

**Vicksburg Performing Arts Center
2009-2010 Annual Report**

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The ongoing charge of the Vicksburg Performing Arts center is to initiate and support opportunities to significantly enrich the educational opportunities of our students and to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Over the 2009-2010 season, Vicksburg Community Schools made significant advances in fulfilling the mission and charge of its Performing Arts Center to serve our students and the community.

Collaborations and partnerships continue to be a primary focus for the organization. The PAC continued to partner with school and community organizations with aligned missions, not only to insure our own sustainability but to bring real benefit to our students and community by giving them opportunities that very few districts offer.

In November, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of DR. Barry Ross, gave a concert entitled **Music Moves Us**. This wonderful evening featured the works of many famous composers highlighted by Mozart, Beethoven, Barber, Vivaldi and Sousa that not only have broad appeal to classical music lovers, general audiences and families but offered 225 high school instrumental students and 4th through 12th grade choral music students the unique opportunity to perform with the KSO.

In the spring, our district had the privilege to welcome back the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival. Vicksburg was given the opportunity to host two Festival events. “Gilmore For Kids – Piano Power”, featuring 1991 Gilmore Young Artist Peter Miyamoto, was an interactive piano program for children, youth and their families transporting them into the world of piano performance. That evening’s audience was guided on a fascinating exploration of how the music of the piano can conjure imagery from the lapping waves of an idyllic lake to a hive of buzzing bees and fabled forces such as the thunder of a 100-piece orchestra to the war cry of a charging army. Vicksburg was also treated to a recital by Ivan Moshchuk, who was selected as a 2010 Gilmore Young Artist Award winner. Mr. Moshchuk is one of only twenty-four pianists, and the first Michigander, to have received this prestigious honor.

As always, our student’s educational experience is the highest priority at the PAC. The artistic quality of educational theatre arts produced in Vicksburg also exceeded past successes. In November, audiences’ spirits soared with excitement as the PAC presented the musical family favorite – **Willy Wonka, Jr.**, the stage adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic. Audiences also saw the high school students in Agatha Christie’s **The Mousetrap** and **Zombie Prom**. Of course the PAC was ready and able to serve the needs of all of the community organizations that present the annual favorites including **Main Street Revue** visiting *Lola’s Beauty Shop*, the **Vicksburg Rotary Showboat**, and the **South County Players** performing *Blyth Spirit* and *The Wind In The Willows*.

As we go forward into a new decade, we will be taking decisive action to ensure our successful future as a lively, dynamic arts and cultural organization. This action will include building on our successes with an exciting and varied performance season and a rededication of our efforts to the importance of the arts in our schools and in our lives. Please join us as we blaze the direction for arts education and performance for another exciting year and a truly promising future.

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