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Urbandale Community Theatre Announces New State-Of-The-Art Performance Venue

In partnership with Urbandale Community Education, the Urbandale Community Theatre will provide greater performance opportunities for community members interested in the performing arts

URBANDALE, Iowa – October 1, 2013 – [Urbandale Community Education](#) is pleased to announce a renewed partnership with the [Urbandale Community Theatre](#). Beginning this summer, the Urbandale Community Theatre will hold an annual performance of a Broadway musical production in the Performing Arts Center located at Urbandale High School. The Performing Arts Center is a state-of-the-art venue utilizing the most innovative, contemporary and advanced resources available in theatres today. This year’s Broadway musical production of “The Music Man” will run July 18-27, 2014, and will be directed by Dan Chase.

“We’ve been fortunate to receive high praise from our audiences over the years,” said Carl Johnson, who has conducted every Urbandale Community Theatre musical since its founding. “Community members have shared with us that our productions are some of the finest they have ever attended, including those on the East Coast and West Coast, and they’ll schedule future vacations around our production schedule. Knowing we’re having such a positive impact on our community inspires us to consistently create meaningful theatre productions.”

Founded in 1996, the Urbandale Community Theatre was developed to promote a total theatre experience in the Urbandale community. Ranging in age and experience, the all-volunteer cast and crew share a common passion for delivering exceptional and memorable theatre productions. Guiding these talented individuals are highly-experienced and professional musical, technical and choral directors.

“Urbandale Community Theatre long held shows in Urbandale High School but with the movement of Urbandale Community Education back to the district, we both felt it would be a win-win for the community to house a community theatre program,” said Dr. William Watson, Director of Activities and Community Education, Urbandale Community School District. “We feel this provides yet another way to ‘bring learning to life’ for those in our community and provide a cultural experience for all.”



The combination of a passion for the performing arts and an expertise in developing noteworthy productions creates a final product that often exceeds audience expectations. Members in the community with an interest in acting, music, art and/or set design are invited to participate. To learn more about the Urbandale Community Theatre, visit: www.urbandaletheatre.org

About Urbandale Community Theatre

Founded in 1996, the Urbandale Community Theatre was developed to promote a total theater experience in the Urbandale community. An all-volunteer cast and crew produce an annual Broadway musical stage production. While the actors and volunteers bring a wide variety of skill levels from the beginner, to the novice, to the professional, the Urbandale Community Theatre is proud to have a very experienced and professional stage director, music director, technical director and conductor. The combination provides talent that makes for a terrific production. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaletheatre.org

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,800 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) tools and tactics that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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