

Stars of Tomorrow



The first Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Stars of Tomorrow program was held in 1955. The following is an excerpt from the March 8, 1955, Cheyenne Kiwanis bulletin.

Last Friday a group of Kiwanians and their wives attended the Fort Collins "Stars of Tomorrow." Sunday twenty-four Kiwanians met to work on committee plans for our show. Prospective talent will have until March 24 to sign up, and try-outs for the show will be at the Churchill School Auditorium March 24, 25, and 28. Kiwanis members and their wives will be judges. The rehearsal for the show will be held on April 4 and our show will be April 11. The three top winners over twelve years of age will compete at the district show to be held in Greeley April 18. The Board will decide Wednesday on the project for the proceeds of the show. Let's all get behind the project and make it a huge success.

The 2022 Stars was thus the **68th annual show!**

Each show is an opportunity for young people from Laramie County to showcase their talents before a live audience. Contestants over the years have performed drum solos, vocal solos, piano solos and duets, guitar solos, dance acts, magic acts, gymnastics, and comedy routines.

Stars is an International Kiwanis Club project. Thousands of clubs around the world host Stars contests. The winners of the local contests compete in division and district contests. Scholarship money is awarded at the district level.

The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club is one of the few clubs to have auditions, usually three nights, each year. Most clubs simply open the stage the night of the show, and acts perform unannounced. Kiwanis members organize the show which, for many years, has been presented at the Cheyenne Civic Center, and thus provides all performers with a professional stage experience.

There are three Stars of Tomorrow divisions - Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High. Every act appearing in a Stars show earned their spot competing directly with other

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acts in their own division. Each act is judged in three categories - showmanship, presentation, and talent. Judges award first, second and third place in each division as well as "Best in Show" from the three first place winners. The three first place winners are also eligible to advance to the division and district shows.

The music or performing arts department in the school of the first place winner in each division is awarded \$300. The Best in Show school receives an additional \$300. Those funds are used to advance performing arts in their respective schools.

A number of Laramie County students continued performing after their "Stars" careers.

Chris Kahler, after winning Best in Show at the 1969 Cheyenne Stars, won first place in both the 1969 Division Stars in Laramie, and the 1969 District Stars in Greeley. She then made several appearances at the Kiwanis International Convention in 1969 in Miami Beach.

Amy and Annie Smith, after winning Best in Show at the 1977 Cheyenne Stars, won the Gong Show at age 16! They are both graduates of Stanford University, and have performed on ABC's "Good Morning America," "VH-1," "60 Minutes," "TNN," and the Grand Ole Opry as guests of Ray Acuff. They have also appeared on USO Tours to Alaska, Caribbean, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and headlined cruise ships to Turkey, Greece, Panama. They have been featured in national television commercials for McDonald's, Heineken, Microsoft, and American Electric.

Roland Black, Jennifer Johnson, Sherri Laursen and Eric Yordy, performed as a quartet named Park Avenue, winning Best in Show at the 1987 Stars. As Eric relates, in 2022, "We loved our time preparing and performing and the year after was a fantastic year of civic performances and "gigs."

Roland, Jennifer and Eric all attended the University of Wyoming, and were performers with the Centennial Singers. Jennifer married another Centennial Singer and became a teacher in a small town outside Colorado Springs. Roland went on to work as a sound technician. Sherri became a music teacher in Thornton Colorado. And Eric, after graduating from Cornell Law School, briefly practiced law, and is teaching business law at

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Northern Arizona University.

Jeff, Marcus, and Doug Bailey won the 1990 Stars Elementary Division. Jeff, after a musical career while attending the University of Wyoming, when his band was the opening act for five-time Grammy Award winner, Christopher Cross, subsequently became an art teacher, and basketball coach at East and South High Schools. He came back to music in early 2022 when he released, on all streaming platforms, his album, "Orange Moon" which he self-produced, doing all recording, mixing, and engineering himself.

Jon Peter Lewis participated in the 2004 Stars of Tomorrow, and was a top 8 finisher in American Idol.

Stars of Tomorrow is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talented youth in Laramie County.

PREVIOUS STARS OF TOMORROW WINNERS1

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¹ The programs for the Stars competitions for the years 1955 through 1966 did not contain contestant photos.

1955 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Best in Show Melody Brady & Howard Blumenthal - Ball Room Dance

1955 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Dennis Rice - Trumpet Solo

1955 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Patti Dunston - Acrobatic Dance and Baton

1956 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Gloria Ann Barone - Baton Dance Best in Show

1956 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Melody Brady

1956 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Norman Cable II, Danny Trevino, Dennis Steele & Wayne Merritt - Vocal Quartet

1957 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Jackie Hayworth - Baton-Acrobatic Dance

1957 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Patti Dunston - Acrobat and Baton Dance Combination Best in Show

1957 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Best in Show Joe Silver - Piano Solo

1958 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Jay Stark - Vocal Solo - Best in Show

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1958 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Gloria Arm Barone - Hawaiian Dance and Baton Twirling - Best in Show

1958 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Sandy Stark, Linda Phillips, Judy Reed & Lindy Davis - The Buskers - Girl Barbershop Quartet

1959 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Gary Keefer & Steve Miyamoto - Electric Guitar Russell Paravecchio - Trumpet Solo - Best in Show

1959 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Alan Whitney - Violin Solo

1959 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Janice Bailey - Piano Solo

1960 Stars of Tomorrow Pat Anderson-Best in Show - Vocal Barbara Bedont - Vocal Judith Perzan - Tap Dance

1961 Stars of Tomorrow Rick Orrison - Best in Show - Piano Mary Hanson - Piano Dave Capps, Steve Carlson, Jim Wietz & John Hermanson - "Shortcuts"- Vocal Quartet

1962 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Lisa Schreiner - Violin Solo

1962 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Sandy Capps - Piano Solo

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1962 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Jack Wallace - Violin Solo

1963 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Lindsey S. Schreiner - Piano Solo

1963 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Mary Hanson - Piano Solo

1963 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Courtney Johnson - Piano Solo

1964 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division John McInerney - Piano Solo

1964 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Susan & Judy Geiger - Tap Dance

1964 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Carol Jean Brown - Vocal Solo

1965 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Mike Ryan - Drum Solo

1965 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Henry & Walter Roberts - Piano Duet

1965 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Marilyn Marsh & John Schmidt - Folk Singing

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1966 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Janice & Joan Julius - Acrobatic Routine

1966 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Mike Ryan - Drum and Vibraphone Solo

1966 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division Annette Klipstein - Vocal Solo

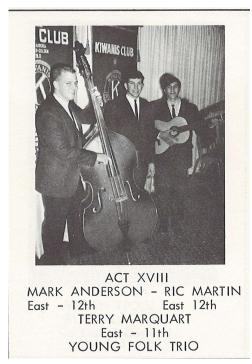
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1967 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Janice & Joan Julius

1967 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Joey & Richie Sara







1967 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Mark Anderson, Ric Martin, Terry Marquart

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1968 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Bobby Albach

1968 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division David Lind

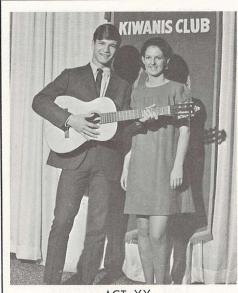


ACT X
DAVID LIND
McCormick Jr. High - Grade 9
ACCORDION



1968 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show

Cal Furnish & Danise Grawthan



ACT XX

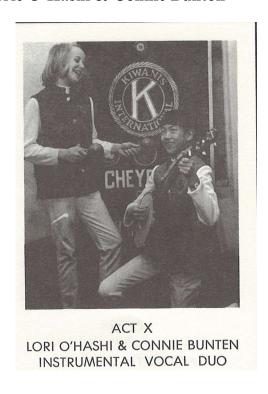
CAL FURNISH - DANISE GRAWTHAN

Central High School - Grade 12

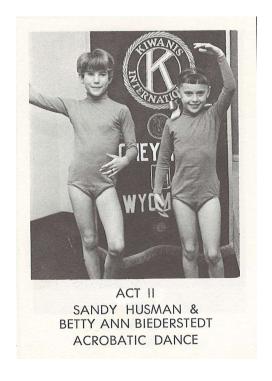
"FOLK ROCK DUO"

1969 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Sandy Husman & Betty Beiderstedt

1969 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Lorie O'Hashi & Connie Bunton



1969 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Chris Kahler

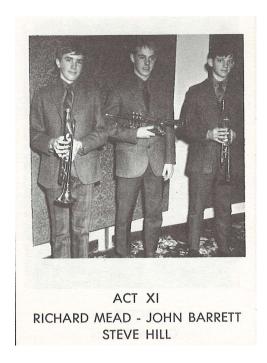




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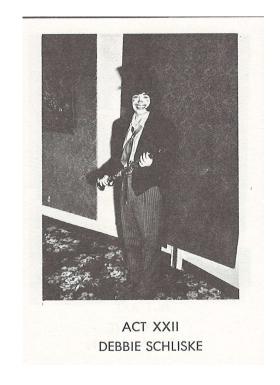
1970 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Bill Koseluk

1970 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Richard Mead, John Barrett & Steve Hill



1970 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Debbie Schliske



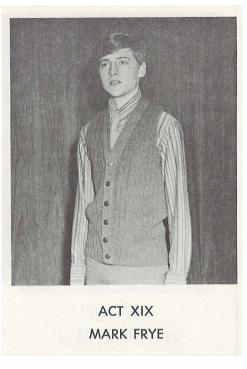


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1971 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Louanne Couch



1971 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Kim Pring

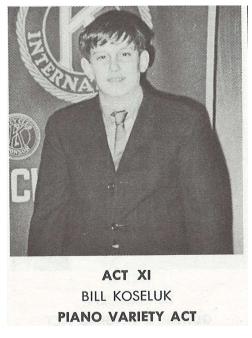




1971 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Mark Frye

1972 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Barbara Coleen Burnaugh

1972 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Bill Koseluk



1972 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best on Show Kathie Biggs, Kim Pring, Sherrie Metz, Pam Eisenach & Reah Lansbury





ACT XVII

Left to right: Kathie Biggs,
Kim Pring, Sherrie Metz,
Pam Eisenach and Reah Lansberry
Baton Twirling & Novelty Act

1973 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Louanne Couch

1973 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Karla Singer



ACT XII

KARLA ANN SINGER

McCormick Jr. High

VOCAL - PIANO

1973 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Kim Pring





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1974 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Kurt Borgaard



ACT 5
KURT BORGAARD
VOCAL

1974 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Kathy Borgaard



ACT 10
KATHY BORGAARD
SONG AND DANCE



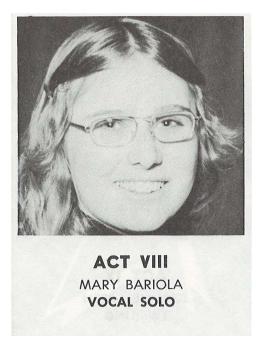
ACT 12
HOOVER AND THE VACUUMS
Karen Morris - Chris Hoover
Mary Jo Bogus - Deidre Kilty
FOLK GROUP

1974 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Chris Hoover, Karen Morris, Mary Jo Bogus & Deidre Kilty,

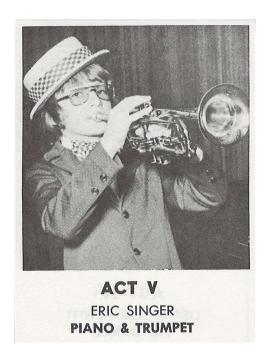
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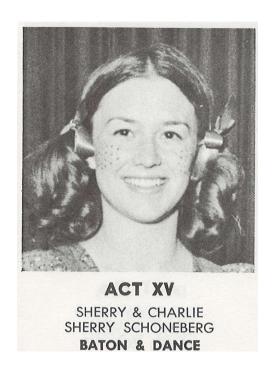
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1975 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Mary Bariola



1975 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Sherry Schoneberg

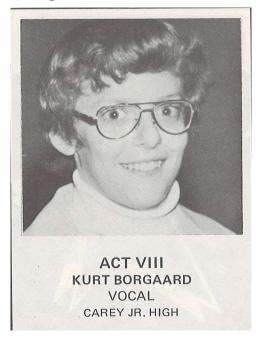




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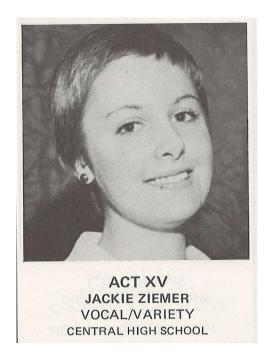
1976 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Terri Williams

1976 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Kurt Borgaard



1976 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Jackie Ziemer





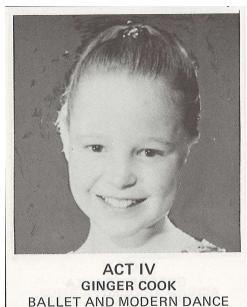
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1977 Stars of Tomorrow **Elementary Division Ginger Cook**

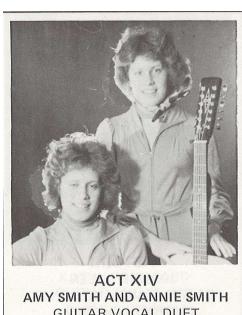
1977 Stars of Tomorrow **Junior High Division** Barbara Burnaugh & Niki Esmay



1977 Stars of Tomorrow **Senior High Division Amy & Annie Smith**



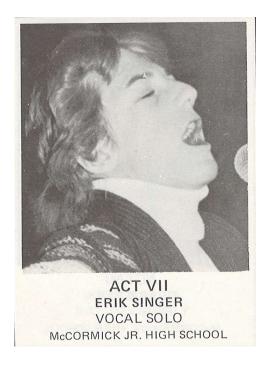
BALLET AND MODERN DANCE JESSUP SCHOOL

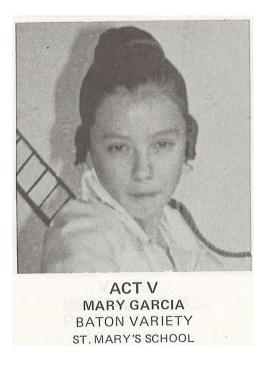


GUITAR VOCAL DUET EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Page 18 Thomas D Roberts 2022 1978 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Marcy Garcia

1978 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Erik Singer





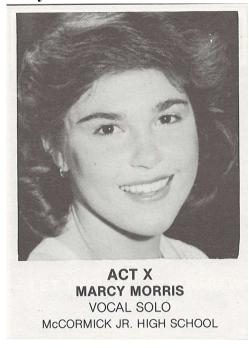
1978 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best on Show Justin Olsen, Greg Paulson, Steve Schott, David Kniping & Kevin Madigan



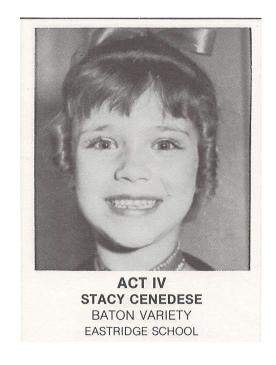
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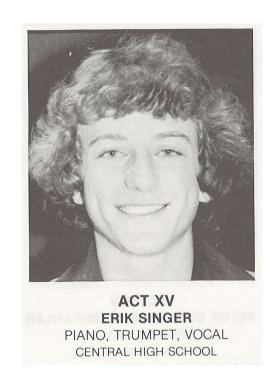
1979 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Stacy Cenedese

1979 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Marcy Morris



1979 Stars of Tomorrow Senior High Division and Best in Show Erik Singer





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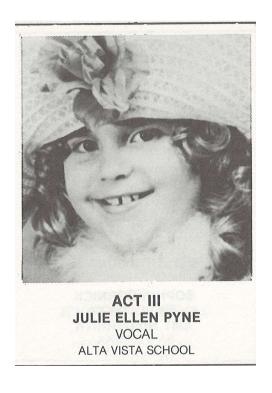
1980 Stars of Tomorrow Elementary Division Julie Ellen Pyne

1980 Stars of Tomorrow Junior High Division Ginger Cook



JAZZ DANCE
McCORMICK SCHOOL

1980 Stars of Tomorrow
Senior High Division and Best in Show
Rick Shaneman, Mike Leff, Erik Singer & Chris
Johnson

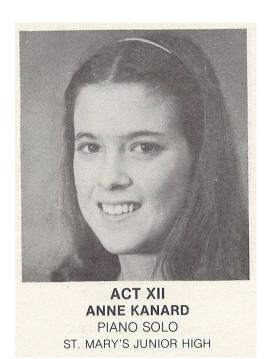




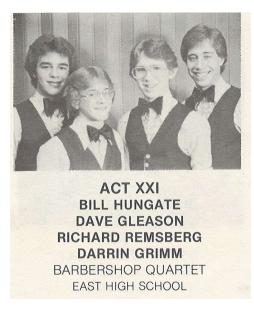
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1981 Elementary Division Stacy Cenedese

1981 Junior High Division Anne Kanard



1981 Senior High Division and Best in Show Lewis Vondy, Dale Connor, Laurie Vogler, Lee Chazen & Harold York



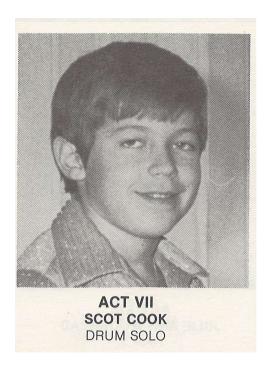




1981 Senior High Division Bill Hungate, Dave Gleason, Richard Remsberg & Darrin Grimm

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1982 Stars of Tomorrow Scott Cook



Dana Crofts, Jill Gray, Linda White & Cindy Peterson - Best in Show

Deanna Dykeman

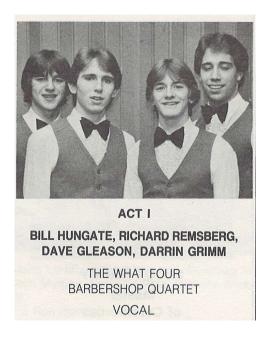




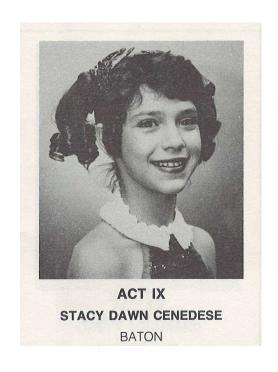
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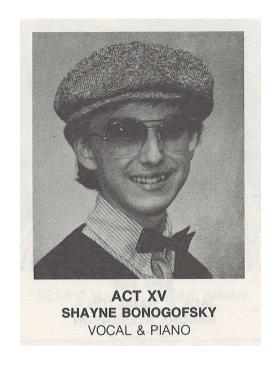
1983 Stars of Tomorrow Stacy Cenedese

Dave Gleason, Darrin Grimm & Bill Hungate, Richard Remsberg



Shayne Bonogofsky - Best in Show





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1984 Elementary Division Krista Borgaard



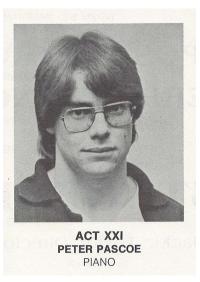
1984 Junior High Division Mark Oligschlaeger, Brenda O'Guin, Chris Stearns, Ruth Ann Loughry

1984 Senior High Division and Best in Show Patrick Stoltz



1984 Senior High Division Peter Pascoe





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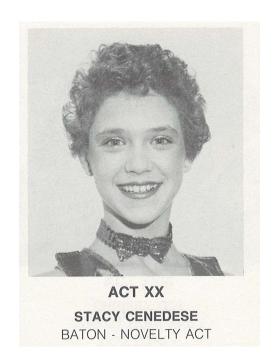
1985 Elementary Division Leisann Stolz



1985 Senior High Division
Shayne Bonogofsky, Jama Fowler, Jenny Green & Mike Daly

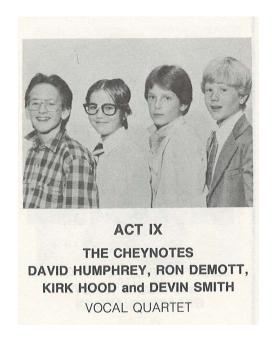


1985 Junior High Division and Best in Show Stacy Cenedese



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1986 Elementary Division and Best in Show David Humphrey, Ron Demott, Kirk Hood & Devin Smith



1986 Junior High Division Jamie Wise



1986 Senior High Division Jane Ann Hamilton & Sandra Stevenson



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1987 Elementary Division Summer Parrill

ACT VIII
SUMMER PARRILL
DANCE

1987 Junior High Division Stacy Cenedese



ACT XIV STACY D. CENEDESE BATON

1987 Senior High Division and Best of Show Roland Black, Jennifer Johnson, Sherri Laursen & Eric Yordy



ACT XX

ROLAND BLACK, JENNIFER JOHNSON,
SHERRI LAURSEN and CRIC YORDY

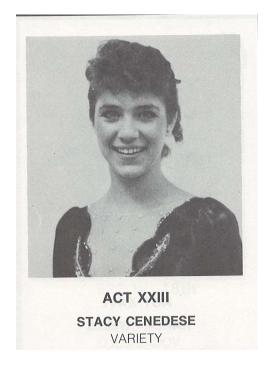
VOCAL

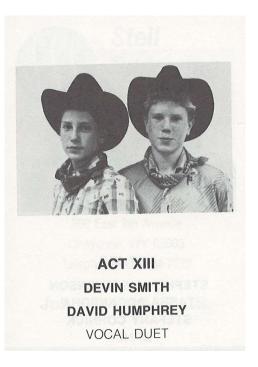
1988 Elementary Division Jessica Cicarelli



1988 Junior High Division and Best in Show Devin Smith & David Humphrey



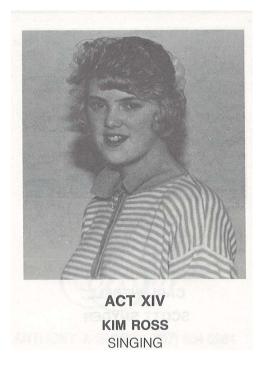




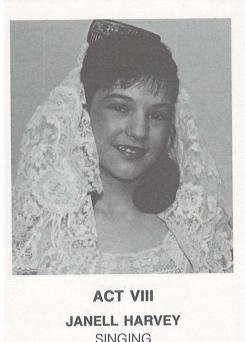
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1989 Elementary Division Janell Harvey

1989 Junior High Division **Kim Ross**



1989 Senior High Division and Best in Show Ryan Paravecchio, Cass Lackey, Dan Madsen & **Greg Selvey**



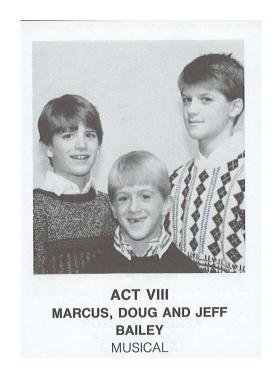
SINGING



ACT XXI RYAN PARAVECCHIO CASS LACKEY DAN MADSEN **GREG SELVEY** DRUMS

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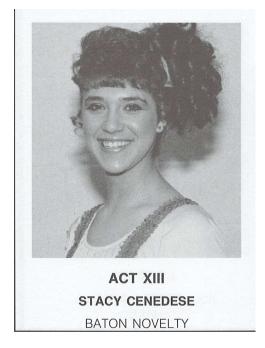
1990 Elementary Division Jeff, Marcus & Doug Bailey



1990 Junior High Division Kim Stock & Jill McIntosh

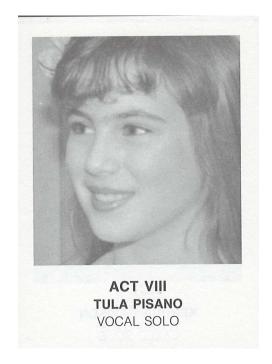


1990 Senior High Division and Best in Show Stacy Cenedese



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1991 Elementary Division Tula Pisano



1991 Junior High Division and Best in Show Shawn Curtis, Andrew Christoffersen, Cara Stearns & Gennette Wolf





1991 Senior High Division Jill McIntosh & Kim Stock

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1992 Elementary Division and Best in Show Joshua Singer



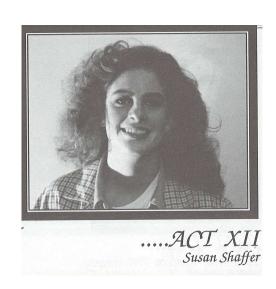
....ACT VIII
Joshua Singer

1992 Junior High Division Greg Dover, Andrew Christoffersen & Shawn Curtis



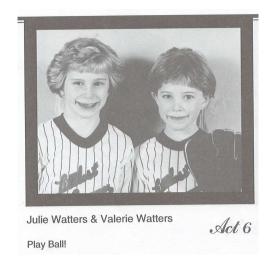
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1992 Senior High Division Susan Shaffer

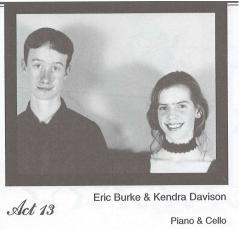


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1993 Elementary Division Julie Watters & Valerie Watters



1993 Junior High Division and Best in Show Eric Burke & Kendra Davison



1993 Senior High Division Tyson Ledgerwood

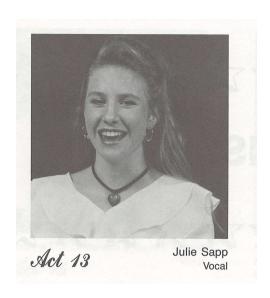


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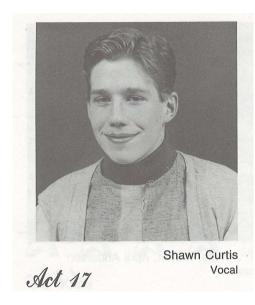
1994 Elementary Division Joshua Singer, Zach Singer, Noah Singer & Naomi Singer



1994 Junior High Division Julie Sapp

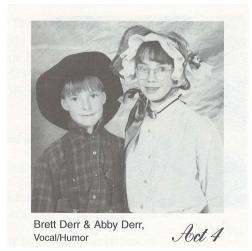


1994 Senior High Division Shawn Curtis

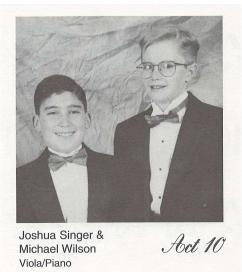


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1995 Elementary Division Abby Derr and Brett Derr



1995 Junior High Division Joshua Singer and Michael Wilson

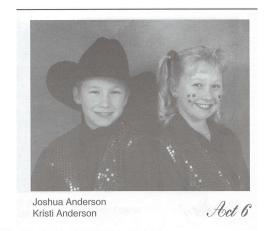


1995 Senior High Division Jessica Cicarelli, Greg Dover, Scott VanHorn, Dan Meyer and Chris Kjorness



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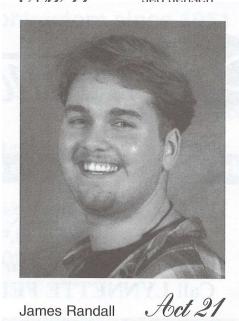
1996 Elementary Division Joshua Anderson & Kristi Anderson



1996 Junior High Division Jed Jensen



1996 Senior High Division James Randall



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1997 Elementary Division Erin Murray, Julianna Edwards, Stephanie White, Meghan Murray & Caroline White



1997 Junior High Division Lori Matthews, Danny Poelma & Jenifer

Fritz

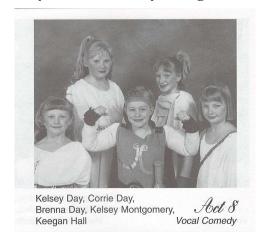


1997 Senior High Division Holly Collins, Janel Melinkovich, Erin Wilson & Mike Wilson

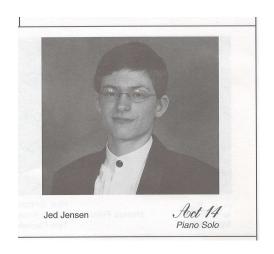


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1998 Elementary Division Kelsey Montgomery, Kelsey Day, Corrie Day & Brenda Day, Keegan Hall



1998 Junior High Division Jed Jensen

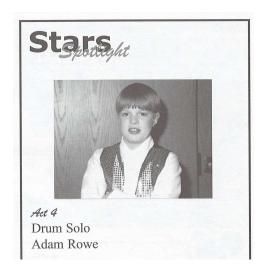


1998 Senior High Division Kyle Dix,

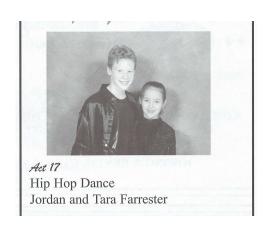


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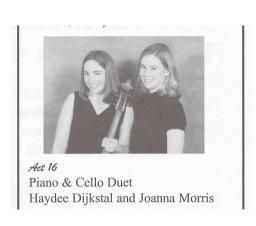
1999 Elementary Division Adam Rowe



1999 Junior High Division Jordan and Tarra Farrester

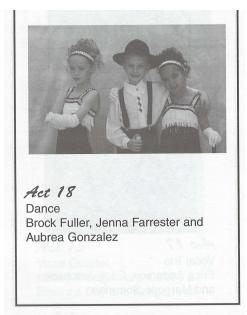


1999 Senior High Division Haydee Dyjkstal & Joanna Morris



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2000 Elementary Division Brock Fuller, Jenna Farrester, Aubrea Gonzales



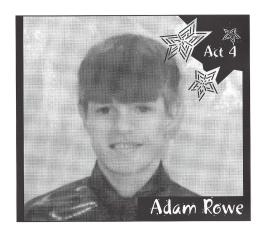
2000 Junior High Division Mark Wilson



Senior High Division Jessie Kirchner



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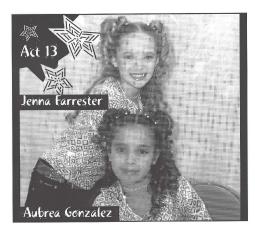
2001 Elementary Division Adam Rowe



2001 Junior High Division Kasi Johnson & Ian Rowe

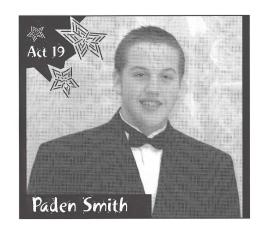
2001 Senior High Division Jordan Farrester & Tara Farrester





2002 Elementary Division Jenna Farrester & Aubrea Gonzales

2002 Junior High Division Paden Smith



2002 Senior High Division Mary Helen, Elizabeth & Rachel Schmidt



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