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Fairfield - A Happenin' Place

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I find that every small town has a personality all its own. The attitudes of the residents make the difference between a town that is disappearing and one that thrives. Fairfield is a town with that "can-do" mind-set that affects so many aspects of daily life and their big goals. You can practically feel it when you drive into town. Don't let the two-hour drive from Des Moines keep you from checking it out - it is definitely worth the drive for a weekend outing. Fairfield is the ultimate example of what emphasizing the ARTS can do for a community. If anything, go to one of their wonderful restaurants. Unbelievably, for a town of around 10,000, there are around 40 restaurants. Here are a couple of events I want to spread the word on:

FILM:

The two Screenplay winners for the Fairfield film festival did a production workshop; whereby the winners got to see their screenplays made into short films. They had 2 hours to produce their films. One by Dave Patterson, called Moonbite was directed by - Savannah Quinn and the other-called Dick Diamond by Dave Deborg, directed by Geoff Boothby - these two short films will premier on Thursday, March 25 at Vivo's restaurant, 506 West Broadway, at 9 pm.

THEATRE:

Arcadia, a play written by Tom Stoppard-the writer of Shakespeare in Love, and longest running play on the west end in London- will be running for a month in Fairfield at the Spayde Theatre - on the MUM campus. It opens March 19th and runs through April 10 every Friday and Saturday night at 8pm with one Sunday matinee on April 4th. It is Directed by Al Constantineau from Fairfield. It is being performed by the Midwest Rep Co; and includes both of the directors of the two short films as actors.

Arcadia, is set in April 1809 at a stately home in Derbyshire. Thomasina -a gifted pupil, proposes a startling theory beyond her comprehension. All around her the adults, including her tutor Septimus -are preoccupied with secret desires, illicit passions and professional rivalries. Two hundred years later, academic adversaries Hannah and Bernard are piecing together puzzling clues, curiously recalling those events of 1809 in their quest for an increasingly elusive truth.

SINGING:

Superstars Open Auditions: Singing Competition at the
Sondheim:

Cambridge Meeting Room

Sat, Mar 27 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sat, Apr 03 | 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Finals: Sat, Apr 17

The March 27, first in a series of three, auditions for the Superstar competition welcomes potential contestants singing songs of their choosing in front of a panel of three judges. Selected contestants will enter the finals of the Superstar competition on Saturday, April 17th in the Sondheim Center Theater. Finalists will be competing for prizes totaling \$1,000.00.

Auditions are being held in the Cambridge Meeting Room at 2:00 pm. Contestants will sing either a capella or accompany themselves. So far, over 70 persons have expressed interest in auditioning, with contestants from music departments at University of Iowa, Grinnell, MUM, Iowa Wesleyan, and local high schools as well as businesspersons, housewives, and teachers from nearby communities.

The panel will pick 4 finalists and 4 contenders immediately following the auditions. The 4 contenders can audition again at the April 3 Superstar auditions. Final competition will be presented on April 17, 2010 as the participants compete for prizes totaling \$1000!

If you do not want to audition for the contest but only wish to watch the auditions there will be a charge of \$3 at the door.

DANCE:

Dance is the theme for April's First Friday Art Walk (on April 2). It looks like an incredible line up. First Friday is a community event that celebrates the arts. Each month has a theme and can go beyond just Friday night with performances and classes. www.Fairfieldartwalk.org

More Fairfield info:

www.fairfieldacc.com – Fairfield Arts & Convention Center

www.fairfieldiowa.com – Chamber of Commerce

www.cityofFairfieldiowa.com – City of Fairfield

www.travelfairfieldiowa.com – Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.mum.edu - Maharishi University of Management

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