



Walker Area Foundation presents 'Taste of Broadway IV'



Taste of Broadway IV, held Aug. 20 at Northern Lights Events Center, will again feature a wide assortment of show tunes from Broadway musicals.
Photo by Joe Sherman

The Walker Area Foundation (WAF) is gearing up for its fourth annual musical revue dinner theater fundraiser, "A Taste of Broadway IV."

The 2012 event is set for Aug. 20 at the spacious Northern Lights Hotel Event Center just east of Walker.

"Taste of Broadway IV" will again feature a wide assortment of show tunes from Broadway musicals plus American and patriotic favorites performed by the WAF Chorale and guest soloists under the direction of former WAF board member Joanna Aamodt. Soloists in this year's production include Linda Barber, Barbara Brownlow, Heather Doughty, Rick James, Julie Keiser and Leslie Raddatz.

Songs from "The King and I," "My Fair Lady," "42nd Street," "Gypsy" and other shows will be featured this year, along with a number of selections that highlight American composers such as Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and many others. For the second year, a moving salute to Amer-

ica's military service branches with audience participation will close the show. The stage performance will be preceded by a social hour and fabulous gourmet dinner.

Accompanying the chorale and soloists will be the incomparable Wayne Hoff on the keyboard. Hoff has shared his extraordinary talents with Taste of Broadway since the first show and hails from Bemidji. He has accompanied the Bemidji Chorale for more than 20 years, teaches piano to eager students and is a mainstay in accompanying vocal and instrumental students at Bemidji State University (BSU), along with accompanying many musical events at BSU.

Hoff is often found at The Chief Theater in downtown Bemidji where his musical gifts round out the best in musical performances. He may be found every Sunday morning at Trinity

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Our mission is...

- To establish, grow and preserve an endowment to improve the quality of community life in partnership with other community stakeholders.
- To be a catalyst for addressing changing needs in our diverse community through strategic grant making in the arts, community development, education, environment, health, social services and related areas.
- To broaden the base of community charitable giving by serving as a leader and resource center for donors who wish to return something to their community.

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Walker Area Foundation gives grant for Parents Forever classes

The HOWA Family Center in Walker received a \$2,000 grant from the Walker Area Foundation for Parents Forever classes.

Parents Forever is a curriculum developed by the University of Minnesota based on research about the effects of divorce on children. Parents Forever is designed for parents who have children ages birth through 18 and are going through a family transition like divorce or separation. It is also intended for unmarried parents who are having paternity, parenting time, and/or child support issues.

Parents who attend the eight-hour course will learn valuable skills and tools to reduce the negative effects of divorce on their children and themselves. Topics such as legal issues, finances, communication tools, talking to kids about divorce and coping with tough issues will be covered. Participants will receive a certificate upon completing the course.

While some take the class because they are court ordered to, many parents take the classes because it gives them the tools they need to better help their children and themselves through the divorce process.

The grant from the WAF will cover program start-up costs, training through the University of Minnesota for HOWA's Parents Forever instructor and the curriculum and materials needed. The family center plans to begin offering the classes in early fall 2012. The classes are fee based and participants

must register before attending.

For more information about Parents Forever, visit the HOWA Family Center website at www.howafamilycenter.org or call (218) 547-4273.



The Walker Area Foundation serves as a way for anyone wanting to create permanent charitable tax deductible funds to help the area address challenges of changing times. For more information on the WAF visit walkerarea.foundation.org. or call Joe at (218) 547-1000.