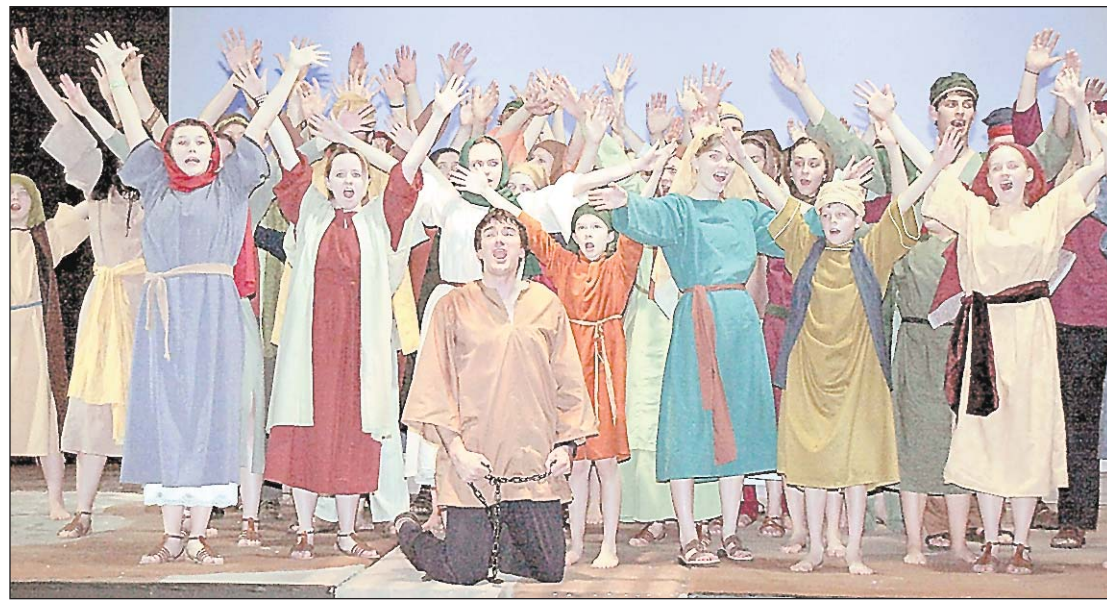


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SCHMECKFEST IN Technicolor

Freeman Tries On 'Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' For Schmeckfest

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Schmeckfest will go back to the Old Testament this year.

That's because the festival's yearly theatrical production will be the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."
"It's a high-energy show," said co-director Will Ortman. "It's a show that's a mix of drama and comedy that has something for everybody."

The production will take place at 8 p.m. March 19-20 and March 25-27 at Pioneer Hall as part of the 52nd annual Schmeckfest.

The show, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, was first performed and produced in England in 1968.

It concerns the Biblical story of Joseph and his "coat of many colors." Jealous of their father's favoritism toward him, Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery and he is sent to Egypt. But thanks in part to his ability to interpret dreams, he becomes second to the Pharaoh, and is eventually reunited with his family.

Although the play is on the shorter side, there's still "just an enormous amount of work" involved, said co-director Jeremy Waltner.

Waltner and Ortman have been planning their production since July to be ready for Schmeckfest.

"It's taken that long to put our production team into place, to think about what we want this show to look like, to think about what we want the audience to feel," Waltner said.

The production consists of approximately 45 cast members, "and probably close to that many behind the scenes building, doing lights and all the different aspects," Ortman said.

For Todd Jones, who plays Joseph, the experience has been "fantastic."

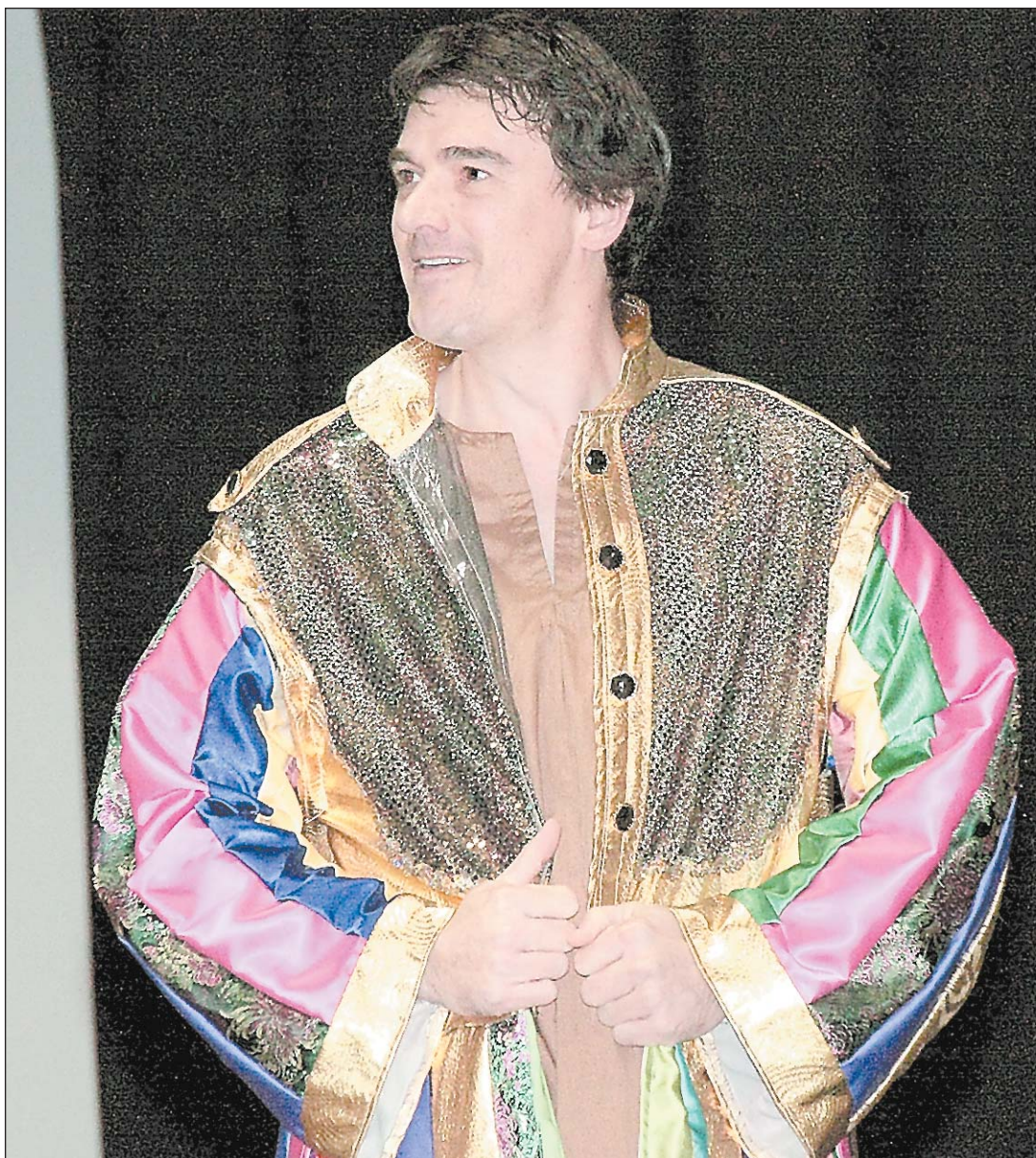
"I haven't been onstage in probably 15 years, and just doing that again, getting to use some of those gifts, has been a lot of fun," he said.

Brad Carlson, who plays Pharaoh, is a Schmeckfest play veteran, with at least 10 shows to his credit.

"I do it because it's fun," he said. "I've got two of my daughters in the show, my wife is the head of costumes, my son is helping with sound, so it's a whole family event this year."

But for all the fun the cast and crew experience, the production also presents a number of challenges — the least of which is the show's brisk pace.

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Freeman brings the popular musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to the Pioneer Hall stage for the community's 42nd Schmeckfest celebration. ABOVE: Todd Jones stars as Joseph, shown here after receiving a multicolored coat from his father, Jacob. TOP LEFT: Jones and the chorus are shown in the number "Go, Go, Go Joseph," which concludes act I of the musical. TOP RIGHT: Joseph's brothers scheme after throwing him in a well. Joseph is eventually sold into slavery before rising to power in Egypt as "Pharaoh's No. 2." LEFT: Jessica Hofer serves as the narrator of "Joseph." According to the play's co-director, Jeremy Waltner, "She is the framework around which the story is told. Her role is among the most demanding of the cast." To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

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Freeman's Annual Schmeckfest Celebration Set

FREEMAN — The 52nd Schmeckfest celebration will be held in Freeman March 19-20 and 26-27 on the Freeman Academy Campus. This "festival of tasting" features a German ethnic meal served family style from 4-7 p.m. each day.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be presented each evening at 8 p.m. to celebrate this year's event. This musical tells the biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors through the cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll. This Old Testament tale emerges as both timely and timeless. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is presented through an exclusive arrangement with R & H Theatricals and The Really Useful Group Limited.

A special performance will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25. Reserved seats for this performance are still available. (There will not be any other activities available on the March 25 date.)

Other attractions during the festival include: demonstrations and displays of ethnic crafts and culinary skills, including sausage-making and sales; historical and musical presentations; community art display; Country Kitchen sales; Heritage Hall Museum and Archives. These activities are open from 1-7 and free to the public.

For ticket and other information go to www.Schmeckfest.com, www.schmeckfesttickets.com or call 605-925-4542. General admission tickets for the musical will be available at the door each evening.

Schmeckfest is sponsored by Freeman Academy Auxiliary in cooperation with the Freeman community. All proceeds go to benefit Freeman Academy, a Christian middle school and high school.

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