

## History Comes to Life THE TRIANGLE FACTORY FIRE PROJECT

Cardinal Theatre's fall mainstage production will be a dynamic documentary. *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* will be presented Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3. Reserved seating is recommended and will be available beginning October 17. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. CHS students who have an activity ticket may reserve a seat free of charge; however, activity tickets will not be honored on the evenings of performance. We are also proud to announce that this production will be presented at the Iowa Thespian Festival to be held on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

*The Triangle Factory Fire Project* was written by Christopher Piehler in collaboration with Scott Alan Evans. The historic story is told by a company of actors who together portray over 30 individuals.

The story of the fire begins a year before the date of the fire: Saturday, March 25, 1911. In the Triangle Waist Factory off downtown Manhattan's Washington Square—where 500 immigrant workers from Poland, Russia and Italy toil fourteen-hour days making lady's dresses—a cigarette is tossed into a bin of fabric scraps. Flames sweep through the upper floors. Panic-stricken workers run in all directions. Some make it to the fire escape, only to have it collapse beneath them. Exit doors are locked. Dozens leap from the windows to their deaths. *The Triangle Factory Fire Project* uses archival material to create an account of this historic fire and the social upheaval that followed.

The acting company includes Bryce Glidden, Damon Nally, Cooper Randolph, Aiden Shatava, Jordan Fastnacht, Olivia Plowman, Brett Samuelson, Tatiana Schaapherder, Isabel Solivan, Samantha Eberly, Kari VanNostrand, Aubrey Bond, Kamdyn Beal, and Catie Plowman. The Stage Manager is Lauren Tunnicliff and Assistant Stage Manager is Chase McAndrews.

The Production Staff consists of Property Masters Aya Hamanaka and Tamara-Jo Schaapherder, Master Electricians Cloe Holmstrom and Maddie Sunderman, Costume Manager Hazel Morgan-Fine, Makeup and Hair Designer Hannah Powers, Sound Designer Gabe Holmstrom, Special Effects Designer Leah Spade, and Publicity/House Manager Morgan Pruitt.

Cardinal Theatre students will also welcome three Guest Production Assistants. Mr. Lawrence Alford, CHS Speech and Theatre instructor will contribute the work of his Theatre Production class and his Stagecraft class. Mr. Joe Tunnicliff will assist students with lighting design. Mr. Jan-Peter Schaapherder is assisting in scenic design. He will create the structure of the setting which will be constructed of steel step units and scaffolding.

The story of the Triangle Factory Fire is compelling and frightening. The result of the fire changed factories and safety concerns throughout the United States. Cardinal Theatre students invite you to enjoy an evening of fine theatre November 2 and 3. Reservations are recommended. For information or to reserve seats for the production call Clarinda High School at 542-5167. Tickets will be available beginning October 17.

## **Donations Accepted!**

When cleaning and rearranging your home and storage areas, keep in mind that Cardinal Theatre appreciates receiving clothing, decorative items, and furniture. See your belongings come to life on stage!



**The Acting Company** (Front Row L to R) Catie Plowman, Aubrey Bond, Isabel Solivan. (Second Row) Kamdyn Beal, Olivia Plowman, Brett Samuelson, Lauren Tunnicliff. (Back Row) Aiden Shatava, Cooper Randolph, Tatiana Schaapherder, Chase McAndrews, Samantha Eberly, Damon Nally, Jordan Fastnacht, Kari VanNostrand, Bryce Glidden



Families, individuals, and businesses donated almost \$4000.00 to Cardinal Theatre during the 2017-18 school year! Not only do these funds help us create a high-quality theatre program for CHS students, but also make it possible to award scholarships to CHS students who pursue further education in the theatre arts. Please consider donating to Cardinal Theatre. Your generosity is never taken for granted.