

# ETC NEWS

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## **“A Christmas Story”**

Nov.29-30, Dec1-2 and Dec 6-8

Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the Midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself. The consistent response: "You'll shoot your eye out." All the elements from the beloved motion picture are here, including the family's temperamental exploding furnace; Scut Farkas, the school bully; the boys' experiment with a wet tongue on a cold flag pole; the Little Orphan Annie decoder pin; Ralphie's father winning a lamp shaped like a woman's leg in a net stocking.

Brian Keeler plays the narrator- Ralph looking back at his childhood. The family is played by Andy Bangsberg as The Old Man, Dorene Weltzin as Mother, Jesse Hokanson as Ralphie and Reid Olson as brother Randy. Sharai Hefty portrays the teacher, Miss Shields, Cameron Ljungkull plays Flick, Ryan Mathison is Schwartz, Caitlin Harris is Esther Jane Alberry and Lindsey Bangsberg is Helen Winters. Luke Bangsberg portrays the bully, Scut Farcus. Shawn Warwick plays several characters. Other school children are Shanna Frasier, Kayla Johnson, Juliana Braml, Alicia Wessman, Stacy Vono, Makenna Olson, Aaron Turcott, Ben Gilbert and Micah Weltzin.

A Christmas Story is directed by Diane and Travis Thorp. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available at Peter and Annie's.

## From Your ETC President

Happy Holidays,

November, 2007

It is hard to believe that a whole year has already passed us by. My term as president is slowly coming to an end. I have to admit I didn't get to see all the things completed that I would have liked. However; the things on the docket are still in the works, and not out of sight. We had a few setbacks this year, but are still moving forward to bring more arts to more people, and in better style.

To wind up our 2007 season, come and see, "A Christmas Story". The cast is working hard, and we have added a couple of new faces and some old favorites as well. There are some good laughs and a few surprises. It will surely get you into the holiday spirit!

Please keep informed about the auditorium news. There will be more and more information coming out soon. Please support this wonderful project. Our local talent, music and art programs have certainly proved themselves worthy. What an asset it would be to our community to enjoy a facility such as this. We could see some big time performers in our little town too! The arts bring people together from all walks of life. I think that is what I love about it the most. It brings a community together in one place, for one love, for one night of joy and entertainment bliss.

Next year is a full schedule of shows. The 2008 list is in this newsletter. Things keep happening at the ETC, but they couldn't happen without you, our members and supporters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do! It takes a lot of people to make a community theater work. There are many different roles, and not all are on stage. You too are playing a role by being a member and supporter. BRAVO to you!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this past year as president of ETC. Have a safe hunting season, a Blessed Thanksgiving, and the Merriest of Christmases!  
See you at the ETC!

Diane Thorp  
President 2007

## 2008 ETC Calendar

<b>Annual Meeting and potluck</b>	<b>Sun, Jan 6, 4 PM</b>
Auditions Cabaret Cumberland (Chris Hopkins-Hile, David Hopkins-Hile)	Tue Jan 15, 6-9 PM
Cabaret Cumberland Rehearsal	Thur Jan 24
<b>Cabaret Cumberland</b>	<b>Fri-Sat Jan 25-26, 7 PM</b>
Auditions for <b>Cabaret</b> (Yes-the Broadway Cabaret!) Dale Skerhutt, Dan Hoffmann	Thur Feb 7, 6-9 PM Sat Feb 9, 9-noon
<b>I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change</b> (A special Red Barn Production)	<b>Feb 14-17</b>
High School play <b>Guys and Dolls</b>	<b>Thur- Sun, Mar 27-30</b>
<b>Cabaret</b>	<b>Thur-Sun May 8-11 Thur-Sun May 15-18</b>
Auditions for The Shame of Tombstone (Craig Bucher)	Sat May 31, 9 AM -12 Tue June 3, 6-9 PM
<b>Celebration of the Arts</b>	<b>Sat June 14, Tourist Park</b>
<b>Forever Plaid</b>	<b>Wed-Sun June 25-29</b>
<b>The Shame of Tombstone</b>	<b>Thur-Sun, August 21-24</b>
Auditions for Anne of Green Gables (Diane Thorp)	Sat Sept 6 and Mon Sep 8
Rehearsals for Christmas Concert	Mon, Oct 6 and following Mondays 7 PM
<b>Anne of Green Gables</b>	<b>Thur-Sun Dec 4-7 Thur-Sat Dec 11-13</b>
<b>Annual Christmas Concert</b>	<b>Sun Dec 14, 2 and 4 PM</b>

**New improvements at ETC- new weather efficient doors**

**Escanaba in Da Moonlight was a great hit. Above the cast mugs for group picture. Below the gang helps The Jimmer with his needs.**

## “Jersey Boys” Bus Tour

ETC has booked a block of tickets and chartered a bus to the Orpheum Theater production of Jersey Boys on Sunday April 13, 2008, show time 2 PM. (No that's not Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday!) Jersey Boys is the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. You will ride in style, pay no gas money, not worry about parking costs or distance, and enjoy excellent seats. Call Eva Srubar at 419-0978 soon if you are interested- seats are going fast. Cost of bus and show is \$62, about what you would pay for a ticket on your own.

## Christmas Concert Dec 10, 2 and 4 PM, First Lutheran Church

The Cumberland Community Choir is ready to provide you with a festive musical treat this year on Sunday, December 9, with concerts at 2 PM and 4 PM. First Lutheran Church will host this year's concerts.

We have the largest choir in recent years, 50 plus voices with many new members joining us. You will hear new songs and new arrangements of your old favorites, as the choir is singing all new music. Colleen Warner directs the Women's Chorus, Ron Ruppel the Men's Chorus, and John Westin leads the Mixed Chorus. Laura Lindquist and Sandy Miller are the accompanists.

While the concert is free, a free will offering will be taken. Please be generous if you can. ETC plows your offerings right back into scholarships. Through its 40 years of existence the Christmas Concert has provided \$15,275 in scholarships to Cumberland young people. This past year's scholarship recipients were Dustin DeGolier and Anne Proescholdt.

Come and enjoy our gift of music to you as a beginning to your holiday season.

## Cumberland Productions Now Available

Most of our theatrical productions can't be taken home and enjoyed again, due to copyright laws. But you can purchase and enjoy three hometown productions; the Cumberland movie "A Winter Wish", "Island City: Next Generation" and "Cactus Butte, USA". Any of these hometown-based productions would make a fine gift to watch during the coming winter. A Winter Wish costs \$15 and the other two are \$10 each and available at the intermission of "A Christmas Story".

## Thank you for Dues and Donations

This was a low-key fundraising year with no major events or promotions. (Next year is likely to be different.) We thank our stalwart friends who are there for the arts this year and every year.

You may pay your 2008 dues or donations between now and the end of this year and receive the tax benefit for 2007.

I hope that this 2007 list did not miss any donors. If you made a donation since Dec 2006 and are not listed please contact Dave Evenson, 822-3397 and I'll make the correction in the next newsletter.

### Membership

Donna Grimstvedt

Jean Nystrom

Adriann Odil

Diane Craine

Doris Mold

Brian Anderson

Nilo & Lucille Nelli

Bernie & Joan Masyga

Eva Srubar

Jeanne Beck

Marta Ljungkull

Joseph & Irene DeNucci

Paul & Judy Markgren

Ceil Zappa

Gloria Laursen

Linda Richie

Carole Severson

Lillian Hegg

Donna Stoll

### Sponsor (\$100+)

Allan & Margaret Siemers

Mary Capra

Noreen & Dennis Gilbert

Jim & Pam Baker

Diane & Roger Thorp

Jim & Candy Cotone

Gary and Ann Hendricks

Bob & Pat Skinner

Carl & Katie Proescholdt

### Patron (\$150+)

John & Denise Westin

Colleen Warner

Sally Landstrom

Mary & Jerry Amundson

Louis, Barb & Eric Muench

### Family (\$50+)

David & Lorna Halaas

Corrine and Hue Thoe

Barb & Dave Lynch

Bettie Lerdall

Dave & Cheri Steinberg

John & Gay Hendricks

Elaine Olson

In Memoriam

Nilo Nelli

### In Memoriam (\$300)

Steve Ranallo

### Benefactors (\$350+)

Alan & Diane Carlson

### Producer (\$1000+)

Claire & Marge Johnson

Dave & Shirley Anne Evenson

## Annual ETC Meeting and Potluck Sun Jan 8, 4:00 PM

You all are welcome to attend the annual business (and social) meeting of ETC. Hear reports of past and future year, vote for board of directors, and eat and socialize. Y'all come, ya hear?

### Nominations for ETC Board

Nominations are now open for positions on the ETC Board. Contact present President Diane Thorp (822-2021) if you are interested, or if you would like to nominate someone. Thank you.

### Season Tickets 2008

Season tickets for the five theater productions in 2007 will be available at The Cumberland Arts Center during intermissions of "A Christmas Story", and at the Peter and Annie's during December. Buy a gift pack for a friend or yourself.

### Enrichment Through Culture

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Donation\_\_\_\_\_

ETC Angels	\$5000+	ETC Benefactors	\$350+
ETC Founders	\$3500+	ETC Partners	\$250+
ETC Sustainers	\$2500+	ETC Patrons	\$150+
ETC Producers	\$1000+	ETC Sponsors	\$100+
ETC Directors	\$ 750+	ETC Family	\$ 50+
ETC Leaders	\$ 500+	ETC Individual	\$ 25+

We would be honored to accept memorial gifts at any level.

## Art Sale for Christmas

Are you looking for a gift unlike any other for a friend, relative or yourself? Look no further. The Visual Arts group of ETC will be holding it's Third Annual Art Expo and Sale at the Cumberland Arts Center just for you. Local artists will be displaying practical and decorative items. The sale will be open on **Saturday November 17 from 10AM-3PM**, and at intermission of "A Christmas Story" the first two weekends in December. Come on out, support your local artists and find gifts you won't find anywhere else.

## Auditions for Cabaret Cumberland Talent Show

You could be on stage. Yes, you! Chris and David Hopkins-Hile are holding auditions for our eighth Cabaret Cumberland on the evening of January 17, 6-9 PM at the Cumberland Arts Center. Bring your short comedy skit, vocal or instrumental songs, dance, dramatic reading, and come on down!

Cabaret Cumberland will be Friday and Saturday January 25-26 at 7 PM.

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