



# ZFX Creative Times

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## FIRST ZFX TRIP TO PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL A SUCCESSFUL ONE!

From June 15th to June 24th, ZFX participated in the 2007 Prague Quadrennial. As the name implies, this international theater festival is held in Prague every four years. The 10 day event encompasses all aspects of theater from performance to artistic design to technological advancement.

ZFX took part in Scenofest, a student-centric division of PQ. A special focus of Scenofest was design. All types of it. The event was teeming with lighting designers, scenographers, costume designers and set designers.

ZFX was able to work with many teams of designers, students and other professionals from around the globe. We provided two of our nFinity flying systems and performed or participated in performances nearly every day. One of the systems hung in the Tower of Babel, the main structure around which much of Scenofest was based. ZFX's European choreographer and artist of the hour, Kim Kwaaitaal, performed multiple times inside the Tower and wowed audiences with her graceful ability to make controlled aerial movement look easy.



A festive Kim Kwaaitaal flying inside the Babel Tower

ZFX founder Robert Dean lead several workshops in the Scenofest Main Stage, the location of the second ZFX flying rig. Along side him for performances, workshops and general merry-making was choreographer Jason Whicker, flying director Marco Langereis, choreographer Kim Kwaaitaal and flying producer Emily Ballou. The whole team was excited to be a part of such a unique opportunity to meet so many theater folk from all over the world.

PQ07 was truly an energetic convergence of thousands of talented artistic minds. This is now officially a ZFX-recommended event!

For more information on PQ07 and Scenofest, logon to [www.scenofest.org](http://www.scenofest.org). Also, check our [website](#) for periodic updates. Videos and pictures of our shenanigans in Prague are soon to come.

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A production poster for Kiss of the Spider Woman

*Kiss of the Spider Woman* wowed audiences in Santo Domingo in June. Renowned Dominican director, Guillermo Cordero, adapted this delicious play and sold out audiences at the National Theatre from June 21–June 30.

ZFX Flying Director Brian Owens stayed on location for the duration of the show and was very impressed by the level of performance. “It truly was a Broadway caliber performance,” said Owens. “Guillermo and I really collaborated to create complex, intricate flying scenes that fit with his vision for the production.”

## A fond fairwell....

Regretfully, we must say goodbye to a loyal member of the ZFX family for over five years, Laurie Holden. Laurie has been a contract coordinator and favorite of our clients since she started with ZFX in 2002.

When we moved to Louisville in early 2006 Laurie stayed in California, patiently manning the phones and waiting for the dust to settle in our facility here. Now that the producing department is rocking and rolling in the Bluegrass state, we felt it was time to really unify the company by bringing Laurie’s job here. Unfortunately, Laurie couldn’t come with it.

So we leave Laurie to her other passion, working as artistic director at a children’s community theatre near her home in southern California.

Bye Laurie, and good luck!

## Noteworthy Notes

We’re excited to be back on board with Starlight Theatre Association of Kansas again! Their production of the *Wizard of Oz* is sure to dazzle.

As ZFX president Terri Kirsch likes to say, “Here we grow again!” We’ve added two new people to the team this month. Welcome, Katie and John!

## “Useless Factoids”

- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer
- The Poison Arrow frog has enough poison to kill 2200 people.
- Most elephants weigh less than the tongue of the blue whale.
- Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, was born on a day in 1835 when Haley's Comet came into view. When He died in 1910, Haley's Comet came into view again.
- Bob Dylan's real name is Robert Zimmerman.

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