



The Spotlight

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The King and I

The holiday performances of the musical children's show *The King and I* will take place in December. Tickets for these shows are eagerly awaited, so be sure to reserve yours early and mark your calendar!

Renee Addleman stars as Anna, and **Nathan Hartle** stars as the King.

Director: Donna Cupp

Music Director: Donna Cupp

Accompanist: Willa Kashmar

Stage Manager: Don Kashmar

Set Design/Construction: Don Kashmar

Choreography: Nikki VanDyke

Production Manager: Jess Glass

“We’re still looking for costumers, as well as people to help with props, set construction, and lighting,” said Jess Glass, the show’s production manager. “We also need backstage parents to help wrangle the children when they’re not onstage or rehearsing.”

To offer your help, phone Jess at 724-840-9388.

For advance tickets and ticket information, please call 724-463-7122. Regular price: \$8—Students/seniors: \$6

Performances dates:

- Dec. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10, 17 at 2:00 p.m.

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. With words and music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *The King and I* is one of the all-time favorites of the musical stage.

Shakespeare Update—The Shakespeare Team is working hard in preparation for the 2007 Shakespeare Monologue and Scene Contest at the Pittsburgh Public Theater. The preliminary round will be held February 5 through 9, 2007. Those who advance to the final round of the contest have the opportunity to perform before an audience at the Showcase of Finalists on Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. The team consists of **Chris Anthony** (senior, IAHS), **Amber Engelmann** (9th grade, IAJHS), **Ty Mumau** (junior, IAHS), **Kate Patrick** (junior, IAHS), **Burkely Twiest** (sophomore, MCHS), and **Claire Welsh** (sophomore, IAHS).

Renaissance Dinner—The new year is almost upon us, and that means it’s almost time for the 2007 Renaissance Dinner! This popular, medieval-themed dinner takes place on February 2 and features jugglers, fire-eaters, minstrels, and musicians performing while the diners feast. The highlight will be monologue and scene performances by the Indiana Players’ Shakespeare Team. More information will appear in the December issue of *The Spotlight* and on the Indiana Players website: www.indianaplayers.com.

The Indiana Players welcomes Laura Jeffrey as our new publicity director and Sarah Taylor as assistant publicity director.



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Congratulations to Indiana Players member **Caitlin Bidwell**, who will compete in the upcoming Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA pageant. The daughter of long-time IPI members and benefactors **David and Patty Bidwell** and the granddaughter of **Mrs. Florence Helwig**, Caitlin recently appeared in the Players' production of *The Women*. We wish this talented young actress the best in this next stage of her life.

Volunteer of the Month
Dan Sparks, for providing the pointed prosthetics used in *Dracula*

Company of the Month
China King, for allowing the use of their restaurant for fast movement of the actors during the production of *Dracula*

Special thanks go out to **Judy Yothers** for her continued support of the Indiana Players.

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