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# AIDA

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# AIDA



**Director – Mike Redlinger**  
**Assistant Director – Nancy Sullivan**  
**Musical Director – Beth Creighton**  
**Choreographer – Stephanie Williams**  
**Orchestra Conductor – Jason Waddell**  
**Producer – Nora Duncan**  
**Set Design – Jerry Johnson**  
**Lighting Design – Bill Keagle**  
**Costume Design – Dina Fryman**

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# Musical Synopsis

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## Act I

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### Prologue – Museum

“Every Story Is a Love Story” ..... Amneris

### Scene 1 – Slave Barge

“Fortune Favors the Brave” ..... Amneris, Radames, Soldiers

### Scene 2 – Radames’ Quarters

“The Past Is Another Land” ..... Aida

### Scene 3 – Docks/Catacombs

“Another Pyramid” ..... Zoser, Ministers

### Scene 4 – Hallway in Pharaoh’s Palace

“How I Know You” ..... Merib, Aida

### Scene 5 – Baths

“My Strongest Suit” ..... Amneris, Women

### Scene 6 – Pharaoh’s Banquet Hall

“Fortune Favors the Brave (Reprise)” ..... Radames

“Enchantment Passing Through” ..... Radames, Aida

### Scene 7 – Amneris’ Dressing Room

“Strongest Suit (Reprise)” ..... Amneris, Aida

### Scene 8 – Nubian Slave Camp

“Dance of the Robe” ..... Aida, Nubians, Nehebka

### Scene 9 – Nile’s Edge

“Not Me” ..... Radames, Merib, Aida, Amneris

### Scene 10 – Marketplace

### Scene 11 – Radames’ Tent

“Elaborate Lives” ..... Radames, Aida

### Scene 12 – Nubian Slave Camp

“The Gods Love Nubia” ..... Aida, Nubians, Nehebka, Merib

## 15-Minute Intermission



## Act II

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### Scene 1 – Starscape

“A Step Too Far” ..... Amneris, Radames, Aida

### Scene 2 – Prison

“Easy As Life” ..... Aida

### Scene 3 - War Room of the Palace

“Like Father, Like Son” ..... Zoser, Radames, Ministers

### Scene 4 – Nubian Slave Camp

“Radames’ Letter” ..... Radames

“How I Know You (Reprise)” ..... Mereb

### Scene 5 – Radames’ Garden

“Written in the Stars” ..... Aida, Radames

“I Know the Truth” ..... Amneris

### Scene 6 – Amneris’ Dressing Room

### Scene 7 – Royal Wedding

### Scene 8 – Docks

### Scene 9 – Judgement Hall

“Elaborate Lives (Reprise)” ..... Aida, Radames

### Scene 10 – Interior of the Tomb

“Enchantment Passing Through (Reprise)” .... Radames, Aida, Amneris

### Epilogue – Musem

“Every Story Is a Love Story (Reprise)” ..... Radames, Aida, Amneris

## Cast

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### Eli Davis as Radames

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This small-town Missourian is making his Illinois stage debut. While earning his degree in International Business and Spanish, Eli also studied voice. Eli is now responsible for selling edible beans for ADM to Spanish-speaking consumers. He recently completed his first solo recording, *Divine Dependence*. He gives thanks to a superb cast, musicians, and directors for this unforgettable experience, to family and friends for their love and support and to God for His many blessings.

### Chelsea Waller as Aida

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*Aida* is Chelsea’s third Theatre 7 production, having appeared in both *Ragtime* and *Working*. She is a graduate of Hamilton University, where she trained in vocal music. You can find Chelsea offstage as an insurance adjuster at Country Insurance and singing in the choir at Abundant Faith Christian Center. Chelsea would like to thank God for his abundant grace.

## **Lindsey Ridgway as Amneris**

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Lindsey is very excited to be a part of this production. She is originally from the Chicago suburb of Cary and a senior at Millikin University where she studies theatre and dance. Some of her favorite past roles include “Audrey” in *Little Shop of Horrors* and “Babette” in *Beauty and the Beast*. At Millikin, Lindsey has been seen in productions of *No No Nanette*, *Honk!* and *Damn Yankees*. You also may remember her from the Theatre 7 show of *Guys and Dolls*. Lindsey would like to thank her friends for always making her smile and, of course, her family for their love and support. Break a leg everyone!

## **Ryan Taylor as Mereb**

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Ryan is a sophomore at Lincoln College. This is his very first acting performance, ever. At school, Ryan is involved in two jazz band ensembles. In the past, Ryan was a member of the Eisenhower Elite Energy show choir, and a member of the Decatur Park Singers. Next year, Ryan plans to continue his education by transferring to Millikin University where he will study Commercial Music.

## **Larry White as Zoser**

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As a member and long time participant of Theatre 7, Larry has performed in numerous plays over the years, most recently in *Annie Get Your Gun*, directed by Mike Redlinger last fall. Larry is not stranger to theatre and also sings in a large chorus in St. Charles, Missouri. Being the owner of his own business, time is not often on his side. Larry would like to thank his wife, Carol, for her infinite patience and support.

## **Bill Keagle as Pharoah**

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## **Isabel Dayson as Nehebka**

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## **Harold Hebron as Amonasro**

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## **Ensemble**

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Jesse Barfield	Antonio Carter	Lindsay Morrison
Alyssa Beach	Isabel Dayson	Jacque Risby
Lauren Bloss	Susan Fruth	Bob Skosky
Marcus Brown	Nate Luebbe	Christopher Tuttle
Michael Brown	Vince Modugno	Becky Waddell
Sarah Bylsma		



# Orchestra

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Conductor/Bass .....	Jason Waddell
Piano .....	Beth Creighton
Keyboard .....	Lyn Mallard
Guitar .....	Manley Mallard
Guitar .....	Jessica Cloyd
Drums .....	Weston Dombrowski

# Production Crew

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Costumes .....	<i>Dina Fryman, Mary Wilking, Delia Larkins, Cheryl Laskowski, Lindsay Morrison, Judy Pistorius, Lynn Tilton, Becky Waddell, Penny Williams, Marda Young</i>
Followspots .....	Jody Byers, Cheryl Laskowski, Anne Thompson, Steve Trout
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Lobby Display .....	Jody Byers
Makeup .....	Katie Fuchinari
Program .....	Jerry Johnson
Props and Set Dressing .....	<i>Jo Ellen Tamen, Millie Velek, Eileen Ruski, Louise Mrotzek, Jane Kuizines, Pam Stinson</i>
Photography .....	Cornerstone Studios
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## **Audition Dates:**

Tuesday & Wednesday,  
December 13 & 14, 2005  
6:30 p.m.  
Theatre 7 Headquarters



## **Cast requirements:**

15 men, 9 women (with extras)

Directed by Nancy Sullivan

Sheridan Whiteside, having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip. During his six weeks of recovery, the Stanley living room is controlled by the irascible invalid. Exconvicts, transatlantic calls, strange gifts, impersonators, blackmail and revenge drive the audience to laughter.

## **Performance Dates:**

February 17-18 & 24-25, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.  
February 19 & 26, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.

## **Be prepared for an audition:**

- Arrive expecting to read a scene from the play with several other actors.
- Be prepared to learn a brief dance step.
- Bring a list of dates (conflicts) when you will not be available to rehearse.

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## **Audition Dates:**

Saturday, Feb. 18 - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 19 - 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 20 - 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 22 - 7:00 p.m.  
Theatre 7 Headquarters  
131 N. Water St.



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**Each year, Theatre 7 will receive a sum of money based on the total dollars in the Endowment Fund and the interest earned. This will help to ensure a more secure future for Theatre 7 and its headquarters facility.**

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