

THE IP SPOTLIGHTER

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OUR FIRST ISSUE!

Jessica Lauren Fisher
Staff Reporter

You asked for it and at last here it is! Finally, a monthly newsletter that gives all of us involved here at the Improv Playhouse the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our peers. So sit back, relax, and read on as we congratulate our friends, instructors, and family. But when you think about it, aren't we all family here? So keep us updated with what is going on in your life and we'll include it in our upcoming newsletters. We promise.

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NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

Paul Richau Staff Reporter

You may notice a few changes this spring at the Improv Playhouse, especially if you're a computer-savvy web surfer. The Improv Playhouse has just recently launched a new, redesigned, state-of-the-art website. In addition to the website, they are also welcoming a tiny cute furry monkey to the family. No, his name's not George, it's "Ippy" the IP Chimp. Sporting a black beret and a smile, with megaphone in hand, Ippy represents the playful-artsy side of Improv Playhouse. Besides all of the left-over banana peels around the office, Ippy has been a welcome addition to the IP team.

Staff Congrats and Jeremy lands a great role!

Jeremy Schaeffer has a bit to be congratulated for. He has revived his improv touring company Blind Mice Trio and for his roles with "Storybox" Theater & Janus Theatre's "Laramie Project." We threw in a pic of JS to the right. Now is this in order of appearance or the pecking order of this cast, Jer?! Feb 18-March 19 at the Atheneum. Look it up online!

John Jensen has recently undertaken an Improv Video Production project, various performance ops throughout Chitown and with IP teams. John is resident funny man at Improv Kitchen and directs our teen ensemble.

Jessica Carleton is performing regularly with her former NU improv team mates in Evanston. Teaching our kids and performing with IP too!

Nick Smaligo was recently cast in TWO productions with Redmoon Theatre Company! He'll definitely

find the meaning of life there!

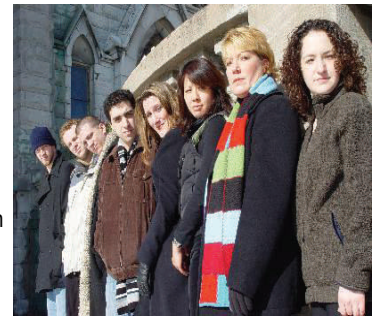
Charlie Wilkens has been getting some great gigs "Improv Marketing" products on the city streets of America. Also "guest performed" with SC Tourco in Whyoming!

Jessicalynn McVicker (our ballroom diva) is now dancing her heart out with Fred Astaire Dance when she is not here with us!

Jessica Lauren Fisher has just survived runs as the title role in both The Velveteen Rabbit and Stuart Little with the Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences. Now rehearsing for Princess and the Pea!

David Stuart was interviewed by USA Today! Also banged out another Unshackled performance and various IP Touring Team ops!

Dawn Hommowun has performances in about six shows since September.



Jeremy Schaefer second from end in Laramie Project

Debbie Goldman is directing Affluenza as Theatre D's (Deerfield) first production.

Sheri Winkleman for choreographing Oklahoma at Shepard Junior High. Now adding Mundelein High's "Chicago" to the list!

Emily Dugan...read her bio. The girl is way too busy!

Next issue: College Stories

IP 6th ANNIVERSARY APRIL SHOWCASE at CLC

Right around the block you'll be seeing press releases and emails on our upcoming **6th Anniversary Showcase** at the **College of Lake County**. In addition to our ensembles showcasing their skills, we'll be inviting world class talent within our family and

outside of the IP community. The evening will be replete with an exhibition that'll leave you saying, "Why would I have ever thought of going downtown tonight?" And it might leave some of our talent saying, "Why did I leave Chicago

tonight? The traffic was horrendous! But the food David provided...now that was worth bumper to bumper!"

Be on the lookout...it'll be an event you won't want to miss!

IP Innovative Communications and Events engaged in entertaining and training the following companies in the last several months:

Provena Healthcare

Lake Forest Graduate School of Management

Hollister International

Wil Power and the Mitchell Museum

Welcome **Laurie Caputo**, our resident HR Maven, as Managing Director!

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PREPARE WITH THE PROS!

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

Jillian and Jessye Mueller for their work with the 2nd City Teen ensemble (and ours too!).

Nick Klaas was cast at VHHS "Anything Goes".

Adam Hill has been cast in St. Joe, Libertyville's, Godspell.

Cayce Wright for nailing a national print spot for Coca-Cola.

Arden Weiner for her McDonalds commercial. We're lovin' it!

Kendra Washington for getting super close to getting cast as an American Girl Doll in the American Girl Revue.

Oliver Kal for a successful run in the Marriot Lincolnshire's production of Oliver!

Livvie Goble for her new role as Amaryllis in the Actor's Theatre of Glencoe Production of The Music Man!

Adam Bornstein, Kyle Morrison and Al Katz-Mariani have been picked up by Encore Talent and Shirley Hamilton Agencies.

SEND US YOUR INFO...WE LOVE YOUR SUCCESSES!

The Back Stage Story: High School Ensemble

Our High School Teen ensemble is a group of super groovy folks who represent all flavors of High School and occasionally 8th grade "schools" in the northern burbs. They are amazing!

Directing this clan is our very own (and on loan to other orgs) John Jensen who has been training these young "pros" in LaRonde, Musical Improv and, of course, the proverbial short form games components of the art form.

From bottom left going clockwise we have the following faces representing

the ensemble:

Brian Mondt-Deerfield HS

Josh Abrams-Deerfield HS

Vlada Mashkovich-Vernon Hills HS

Jessye Mueller-Lake Forest High

Jill Mueller-Lake Forest High

Erin Strecker-Libertyville HS

Leza Strull-Vernon Hills HS

Nate Daab-Mundelein HS

Natalia Ambrozek-Vernon Hills HS

These folks have performed at a number of IP

Improv Jams, local private parties and out door events.

We miss Julia Ambrozek and Adam Hill who are both in school shows and other IP productions!



Our Teen Improv Ensemble (missing Nick!)