

# THE DEBUT REVUE

FALL 2012

Dear Debut Families

Emotional connection, a compelling message and purpose with intent – these are the ingredients for great Art. The definition of classic is “Having lasting significance or worth; enduring the test of time.” Great literature and dialogue define the theatre that we do here at Debut . May the words, laughter shared, experiences and self-growth be celebrated and cherished as 2012 comes to an end.

Can you identify the following Holiday quotes? (answers below)

1. “God bless us, everyone.”
2. “Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night!”
3. “All it needed was a little love.”
4. “What if Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps means a little bit more.”
5. “Look, Daddy. Teacher says every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings.”
6. “Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to.”
7. BELIEVE
8. “He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life it’s highest beauty and joy.”
9. “A toy is never truly happy until it is loved by a child.”

All of these quotes come from classic holiday literature and have become cornerstones in many family traditions this time of year. The words matter...the intent remains true and becomes intertwined in the fabric of our lives and celebrations. No matter what holiday you experience together, (Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza...) we wish you all that is good, classic and true. Thank you for allowing us to share in the joy of expression with your children.

(And please forgive me for including #9 as quality literature. My children would never forgive me for leaving it out...)

Cheers!

-- Lee

(1. A Christmas Carol, 2. The Night Before Christmas, 3. Linus, A Charlie Brown Christmas, 4. How the Grinch Stole Christmas 5. It's a Wonderful Life 6. Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street 7. Polar Express 8. Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus 9. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer)

## Come See The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon At First Night!

The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine all 209 stories ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel to more bizarre, obscure stories like The Devil’s Grandmother and The Girl Without Hands. A wild, free-form comedy with lots of audience participation and madcap fun.

First Night Buttons go on sale December 15th at all Fort Collins, Windsor and Loveland King Soopers (cash and check only), Jax Outdoor, Ben & Jerry’s, the Lincoln Center Box Office, and the Downtown Visitors Center.

**By popular Demand, Debut will now be offering videos of select shows! Watch your email to find out if your student’s class will be recorded!**

**Thank you to our students and their families for the energy, creativity, and fun you brought to this semester! We wish you laughter, magic and joy this holiday season!**

*Lee Kaplan, Artistic Director*

*Gregg Osterhout, Technical Director*

*Dennis Bigelow, Director & Office Staff*

*Sydney Parks-Smith, Director*

*Robyn Dulye, Director*

*Briana Sprecher-Kinneer, Director*

*Heath Howes, Director*

*Quin Smith, Assistant*

*Tamara Faour, Assistant*

*Lea Ramer, Assistant*

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*Lydia Funke, Assistant*

*Rose Wright, Assistant*

*Allie Naqvi, Assistant*

Debut offers many tax deductible opportunities including sponsorships, matching grants, end-of-year charitable contributions and surplus goods donations. Please call us at 224-5774 for more information.

Debut Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to making theatre arts education affordable and accessible to all. All donations are fully tax deductible. **Please think of us in your end of year giving.**

# **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

## **END-OF-SEMESTER REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES**

### **LITTLE THEATRE**

Laugh with Little Theatre behaving badly in **Shel Silverstien's Naughty Children.**

December 3	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Rehearsal
December 10	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Rehearsal
December 13(Thurs.)	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Call: Be @ Debut's Black Box Theatre: Final Rehearsal, Costumes, Makeup Dinner (Bring your own!) <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:00 PM	Doors Open for seating, Black Box Theatre
	6:30 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

### **FIRST STAGE**

When four kids sneak into the big top, no one knows where the surprises will lead. Join First Stage for **Circus Daze.**

<b>November 30(Fri.)</b>	<b>4:00– 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Make-Up Rehearsal</b>
December 5	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 12	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Call: Be @ Debut's Black Box Theatre: Final Rehearsal, Costumes, Makeup Dinner (Bring your own!) <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:00 PM	Doors Open for seating, Black Box Theatre
	6:30 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

### **FIRST STAGE<sup>2</sup>**

A giant. A beanstalk. A girl with pluck named Jackie. Join us for this retelling of the classic fairytale **Jackie and the Beanstalk.**

December 4	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 11	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Dress Rehearsal
December 14 (Fri.)	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Call: Be @ Debut's Black Box Theatre: Final Rehearsal, Costumes, Makeup Dinner (Bring your own!) <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:00 PM	Doors Open for seating, Black Box Theatre
	6:30 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

### **PRE-TEN-DERS**

Lost children, a wicked witch, a gingerbread house... Join Pre-Ten-Ders as they bring the classic Brothers Grimm tale of **Hansel and Gretel** to the stage.

November 29	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Rehearsal
<b>December 1</b>	<b>12:00 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Extra Rehearsal</b>
December 6	4:30 PM (Please be prompt!)	Final Rehearsal, Costumes, Makeup at Foothills Unitarian Church Please eat dinner BEFORE you arrive. <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:30 PM	Doors Open for seating, Foothills Unitarian Church
	7:00 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TROUPES

## ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

Be sure to read the specific notes for your troupe. If you have any conflicts, problems or questions, please contact your director immediately to avoid any last-minute crisis.

### Dress Rehearsals

**Mandatory** dress rehearsals precede all shows. All **students must be on-time** because this is the only opportunity to run the show in the space with lighting and full tech before there's an audience.

Recommended items to bring:

- ◆ Sack dinner (shows at Debut) or eat before you arrive (shows at different venue)
- ◆ Button-front make-up shirt
- ◆ Brush and comb
- ◆ Personal make-up or accessories if desired
- ◆ Costume accessories from home if desired
- ◆ Water bottle (Please no sugary or caffeinated beverages)

Debut provides a theatrical make-up and hair kit, as well as instruction and assistance in application. However, you may choose to do your own ahead of time.

**Friends and siblings are *not* welcome to attend the dress rehearsal or to "hang out" backstage. The directors cannot be responsible for anyone other than troupe members.**

### During the Show

Please, no flash photography during the performance. It's distracting to other audience members, and, more importantly, it can be dangerous to the performers on stage.

Also, please don't make the monitoring of actors family and friends the Director's responsibility.

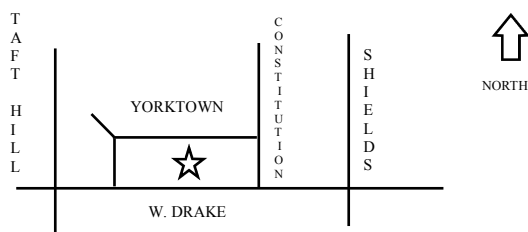
### After the Show

At the end of the show, students must **check out with the director before leaving**. Costumes are to be hung up and props are also to be turned in. This is important theatre protocol to be learned.

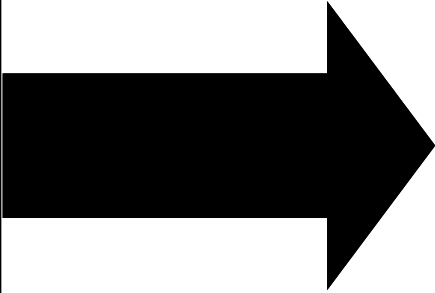
### After Show Parties

Cast parties are always welcome, but they are to be planned, hosted and cleaned up by the cast and their families. Cast parties cannot be held at the Lincoln Center. Contact the office if you want to have a cast party at Debut or the Foothills Unitarian Church.

#### Map to the Foothills Unitarian Church. 1815 Yorktown Ave, Fort Collins.



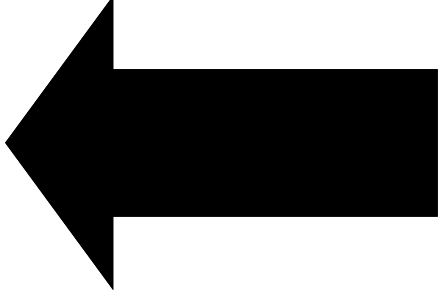
**Everyone is welcome at all Debut shows! No tickets are needed and admission is by donation for any performance. Join us and see what the other troupes are doing!**



# Debut Theatre

## Spring 2013

### Schedule



**Little Theatre**—Director: Briana Sprecher-Kinner  
& Sydney Parks-Smith

All levels of experience

Ages: 6-8

Mondays—4-5:30PM

First Class: January 28

Performance: May 27

**First Stage** —Director: Robyn Dulye  
Beginner

Ages: 8-10

Tuesdays—4-6PM

(a second Wednesday class may be added)

First Class: Feb 5

Performance: May 28

**Pre-Ten-Ders**—Director: Lee Osterhout-Kaplan

Intermediate

Ages: 8-10

Thursdays—4-6PM

First Class: February 7

Performance: May 24

**Stage Two**—Director: Robyn Dulye

Beginner/Intermediate

Ages: 11-14

Tuesdays—6-8PM

First Class: January 29

Performance: May 21

**Center Stage**—Director: Dennis Bigelow

Intermediate

Ages: 11-14

Thursdays—6-8PM

First Class: January 31

Performance: May 23

**World Stage**—Director: Heath Howes

Intermediate/Advanced

Ages: 11-15

Tuesdays 6:15-8:15

First Class: January 15

Performance: May 7

**Act-Teen**—Director: Heath Howes

Intermediate/Advanced

Ages: 13-17

Mondays—6-8PM

First Class: January 7

Performance: May 6

**Debut Players**—Director: Lee Osterhout Kaplan  
By Audition Only

Wednesdays 6-8

Saturdays 9:30-12:30

First Class: January 9

Performances: May 3-11

## STAGE TWO

You've heard the story of **Snow White**, but have you heard the witches tale? Join this zany cast of characters as they tell you the untold side of this classic fairytale.

November 27	6:00 - 8:00PM	Rehearsal
December 4	6:00 - 8:00PM	Dress Rehearsal @ Debut
December 5 ( <b>Wed.</b> )	4:30 PM (Please be prompt!)	Call: Be @ Foothills Unitarian Church: Please eat dinner BEFORE you arrive. <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:30 PM	Doors Open for seating, Foothills Unitarian Church
	7:00 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

## CENTER STAGE

In **Season of Light**, a young girl is sent into exile when she is blamed for the failure of a winter solstice celebration. Together with a unique troupe of actors, she searches for a way to bring back the sun.

November 29	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 6	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Dress Rehearsal @ Debut
December 7 ( <b>Fri.</b> )	4:30 PM (Please be Prompt!)	Call: Be @ Foothills Unitarian Church: Please eat dinner BEFORE you arrive. <b>Please no sweets or caffeinated beverages!</b>
	6:30 PM	Doors Open for seating, Foothills Unitarian Church
	7:00 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

## WORLD STAGE

In **Cinderella, The World's Favorite Fairytale**, three international variations of Cinderella are performed in their native styles: Chinese Russian and Native American.

December 4	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 8	10:00 - 12:00 AM	Optional Work Day
December 11	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 18	4:30 (Please be prompt!)	Call: Dress Rehearsal @ Lincoln Center - Magnolia Theatre Please eat dinner <b>BEFORE</b> you arrive.
	6:30 PM	Doors Open for seating, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre
	7:00 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

## ACT-TEEN

High school students face real-life issues in **Fighting For Myself**, a gripping compilation of personal struggles.

December 3	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
<b>December 8 (Sat.)</b>	<b>1:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Extra Rehearsal</b>
December 10	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Rehearsal
December 17	4:30 PM (Please be prompt!)	Call: Dress Rehearsal @ Lincoln Center - Magnolia Theatre Please eat dinner <b>BEFORE</b> you arrive.
	6:30 PM	Doors Open for seating, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre
	7:00 PM	Performance (Admission by donation)

## DEBUT PLAYERS

December 14 (Fri.)		Registration and tuition (\$320) due
January 9 (Wed.)	6:00 - 8:00	Wednesday rehearsals begin and continue weekly
January 12 (Sat.)	9:30 - 12:30	Saturday rehearsals begin and continue weekly
April 28 (Sun.)		Load in
April 29 - May 2		Lincoln Center dress rehearsals
May 3,4,5 and May 10-11		Performances

# Debut Theatre Company Patrons

Please support businesses that support local arts.

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**Generosity allows us to make theatre affordable -- less than \$6 an hour.**

Interested in joining this distinguished list of families and businesses? Obtain information about becoming a DTC Patron by contacting the Debut office at 224-5774 or debut@frii.com.

# HAPPENINGS AT DEBUT

Debut gives a standing ovation to the performers and their families! Your support, commitment, and passion will make this semester's productions truly marvelous.



Parents and Students — Our lost and found box is overflowing. Please take a look and see if any of the notebooks, water bottles, jackets, clothes or various other objects might belong to you and yours. The objects that remain homeless will be donated to charity on December 23.

**Mark Your Calendars**

- ◆ Spring 2013 class information coming shortly – watch our website and your email box for registration information. We will also have info at all of the class shows.
- ◆ Be on the lookout for new things at Debut: New Website! New Carpet! Master Classes!

**THANK YOU TO THE "NANCY DREW: DETECTIVE" SHOW SPONSORS:**

- ◆ The Houser Family
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- ◆ The Ramer Family
- ◆ The Halley Family
- ◆ The Kennedy Family
- ◆ The McConnellogue Family
- ◆ The Miller Family
- ◆ "One Who Loves Debut"
- ◆ Anonymous Supporters
- ◆ The Kaplan Company
- ◆ Christopher Eriksen, MD
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- ◆ Alumnus Michael Toland-Kennedy was picked to perform at the Summer Playwriting Workshop at the Kennedy Center!
- ◆ Teacher Sydney Park-Smith will be performing in "Noises off" in March!
- ◆ Briana Sprecher-Kinneer is expecting her second child in March!
- ◆ Former teacher Nikki Gibbs has volunteered for the Peace Corps in Tanzania!
- ◆ Congratulations to all of the Debut Students going to the Thespian Nationals!



DEBUT THEATRE WISH LIST

- ◆ Costume Organization
- ◆ Painting Carpentry
- ◆ Sewing/Mending
- ◆ Snow Removal
- ◆ Lawn Care

Please call Debut's office at 224-5774 for donations of items, skills, and energy. THANK YOU!!!