

Lemont Center for the Arts
ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION
OF LEMONT



Summer 2012
NEWSLETTER

**Local Performing Arts Company
Returns To Its Roots**



NightBlue Performing Arts Company, based in Lemont, is set to return to the village in the summer of 2012 after a nearly four year absence.

NightBlue was founded in 2005 by Lemont residents David Walters and Andrew Kolanowski, and brought high quality productions of *Cabaret* and *The Pajama Game* to the suburb in 2006. NightBlue continued in 2007 with productions of *Miss Saigon*, *La Cage aux Folles* and *Kiss Me, Kate*. NightBlue concentrated its efforts on performance education and bringing the true heart of the characters to life. Its mottos of “No Masks, No Walls, All Honesty” and “Perform Naked, Character Is Everything” resonate in the core values of the company. Deep, Honest, Empowering and Diverse.

NightBlue began as a traveling company, not only bringing high-quality theater to Lemont, but the surrounding suburbs as well. NightBlue regularly traveled to nearby Orland Park, Tinley Park and Hickory Hills with their productions. In 2007, NightBlue was given the opportunity to bring their

production of *Miss Saigon* to the city of Chicago, and ever since has enjoyed a growing presence in The Second City.

NightBlue expanded not only to the city, but also to various Festivals in and out of state. NightBlue has been a regular contributor to the Gaelic Park Irish Fest on the South Side, and was even invited up to the Milwaukee Irish Fest. NightBlue also contributed to the Bailiwick Director’s Fest in the City of Chicago and started their own Theater Festival in Michigan with the Harbor Country Theater Festival. Beyond that, NightBlue has held Summer Immersions for both local and out-of-state youths for the past several years.

With the closing of their Lemont home at the Lesnieski Center though, NightBlue found it difficult to find a new space in their home suburb that would suit their expanding needs. That is about to change, though, as generous donations by local businesses and other groups has allowed NightBlue to once again bring their brand of high-quality non-equity theater to Lemont. NightBlue has a new home, at 1252 State Street in the mall by Jewel.

NightBlue will open this new space in summer 2012, with their Summer Immersion program of *Les Miserables*. The program is open to teens from middle and high schools, and auditions for both singers and musicians will be held in May. Further programming will be announced, but will include play reading, concerts, cabaret, improv, children’s theater and special events.

NightBlue is excited to add Lemont back into its repertory of theater, in addition to Chicago and Michigan!

To learn more, visit www.nightbluetheater.com



Upcoming Exhibits

May 18 ~ July 8 We welcome ceramic artists from the Fox Valley Area, including artists Sue Norris of the Blackberry Ridge Potters and Arnie Kalnins and friends.

July 13 ~ September 2 The LCA looks forward to another moving exhibit from Timberline Knolls.

September 7 ~ November 4 The Lemont Center for the Arts Second Anniversary Exhibit will feature local artists inspired by original poetry.

Did you know that the Lemont Center for the Arts is available for small gatherings?

Besides providing art exhibits, classes and other special arts events the LCA is the perfect place for you to hold a small birthday party or other celebration. The facility holds 20-30 people comfortably and is handicapped accessible. For more information and rental rates call or e-mail.

For more information check us out at
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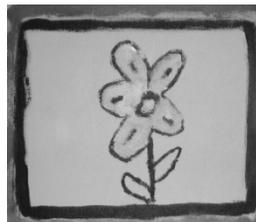
Valid for classes June, July and August of 2012

Volunteers Needed

As the Lemont Center for the Arts expands its programming, it is in need of volunteers to staff the gallery. If you have a few hours that you could donate to helping our efforts, please contact us or stop by to fill out an application.

RIDDLE: What did Michelangelo say when he was hired to paint the Sistine Chapel?

Where Is It?



Have you seen this image around town? Maybe you've seen it at the Lemont Center for the Arts. Maybe you've seen it on a t-shirt. This is a painting done by a youthful artist at one of the many community arts projects sponsored by the Art & Culture Commission of Lemont. The design was chosen to be printed on t-shirts. If you would like to support the Art & Culture Commission and the Lemont Center for the Arts you can purchase one for \$10 at the center. Stop by to see this and other items for sale that support the LCA.

LCA regular hours are:

Friday, noon – 4 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time”. Thomas Merton

ANSWER: Things are looking up.