



Lady Macbeth

Dear Family and Friends,

2007 has kept Steve busy with travel and writing, Dani busy with acting and directing, and Linda busy with work and more work.

We began the year in Japan, celebrating New Year's in Tokyo, with a side trip to Kyoto. It was our first visit to Japan, and we enjoyed the culture, food and sightseeing. New Year's was a the perfect time to visit, because the normally crowded subways were almost deserted, yet almost everything we were interested in was open.

Linda's friend Suzanne visited in January, and we celebrated Steve's 51st birthday with a private dinner at Luma.

Dani has become her school's theater Diva, and has been in about a dozen productions during the past year, including playing Lady Macbeth and stepping into *The Importance of Being Earnest* just a week before opening. She also had an opportunity to co-direct *St. Joan*, which she really enjoyed.

Steve and Dani took Dani's friend Christina to Europe for two weeks, where they had a great time visiting Italy, Switzerland, France and England. Linda joined them for two nights in London to see *Billy Elliot* and *Mary Poppins*.

This is Dani's senior year of high school, so she and Steve spent several weeks during the summer visiting colleges in Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, New Haven and New York. Hopefully her perfect GPA and high test score will get her into one of her top choices. Linda joined them for the Los Angeles leg of the trip and a visit with Grandma Marjorie, then again in New York, where we saw *A Chorus Line*, *Wicked* (again) and this year's wonderful Tony winner, *Spring Awakening*.

Linda's Uncle Rae passed away, and Linda made a quick trip to LA for the services. We'll miss his warm and carefree spirit and endearing sense of humor.

Alcorn McBride continues to do well, and has purchased an additional office unit, which Steve is having fun remodeling into a wild and colorful space for his sales staff. It's quite a departure from the traditional look of his other offices. Steve flew to Paris in September to meet Henry and the new staff members at Alcorn McBride sarl and get a backstage look at some recent installations. He also flew up to Boston to meet our friend from Australia, Pamela, and spent a week touring the fall foliage. Then we all flew up to Williamsburg to visit Steve's Dad for Thanksgiving, and were lucky to hit it exactly at "peak." Steve says the leaves were far more colorful in Virginia than on his New England trip.

He continues to teach online writing classes at 1500 colleges through ed2go, and has had a pretty heavy student load this fall, with as many as 200 new students a month. He finally got around to publishing his Epcot history, *Building a Better Mouse*. He and co-author David Green had fun doing a book signing at the International Amusement Park show. The book is available at lulu.com

For Linda's birthday we made another quick trip to New York for some fine dining and to see *Wicked* again. That's seven times, if you're counting. Linda has been swamped with work, doing seven shows at once, including a new attraction at Magic Kingdom based upon Monsters Inc., and major rehabs of Haunted Mansion, Spaceship Earth, Mexico, and many more.

Have a great 2008!
Steve, Linda and Dani Alcorn



Dani's Senior Photo



Kyoto, Japan



Tatami Room



Steve's 51st Birthday



Alcorn McBride crew



Billy Elliot in London



Switzerland



Dani in Paris with Christina



Charlotte Martin Concert



Pamela in New England



Williamsburg