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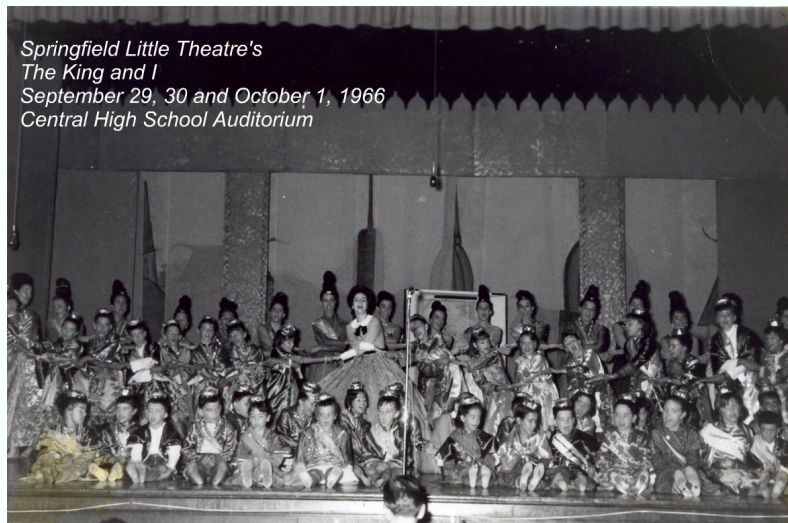
Springfield Little Theatre Announces
THE PRODUCTION OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S CLASSIC "THE KING AND I"



Springfield, MO - December 10, 2009 - *THE KING AND I* is one of the all time marvels of the musical theatre stage. East meets West in a most dramatic, richly textured, and uplifting fashion. It's 1862 and the King of Siam has summoned an English widow and her young son to the Royal Palace in Bangkok to serve as a tutor to his many children and wives and to help change his image from barbaric to refined. With a firm grip on their respective values and traditions, Anna and the King grow to understand and respect one another in a truly unique love story. The dazzling score of all time favorites includes "Getting To Know You," "Shall We Dance?"

"Hello Young Lovers," and "I Whistle A Happy Tune."

THE KING AND I opened on Broadway at the St. James Theatre on March 29, 1951. It ran for 1,246 performances and won Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Actress, Best Featured Actor, Best Scenic Design, and Best Costume Design. SLT first produced *The King and I* in 1966 at the Central High School Auditorium and then again in 1991 on the Landers Stage. *The King and I* runs



February 5-21, 2010 and is underwritten by Pearson Kelly Office Products, Greene County Medical Society, KSPR, Star 105.1, Bass Country 92.9, and the Missouri Arts Council. Tickets are on sale now and prices range from \$15.00-\$25.00. The historic Landers Theatre is located at 311 E. Walnut Street. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 417.869.1334 or visit our website www.springfieldlittletheatre.org

Springfield Little Theatre's cast of *THE KING AND I*

includes sixty-five talented actors and actress of all ages including:

- KING..... Derrick D. King
- ANNA..... Cara Hampton
- CAPTAIN ORTON..... Terry Luxton
- LOUIS LEONOWENS..... Parker Payne
- THE INTERPRETER..... Anthony Lemalu
- THE KRALAHOME..... Chris Knox
- PHRA ALACK..... Zac Markworth
- LUN THA..... Alexander Nathan
- TUPTIM..... Keegan Winfield
- LADY THIANG.....Kim Snyder
- PRINCE CHULULONGKORN..... Maceo Cortez
- SIR EDWARD RAMSAY.....Scott Estrem
- PRINCESS YING YAOWLAK.....Victoria Wilson

The Landers Theatre was built in 1909 for \$100,000. The brick and terracotta building has been in continuous use either as a legitimate theatre or a motion picture house since it opened with the musical THE GOLDEN GIRL starring Lillian Russell on September 18, 1909. It is the oldest and largest civic theatre in Missouri, and one of the largest in mid-America. The Landers Theatre produces a mainstage season of nine plays that are attended by some 60,000 patrons annually. Among Landers alumni who have gone on to national recognition in theatre and film are Kathleen Turner, Tess Harper, Kim Crosby, and Lucas Grabeel.

Springfield Little Theatre is a volunteer driven organization, energized by the highest artistic ideals, that strives to entertain, educate and involve the community in live productions and in the preservation of the historic Landers Theatre.

THE KING AND I FACT SHEET

WHO:

DIRECTOR: Beth Domann

CHOREOGRAPHER: Darryl K. Clark

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: Aaron Smith

VOCAL DIRECTOR: Leah Jenkins

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WHAT:

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WHERE:

The Historic Landers Theatre
311 E. Walnut, Downtown Springfield

WHEN: February 5-21, 2010

- Friday 02/05 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday 02/06 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday 02/07 at 2:30 pm
- Thursday 02/11 at 7:30 pm
- Friday 02/12 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday 02/13 at 2:30 pm
- Saturday 02/13 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday 02/14 at 2:30 pm
- Thursday 02/18 at 7:30 pm
- Friday 02/19 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday 02/20 at 2:30 pm
- Saturday 02/20 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday 02/21 at 2:30 pm

HOW MUCH:

\$15.00-\$25.00
Adults \$25.00
Seniors (62+)/Teachers/Military \$22.00
Students \$22.00
Child \$15.00 (14-)

TIX & INFO:

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