

# Backstage



WITH THE  
FLORISSANT  
FINE ARTS  
COUNCIL



St. Louis  
Theatre  
Musicians  
Orchestra  
performing  
*The Best of  
Broadway*

## THE FFAC IS ON A ROLL!

The Florissant Fine Arts Council has been on a fantastic roll this season, and there's no letting up now! So far this season, we've welcomed everything from 3 *Redneck Tenors Broadway Bound* to a 6 performance run of *Away In The Basement*, the latest in the series of the smash hit *Church Basement Ladies* franchise. We were honored to welcome legendary star of stage and screen Ed Asner in his stunning performance as *FDR*. The sold-out crowd had universal rave reviews for his performance. Just a week later, a nearly sold-out house gave enthusiastic cheers for *A Closer*

*Walk with Patsy Cline*, but the great performances don't stop there!

Next up on our series is Broadway's longest-running comedy thriller, the hit play, Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps* on Sunday, March 27th at 2 pm. A two-time Tony Award winner, *The 39 Steps* is a laugh-out-loud hilarious stage version of the classic Hitchcock thriller. Four actors portray all 140 characters with lightning-quick changes in both costumes and character. You don't want to miss the show the New York Times calls "absurdly enjoyable." We're honored to present the national

tour as part of our Applause/ Applause series.

Rounding out the series is an evening with the St. Louis Theatre Musicians Orchestra as they perform *The Best of Broadway*. Take a journey through the history of the Great White Way with some of the area's finest musicians, known for their exceptional abilities in performing with both local troupes and national Broadway tours. We're honored to bring this evening of music and memories to the stage in cooperation with the American Federation of Musicians, Local 2-179. We hope you'll join us!

Don't miss these upcoming performances, presented by the Florissant Fine Arts Council!

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\* Sunday, March 27 - 2 pm - Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*

\* Saturday, April 30 - 8 pm - St. Louis Theatre Musicians Orchestra performs *The Best of Broadway*

\* Monday, May 30 - 7 pm - Gary Dammer Big Band Patriotic Salute (Memorial Day)

Watch for details of our free Music Under the Stars concerts!

Florissant Fine Arts Council proudly presents

# Gary Dammer Big Band Patriotic Salute



**Monday, May 30 - 7 pm**

Florissant Civic Center Theatre  
Parker Road at Waterford Drive  
\$8 adults, \$6 students and seniors

**Call 314-921-5678 for tickets**

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Watch for details of our Music Under the Stars Series of free outdoor concerts, Summer 2011!

## A Fond Farewell

*by Kate Egan, Marketing & Development Consultant*

Greetings, friends of the arts, and a happy spring to each of you after such a long winter.

For the last 12 seasons (1999 - 2011), I have been responsible for marketing and development for the Florissant Fine Arts Council, a position that I have cherished. I grew up in Florissant and first appeared on stage at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre when I was in kindergarten. Through my grade school years, I learned to love theatre through consistent exposure to the arts. Some of my fondest memories are of my mother and grandmother taking me to see musicals by both the Alpha and Hawthorne Players as well as the national tours brought in by the Florissant Fine Arts Council. Through my high school years, I was a relative staple at the theatre, whether it was helping out in the box office, working as a dresser when needed on shows, or ushering on nights they were short-handed.

After finishing college and beginning a career in the arts, I was honored to be selected to be the marketing and development consultant for the FFAC, and for the chance to give back to the theatre that gave me so much. Gary Gaydos and Vicky Egan have been wonderful mentors over the years and it's been a treat to work with them and learn from them. Through 12 seasons, I've enjoyed getting to know our members, audiences, and the artists on our series. I will have a lifelong appreciation of all that each of you, and your support of the arts, bring to the quality of life in North County.

Regretfully, as my full-time professional responsibilities have become too great, I am forced to bid each of you and the FFAC a fond farewell for the 2011 - 2012 season. I know that you will continue the effort to keep the arts alive and an integral part of day to day life in North County. Many thanks for all of your support, and please continue to imagine the future of art in our community!

Remember, you can always see what's new with the Florissant Fine Arts Council by visiting our website,

[www.florissantfinearts.com](http://www.florissantfinearts.com).

The calendar is updated the minute something new comes along. You can sign up for regular e-mail updates from us as well as see activities for up to a year in advance!

## JOIN THE RANKS!

The FFAC wants you! Our annual membership drive kicked off on March 1, and we're excited to invite new members into our ranks and our loyal ranks back for another great season! Now more than ever before, as our efforts grow, the FFAC relies on community support for our activities and outreach. We're bringing more performances than any time in our history, including more free performances, and we greatly appreciate the generosity of both our long-standing and newer members. We hope you'll consider membership this year to help bring the best of the performing and visual arts to our area.

Each year, we build the appreciation for the arts in our community with remarkable performances including fresh comedies, Broadway musicals, classic plays, and music from around the world from local, regional and national touring artists. Thanks to the generosity of our members, each of these performances have ticket prices affordable to all. In fact, the majority of our performances are free to the public at the Valley of Flowers Festival, the Old Town Fall Festival, and our free Music Under the Stars series.

Membership in the FFAC also helps to provide docents to classrooms to introduce children to the arts. It affords local visual artists gallery showings, many of them for the first time in their careers. Membership dollars support both our performing arts series and provide vital funding for eighteen shows, some with multiple performances, and two outdoor, family festivals per year.

We hope that you will choose to join the ranks of community-minded, art-loving people that make up the FFAC. It's a great way to enjoy art with others, and we hope you'll support the arts here in North County!

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FLORISSANT FINE ARTS COUNCIL!

Please return to FFAC, P.O. Box 115, Florissant, MO 63032

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please print your name as you wish it to appear in our program book.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate level of membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Individual Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Leading Player Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00 Director Level Membership (includes 4 seats to a performance)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 Producer Level Membership (includes 2 Season Tickets)

Memberships are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your support!

# In The Gallery...

August 2010

Greater St. Louis Art Association – Mixed media

September 2010

Northside Art Association – mixed media

October 2010

John Lautermilch – acrylics, oils

November 2010

Jean McMullen & Students – mixed media

The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8 am–9 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 9 am–5 pm.

Shows are displayed from the first to the last day of the month.



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