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RIVER REGION DRAME GUILD to Present

The King and I

The River Region Drama Guild is pleased to announce the cast for their summer production *The King and I*. This popular Rogers & Hammerstein production was the first musical performed by the St. Charles Little Theatre 20 years ago and restaged 10 years ago by the River Region Drama Guild.

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," is one of the all-time marvels of the musical stage.

"We are very pleased to be performing this classic again," says Marcia Peyton, Assistant Director. "This cast of over 45 talented actors and actresses have been rehearsing since auditions in April. We have many families involved this year. It has been a joy to see so many moms

and dads performing with their children. It's what community theater is all about."

Reprising his role as the King of Siam is Kristopher Lloyd Shaw. Kris is a New York transplant and a Maine native, who was most recently seen as Major Bouvier in Southern Reps New Orleans premiere of "Grey Gardens." Last seen in TSL's production of "Company," he has recently returned to the boards from a restful years' hiatus. Favorite regional credits include, of course, the King in "The King and I" in RRDG's last mounting of the show, and an award winning turn as Antonio Salieri in "Amadeus" for JPAS. Other favorites included Will in "The Will Rodgers Follies" with Rivertown Rep, Baker in "Wonderful Town," and Albin in "La Cage Aux Folles" with Tulane Summer

Lyric. Mr. Shaw has a BA in Theatre and studied acting in NYC.

Monique Abry has been cast in the role of Anna Leonowens. Monique returns home from her first year in the musical theater department at Oklahoma City University to take on this classic role. David Castillo will play the Ambassador, Sir Edward Ramsey. Other roles include Lun Tha played by St. Rose's Lance Ural, Kralahome played by Luling's Craig Matherne, Captain Orton played by Richard Pecot, sharing the role of Prince Chululongkorn are Dane Castillo and Patrick Murray. Michael Smith will be Louis Leonowens, Lady Thiang played by Destrehan's own Rachel Abbate and Tuptim by Angela Eichhorn. Austin Pecot will play the Interpreter and Samuel Eastepp the part of the Phra Alack.



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Emily Barber, Shelbi Berthelot, Jade Coates, Jessica Mixon, Rachel Moore, Sarah Moore, Laura Murray, Sheila Pecot, and Anne Marie Laque will play the royal wives of the King of Siam. The King's children will be played by Samantha Albert, Faith Becnel, Sarah Gauthier, Tori Gomez, Maggie Gomez, Emily Huhner, Anna Moore, Elizabeth Murray, Alexa Romero, Destiny Sandolph, Brittany Schaubhut, Paul Sullivan, Laura Sullivan, Dena Vial, Mia White, and Sasha White. Other cast members include Luke Schaubhut and Wayne Castillo as Palace Guards. Kacy Kernan is the attendant to the Royal Children.

The "Small House of Uncle Thomas" ballet will be danced by Lance Ural, Kelsey Frisch, Lauren Sullivan, Brittany Schaubhut, Shaysa Lewis, Lindsey Price, Lauren Avilas, Isabel Alber, Robert Montgomery, Christopher Hanes, and Rachel Naquin.

Returning to direct are Rosalie Abadie and Marcia Peyton with Brenda Castillo returning as the musical director. Lindsey Price is the choreographer and set design is by Henry Sorbet. This program is sponsored in part by United Way of St. Charles; a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts; Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Houma Regional Arts Council and a grant from the River Region Arts and Humanities Council.

Performance dates are June 17, 18, and 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm and June 20, 2010 at 2:00 pm. All performances will be held at the Destrehan Auditorium at Destrehan High School. Tickets prices are \$20 for all seats, to purchase tickets call 985-764-1969.



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Important 2010 Dates

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| June 17-20 | River Region Drama Guild, Inc. Performances "The King and I" (985-764-1969) |
| July 26-29 & August 2-5 | River Region Drama Guild Children's Theatre Workshop (504-904-1129) |
| September 11 | River Region Ballet, Inc. Nutcracker Auditions (985-764-7678) |
| December 11-12 | River Region Ballet, Inc. Nutcracker Performance (985-764-7678) |

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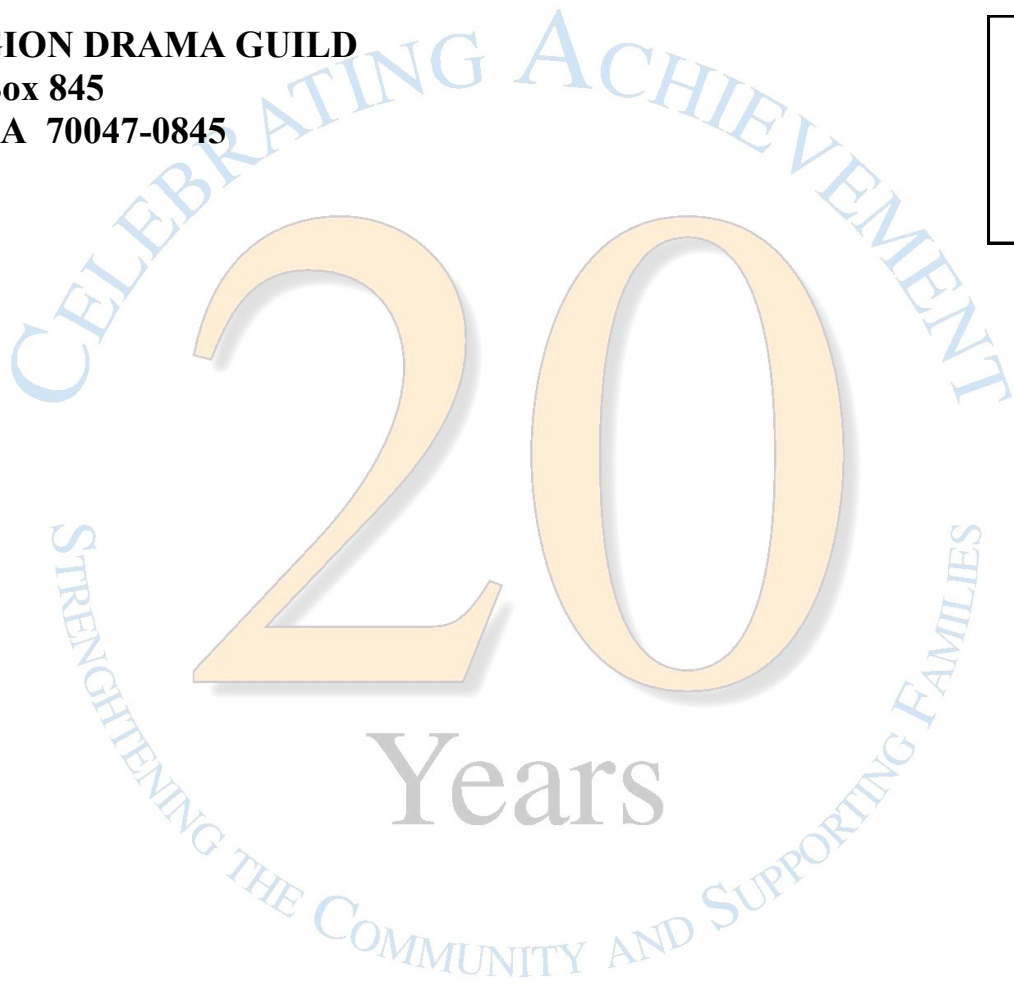
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