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Inspire Creative Presents

Oliver!

By Lionel Bart

with Book, Music and Lyrics by Lionel Bart

Based on the novel *Oliver Twist!* by Charles Dickens

Directed by Amy Osatinski

DENVER, CO~ A tottering damp workhouse in 19th century London covered in the smog and smudge of early industrialization. As dozens of young orphans devour their anticipated and meager gruel, a piddling and naive little boy looks up with hopeful eyes, holds out his empty bowl and requests in a small voice: "Please sir, I want some more."

Servings will be plentiful in the New Year as Inspire Creative Theater Company presents a fully-staged production of the classic musical by Lionel Bart, "***Oliver!***" Performances dates are Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m., Sunday, January 8 at 4 p.m., Friday, January 13 at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, January 15 at 4 p.m. at the PACE Center, 20000 Pikes Peak Ave. Parker, CO 80138.

Tickets are:

\$18.00 adult

\$15.00 student / senior / and children

Purchase tickets on-line at www.inspirecreative.org or by phone: 303-805-6800.

"***Oliver!***" is based on Charles Dickens moving tale of Oliver Twist, an orphan boy destined for a life working in a miserable poverty stricken workhouse disguised as a humble orphanage, only to end up in the company of a gang of juvenile pick pockets. When Oliver has a chance to live a good life, love and hate battle as the criminal leader Fagin and the brutal robber Bill Sikes have different ideas for the young boy. Oliver, a waif-child is seemingly trapped in a world that gives him only three miserable options, a life in the workhouse, a life of crime or an early grave. Dickens' characters are always larger-than-life, and the musical captures his unforgettable creations. It is likely that Dickens's own early youth as a child laborer contributed to the story's development.

The Director ~Amy Osatinski: "I am drawn to the story of Oliver Twist because it is such a classic, timeless tale. When I was a child I read the story, and then I got to see it on stage when it toured to Denver. I've always had a soft spot for Oliver, The Artful Dodger, and Fagin's gang of pick pockets. ... I am sure that our audience will feel the same way after seeing the production. "***Oliver!***" is also the perfect choice for the holiday season as it reminds us all that somewhere we can all find love that is unconditional." Amy is a seasoned director for Inspire Creative and she currently runs the Drama program at Heritage High School in Littleton, Colorado where she directs and produces five shows a year. Last fall she directed Inspire Creative's production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and next summer she will be directing the regional premiere of *Spring Awakening* with Ignite Theatre.

About Inspire Creative

INSPIRE CREATIVE, INC. is a three-fold arts organization with a heart to encourage individuals to discover their artistic talents, develop them in a safe atmosphere that encourages growth rather than ego and provides them with opportunities to use those talents through exceptional performances, service, training and community. Inspire Creative offers several performance arts opportunities. For more information on Inspire Creative, visit www.InspireCreative.org or call (303) 790-0875

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