

Jane Pini

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2012

Jane Pini's (Jane Eggert, WHS 1969) musical career started in the 60's as the lead singer in a touring rock & roll band, including the release of a solo album, *Hunger for Reality*, in 1979 (copies of which are still available, if anyone actually owns a turntable with a working needle). While attending WHS, Jane's main interests were concert choir and musicals. She went on to become a psychotherapist.

In more recent years, her presence on regional stages and the strength of her voice have captivated audiences. She has performed at Theatre Cedar Rapids, Riverside Theatre, *Divapalooza*, Liar's Theatre, *A Modern Salon at Brucemore* and Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, among others. Jane headlined Brucemore's *Cabaret in the Courtyard* in August 2008 and 2011.

Equally as impressive as her own on-stage success, Jane has been integral in facilitating opportunities for other professional artists in the midwest. In 2002, Jane co-founded *SPT Theatre Company* with Gerard Estella, Doug Elliott, and daughter, Janelle Lauer.

The mission of SPT is to create an organization that supports, provides for, and expands the artistic opportunities available to performers and arts patrons in the greater Cedar Rapids/Iowa City community. As a professional theatre company, SPT compensates those individuals—both on and off the stage—for their talents in bringing original creative works to our area. In furthering this mission, SPT strives to coordinate with existing organizations and resources to create new opportunities.

