Lohman, Gabby Cooney, Seth Whittington
Clarinets Lily Kluge, Kim Moore, Stephanie Swan, Adam Boyles
Oboe
Saxophone
Horn Abby Larson, Megan Cordes, Victoria Kellogg
Trumpet Ashley Parrot, John Versluis, Kamron Wilson
Trombone Emma Benjamin, Grace Lillis, Megan Roome

Backstage

Stage Managers
Hair And Make-Up Elizabeth DeReu (chair), Alyssa Castro, Jenelle Wilson, Jenna Vermost, Katrina Rockensock, Elizabeth Hock Sound
Lights

Production Staff

Stage Director
Vocal Directors MR. STEPHEN LACROIX, MS. KATHERINE SHERIDAN
(Millikin University student teacher)
Pit Orchestra Directors MR. ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, MS. DANA JONES
(student teacher from Western Illinois University)
Technical Director MR. HARVEY GREEN
Rehearsal Accompanist Miss Aimee Prenevost
Stage Managers Maggie Wilson, Danielle Townsend
Choreographer
Costume Coordinator Mrs. Kim Budde
Tickets Mrs. Suzy Heaton
GPAC Vice President Mrs. Jackie Patterson

Overture

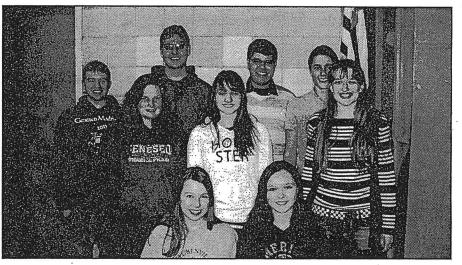
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Musical Synopsis

The action of the play takes place in and around the King's Palace, Bangkok, Siam during the early 1860s.

Act I

Scene 1: Deck of the Chow Phya
I Whistle A Happy Tune
Vignettes and Dance
Scene 3: The King's Library in the Royal Palace
My Lord and Master
There is a Happy LandLady Thiang
Hello, Young Lovers
The March of Siamese ChildrenRoyal Siamese Children
Scene 4: The Palace Grounds
Scene Before Curtain ("Be it ever so humble")
A Puzzlement
Scene 5: The Schoolroom
Schoolroom Scene
Getting to Know You
We Kiss in a Shadow Lun Tha and Tuptim
Scene 6: A Palace Corridor
Reprise: A Puzzlement
Scene 7: Anna's Bedroom
Shall I Tell You What I Think of You?
Something Wonderful Lady Thiang
Scene 8: A Palace Corridor
Reprise: Something Wonderful Lady Thiang
Scene 9: The King's Library
Finale Act I

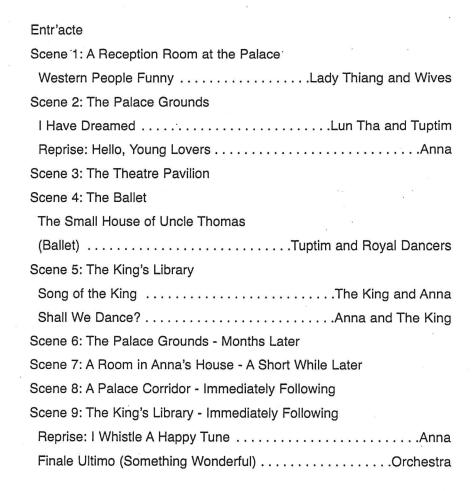


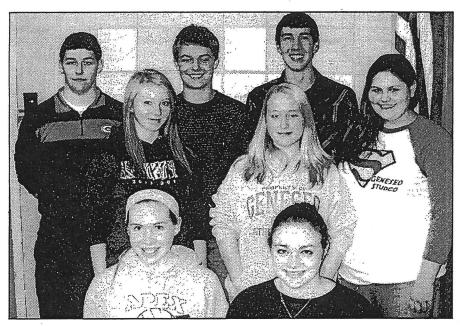
Sophomore Cast: Back Row: Julian Cocquit, Michael Farb, Donaven Mayer, Ryan Ganson 2nd Row: Christina Mullin, Rachel Rastetter, Mallory Park Front Row: Claire Yerkey, Alyssa Castro



Freshmen Cast: Rachel Sears, Lauren Holke, Maddie DeYoung

Act II





Junior Cast: Back Row: Ryan Patterson, Chas Young, James Hartsock 2nd Row: Jordan Hass, Kate Whiteman, Courtney Emerick Front Row: Katelyn Despain, Laura Bergren





EMILY BUZARD, TECH

Emily worked musical tech for the past two years; and tech and crew for Fall Play. She was also a member of the Speech Team. Contest Play, and marching band. She is a dancer. Next fall, she plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and major in mechanical engineering.

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Maggie has stage managed and worked crew for Fall Play, Contest Play and musical. She is pleased to be working with the beautiful and fantastic Danielle Townsend. She participates in a youth group and is a volunteer visitor to area nursing homes. She intends to major in Speech Pathology and minor in Theatre Design at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia.





GABBY COONEY, PIT ORCHESTRA (FLUTE)

Gabby has been a participant in musical for many years as a cast member; this is her first pit experience. She is primarily a sax player, so playing the flute has been quite an adventure. She was in marching band, jazz band, Madrigal, and Maplettes. She is an NHS member. Gabby works at the movie theater and volunteers for her church. Next year, Gabby will attend Illinois Wesleyan University to study psychology. She hopes to continue her involvement in music. She is thrilled to be able to start the next chapter of her life there!

ALLISON YERKEY, ANNA LEONOWENS

Allison has been involved in a variety of activities during her four years in high school-band, marching band, choir, Jazz choir, Jazz band, Madrigal, and Pep Band. This is her third appearance in musical, having appeared in "The Music Man" as Mrs. Britt, and "Bye Bye Birdie" as Kim MacAfee. She was a member of the IMEA District Band, Orchestra, and in All-State Band and All-State Orchestra. She is a member of National Honor Society and is an AP Scholar. Allison is a member of the Maple City Band and Geneseo Community Choir. She has been a private trombone instructor for three years. Next fall, Allison plans to attend the University of Illinois to major in Music Education. She is quite excited to be a member of the Marching Illini. She hopes you enjoy the show.





MEGAN CORDES, PIT ORCHESTRA (FRENCH HORN)

This is Megan's first musical in the pit, and was a singer in "Joseph...." "Music Man," and "Bye Bye Birdie." She was a member of Speech Team, and for four years a member of band and choir. Megan is deciding where to attend college to study history and political science. Thereafter, she will attend law school to become a constitutional lawyer.

RYAN ZUM MALLEN, LUN THA

In addition to many musical activities. Ryan is a dedicated member of the ping pong club. He has been involved with musical since 8th grade and will miss performing with his friends. He has been a member of Drum line, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir and Madrigal. Ryan also plays piano at Sunday morning Mass at St. Malachy's. He is a member of National Honor Society and is on the first Honor Roll. Ryan plans to attend DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, to study Film and Digital Cinema.





STEVE DENNIS, SET BUILDER

Steve has been involved with sets for all four years of high school for both Spring musical and Fall Play. He also plays soccer. He plans to attend Southern Illinois University-Carbondale to study computer sciences.



JESSICA SCHAUMBURG, PIT ORCHESTRA (PERCUSSION)

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Jessica is new to Spring Musical Pit, but is quite experienced in music. She was in Marching Band, on the Drum line, in Honors Band, and was a member of All-State Band. She is in National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, was an Illinois State Scholar and is on Student Council. Jessica plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Food Science and minor in music.



DAN SEARS, KRALAHOME

Dan has varied stage experience from his high school days. This is his fourth musical appearance, having been seen in "Joseph...," "The Music Man," and "Bye Bye Birdie." He was Lord Chamberlain in Madrigal. Dan was the captain of the Speech Team this year, and was involved in last year's Contest Play. He is an All-State choir member, and an Illinois State Scholar. Outside of school, Dan enjoys thwarting the forces of evil, wearing fezzes, not drinking coffee and writing in the third person. Next fall, he plans to study Zoology at Southern Illinois University. Dan hopes you enjoy the show.



CHRISTOPH TYLSON STEMMERMANN. SIR EDWARD RAMSEY, GUARD, PRIEST OF SIAM

Chris arrived to Geneseo as a foreign exchange student and got involved in cross country and wrestling. Before Geneseo, he went to a math and science-focused school. He started playing violin at age 6 and playing in orchestra at age 9. He will continue his studies upon his return to Germany.



LUKE WIDGER, SIMON LEGREE, PRIEST

Luke was a state scholar this year. Last year he was a member of the Real World Design Challenge State Champions; and competed at the National Vex Robotics Competition as captain of Team 4284H. In the fall, he plans to attend a university and is undecided about his major. He would like to study in Spain.

ELIZABETH DEREU, MAKE-UP

Elizabeth has been involved with musical for several years. including "Joseph...," and as Mrs. Mae Peterson in "Bye Bye Birdie." She did hair and make-up for Fall Play, musical and Madrigal. Elizabeth has been a Maplette and in choir for four years, and was in band for two years. Her plans for next fall are as yet undecided.



KATHLEEN DICHISER, CREW

Kathleen has been involved with crew for the past three years. She is also a member of the Art Club, and, in the Anime Club, she is known as "Silent Senpai." For the past four years she has volunteered at the Geneseo Animal Shelter. After life at GHS, she intends to travel and attend Black Hawk College.



EMMA EVANS-PECK, TUPTIM

Emma is making her fourth appearance in musical during her high school career. She has extensive experience on the stage. including Fall Play, choir, band, Drum line, Madrigal, IMEA and All-State, Speech Team and Jazz Choir. She is a Thespian and Maplette; and a member of Key Club. She is in the National Honor Society, is an Illinois State Scholar and an AP Scholar. In addition to high school activities, she has appeared at Richmond Hill Theatre, and will be performing in "Cabaret" this summer at The Quad City Music Guild. Next year, Emma plans to attend Wartburg College to major in Music Therapy and Music Education, with plans to ultimately work at a children's hospital "to help children through the magic of music." She expresses her gratitude to her parents, brother, Mr. LaCroix, Miss Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. Green for all of the support.



SARA-BETH FLOYD, PIT ORCHESTRA (FLUTE)

Sara-Beth is a member of the Honors Band. She was a Marching Band squad leader, and participant in NIB12 Conference Band. She was an Illinois Ambassador of Music/European Tour. Sara-Beth works at Pizza Hut. She plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University in the fall, and major in photography with a minor in journalism.



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"The King and I"



GRACE LILLIS, PIT ORCHESTRA (TROMBONE)

Grace has been involved in musical all four years, 3 of which were in the pit. She was in marching band, choir, Madrigal, and was a member of Speech Team and Group Interp. Grace is involved in St. Malachy's youth group. Next fall, she plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio).

AURIANA MAYER, ROYAL WIFE

Auriana was involved with "The Music Man" and "Bye Bye Birdie." She participated in Madrigal and choir. Her plans for next fall are indefinite but she plans to major in Youth Ministries to become a Youth Pastor.





BEN KEENER, TECH

Ben has worked tech on numerous shows. He is an Illinois State Scholar and AP Scholar. He is a member of FFA and an avid trap shooter. Ben plans to attend Illinois State University to major in Psychology and Criminology.

KIMBERLEE MOORE, PIT ORCHESTRA (CLARINET)

Kim appeared in previous musicals: "Joseph...," "Music Man," and "Bye Bye Birdie." She was involved in Contest Play, Speech Team, Group Interpretation and Fall Plays "Scapin" and "You Can't Take it With You." Kim is in Honors Band and Color Guard; and is a member of National Honor Society. She volunteers at Hammond Henry Hospital and works at The Cellar. Next year, Kim will attend the University of Central Florida to major in International Business. She hopes to participate in theater while in college.





HUNTER KUFFEL, KING MONGKUT OF SIAM

This is Hunter's fourth musical appearance, having played a pharaoh, an agent/English teacher, and his favorite, as a member of the barbershop quartet in "The Music Man." He was an All-State choir member and in Madrigal. He was also a member of the cross country team, ping pong club, and Scholastic Bowl. He is a National Merit Finalist and the vice president of National Honor Society. Outside of school, he enjoys hanging out at Tyler Ford's basement, playing his ukulele, and attending various church activities. Hunter plans to attend college to major in finance and to continue acting. He thanks you for attending the show.

ASHLEY PARROTT, PIT ORCHESTRA (TRUMPET)

Ashley plays trumpet in Pep Band, and was a member of marching band. She is involved in church activities. Ashley plans to go to Western Illinois University, and eventually open a restaurant.





GARRETT MANNON AKA PAPA CHIEFTAIN, SET DESIGNER AND BUILDER

Papa Chieftain has been the chief set builder for a few shows, including Fall Play and Contest Play. An Illinois State Scholar, he has "wormed his way into the most advanced mathematics course." He played soccer through his junior year. Other accomplishments include growing a "wondrous and majestic" beard, and folding the tiniest origami: "challenges accepted." Next year, he plans to join the Air National Guard to pay for college.

HEATHER ROBINSON, PIT ORCHESTRA (TUBA)

Heather is a straight-A, home-schooled student and attends GHS for band, choir and AP Music Theory. She is first chair in Honors Band, and was drum major for the marching band for the last two years. She was in All-State Band, and plays tuba for the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra. She also plays in the Maple City Band. Heather is a volunteer at the John Deere Classic. In the fall, Heather plans to attend Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, to study Music Theory/Composition, with plans to earn her doctorate so that she can teach theory at the college level, and in her free time compose music for marching bands and perhaps dabble in drill design.



Jill Patten <jpatten@dist228.org>

To: Natalie Haugse

Fwd: Geneseo HS Musical

I think Scott may have given you this paperwork to file. This just confirms that they received what was requested.

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Re: Geneseo High School in Geneseo

Thank you for your reply to Danielle's FOIA request dated July 5. This email is to confirm that the information you provided completely fulfills the request.

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Good Morning Danielle,

Per your request, please find attached a copy of the Geneseo High School Musical program from April 2013. If you need any further information please feel

free to let me know.

Have a great day!

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