

ETC NEWS

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Forever Plaid

June 25–29

Come see ETC's presentation of "Forever Plaid" on June 25–28 at 7 PM and June 29 at 2 PM. Michael Pechman, Dustin Degolier, David Hile, and Travis Thorp sing their way through the final concert they always wanted. Ann Ethen directs this wonderful look at the early 60's music scene.

Four guys (Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie) met in high school and dreamed of becoming like their idols -- The Four Aces, The Four Lads, The Four Freshmen. As their sound developed, they sang at family gatherings, fund raisers and eventually graduated to supermarket openings and proms. En route to pick up their custom-made plaid tuxedos, they were slammed broadside by a school bus filled with eager Catholic teens on their way to see the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. The members of Forever Plaid were killed instantly, but were allowed to come back to earth to do the show you will see.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at Peter and Annie's mid June.

Thank you to the Class of 2008

Enrichment Through Culture enjoys working with our youth in all aspects of the arts. That's why we try always to have at least one show a year with children's involvement, and why we sponsor workshops in visual arts or children's activities at Celebration of the Arts. The young people respond, and give back to the adults more than we give them. Every year we graduate some artists, musicians and actors, and we have classes coming up to fill those shoes. By every accord though, this senior class has meant a lot to the life of ETC. Members of this class have directed plays, acted in lead roles and other roles, danced and choreographed. Our number one sound and light tech is in this class. Seniors have helped set up Celebration of the Arts and helped with it's running. They have written newsletter stories, worked on the handicap accessibility ramp, sung, played instruments in pit bands and worked backstage.

ETC salutes these students and wishes them well in their future endeavors. Seniors- you are welcome to participate in the Cumberland arts life in the future to the maximum extent possible for you. Y'all come back now, ya' hear?

Cumberland Arts Center Rezoning

ETC has wished to improve theater sightlines and provide a handicapped accessible restroom on the main floor for some time. The Cumberland Arts Center is considered a legal non-conforming use in a residential R2 zone. Recently we were not allowed to apply for a building permit to pursue these improvements, due to zoning. At its May meeting the ETC Board voted to apply for rezoning to better fit the Arts Center. The zoning process will take some time over the summer, and will be public noticed in the Cumberland Advocate as it takes place.

"Wicked" Bus Trip

Are you interested in the story before "Wizard of Oz"? ETC is sponsoring a Blackhawk Motor Coach trip to the Orpheum Theater for a matinee of "Wicked" on Sunday November 16. The coach will depart at 10 AM from

the rear of Cumberland Arts Center. Tickets are \$70, which covers the cost of performance, transportation, and snacks. Ride in comfort, don't worry about parking, get dropped off at front door. Sign up now with Mike Clay (822-4869) or claymp54829@gmail.com. Please include number of tickets, phone number and email address with your request. Checks for payment should be made out to Cumberland ETC, PO Box 191, Cumberland, WI 54829 by the deadline of August 1, 2008. If we don't receive your payment by that date we will offer your tickets to those on the waiting list. See you on the bus!

Cabaret

I like to report on the good things that happen at ETC so it's sad to report on a show we couldn't pull off. The Broadway Musical "Cabaret" was scheduled for our May show. We run with volunteers, of course, and we were not able to find enough cast members for this large musical show. Perhaps our timing was bad; May is a busy month for many. Season ticket holders were offered the option of attending the magnificent Cumberland High School play "Guys and Dolls". Season ticket holders who were not able to take advantage of that offer may apply for a refund or consider their money a donation to ETC. It's been a pretty good musical line-up so far this year, even without "Cabaret". We had "Cabaret Cumberland" in January, Red Barn's "I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change" in February, "Guys and Dolls" in March and will have "Forever Plaid" in June.

Wanted- Good Used Books!

Please call Sally (822-3397) or Adriann (822-4876) if you have books to donate to the book sale at Celebration of the Arts.

Auditions for The Shame of Tombstone

May 31, June 3

Rutabaga weekend will find ETC involved with an old time melodrama, directed by Craig Bucher. As always this show has two titles "The Shame of Tucson" or "The masked Canary" This show played at the 100th Anniversary of the City of Tombstone, but will fit in just fine with the festivities of the 76th Rutabaga Festival. Craig will be looking for four men

and four women of high school age or older to portray these characters. In addition there are roles for Master of Ceremonies and also players to perform olios. (An olio is an extra portion often added to a melodrama– a skit, gag or song). Auditions will be at The Cumberland Arts Center Saturday May 31, 9:00–noon, and Tuesday, June 3, 6:00–9:00 PM.

Amanda Goodsort, once a Boston society belle, has journeyed to Arizona to find employment so that she might support her infant daughter. Alas, she must perform on the stage of Tombstone's famous Birdcage Theatre, where soldier lads and silver miners come to gawk and applaud! In order that her true identity never be revealed, Amanda sings in disguise and is known far and wide as The Masked Canary; but to civic leaders like the tenacious Flora Courtland, who is determined to drive her out of town, she is... "The shame of Tombstone!" Alas, the wily villain, Judge Mortimer Harshly, and a pretty cohort, Peachy Jamm, discover Amanda's secret and decide to blackmail her. The side-splitting action begins on the day Amanda's grown daughter arrives in town with her two companions, Lonely Wolf, a Harvard-educated scout, and Lt. Pete Bogg, a manly chap who has everything... including PX privileges and a future pension. An outrageous company of funny characters add to the confusion: Cantankerous Ol' Timer; Wing Tip, the Oriental philosopher who is available for witty sayings and tea-brewing; Fifi, the French maid from Bisbee. But above everything is the sheer nastiness (and comic genius) of the Judge. All ends suitably with the meanie's defeat, Amanda's vindication and a sing-a-long to keep the audience smiling.

2008 ETC Calendar

Auditions for The Shame of
Tombstone (Craig Bucher)

Sat May 31, 9 AM -12
Tue June 3, 6-9 PM

Celebration of the Arts

Sat June 14, Tourist Park

Forever Plaid

Wed-Sun June 25-29

The Shame of Tombstone

Thur-Sun, August 21-24

Auditions for Anne of Green

Gables (Diane Thorp
Chris Hopkins-Hile)

Sat Sept 6 and Mon Sep 8

Rehearsals for Christmas Concert

Mon, Oct 6 and following
Mondays 7 PM

Bus trip to "Wicked"

Sun Nov 16, 10 AM

Anne of Green Gables

Thur-Sun Dec 4-7
Thur-Sat Dec 11-13

Annual Christmas Concert

Sun Dec 14, 2 and 4 PM

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A bylaws committee has looked at revising the bylaws for the first time since the combined ETC was formed in 1999. Most of the language remains the same, but there are a few proposed changes. Proposed is to have President and President–elect serve two year terms, instead of one year. Also included is language regarding attendance expectations of board members and the replacement of board members. On the financial side, a stronger budget system and better audit procedure are proposed. You will be able to check out the proposed by–laws on our web site www.cumberlandetc.com.

Lost Bicycle?

If you or your child can't find your bike this spring we may have it. Someone left one last fall. Call Mike at 822–4869 to claim.

David, Dustin, Travis and Michael are ready to entertain you in Forever Plaid.

Christmas Play- Anne of Green Gables

Auditions for our Christmas play, Anne Of Green Gables will be held on September 6 and 8. Directors Diane Thorp and Chris Hopkins-Hile will be looking for both children and adults to fill the parts in this classic story.

This new dramatization captures the charm and excitement of L.M. Montgomery's enduring classic about an orphan girl, Anne Shirley, from her first encounter with her austere guardian to her thrilling graduation from Queen's Academy. The play faithfully recreates the memorable events and characters from the brilliant novel. All the tragedies and triumphs that mark Anne's growth from adolescence to early adulthood are here: her friendship with Diana, her feuds with Gilbert, her adoration of Matthew, the mistaken wine bottle, the cake disaster, the broken leg, the scholastic achievements, and the saving of Green Gables. Whether the playgoer is an "old friend" of Anne's or meeting her for the first time, this

play will solidify a lasting friendship between the audience and one of literature's most unforgettable characters.

Music in the Park Celebration of the Arts– June 14

9:00 Third Sunday Jam– bluegrass, gospel, sing along

10:00 The BroadWay– This trio sings, plays multiple instruments in the Andrews Sister's style and others.

11:00 Bethany Brass Quintet plays Bach to Beatles

12:00 Jim Kerr sings Classic Country the way it should be sung

1:00 David Hile– singer–songwriter, some of his and some covers

Along the way we'll hear from Forever Plaid and maybe some others.

2008 Donations

Membership

Elaine Molls

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Ardis Amundson

Ray & Rosemary Ernst

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Kurt & Deborah Jacobs

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Family \$50+

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Jim & Pam Baker

Paul & Judy Markgren

Jim & Joan Stege

John & Gay Hendricks

Family \$50+

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Tom & Paulie Toftness

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Jim & Mary Kerr

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Dennis Gilberts

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Mary Capra

Luis Cacuangó

Dave & Shirley Anne Evenson

Patron \$150+

Gary Johnson/Liz Alberg

Sally Landstrom

Daylight Cabinet

Producers \$1000+
Claire & Marge Johnson

New Art Display Racks- Thanks 3M

When you come to the Celebration of the Arts you will see our classy new lightweight art display racks purchased with part of a 3M grant. Thanks to 3M for supporting the arts in our hometown.

Thank you for Dues and Donations

Any volunteer arts organization runs on the goodwill of its people. We thank our stalwart friends who are there for the arts this year and every year. I hope that this list did not miss any donors. If you made a donation since Dec 2007 and are not listed please contact Dave Evenson, 822-3397 and I'll make the correction in the next newsletter.

I apologize for not acknowledging these donations in mid 2007.

Individual- Lois Odden

Family- Jim & Joan Stege

Bob & Audrey Held

Sponsor- Craig & Paula Hokanson

Jerry & Billie Jean Jerome

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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.

17th Annual Celebration of Arts and Crafts

Don't miss the upcoming arts and craft fair on Saturday, June 14, 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cumberland Tourist Park. Many vendors will be selling their original hand crafted items including photography, fine art, wood carvings, Amish baskets, country crafts, jewelry, textiles, garden art and more.

A new food item added this year is authentic Dutch Dutan Stroopwafle, a cinnamon caramel cookie delight. In addition there will be hot sandwiches, brats, homemade pies, fry bread and Kettle Korn.

The popular used book sale, live entertainment, student art exhibit; a hands-on children's table all help to make this a special day, different from ordinary craft fairs. Mark your calendars and plan to support the artists and crafters in our area. Meet friends for lunch and shop for that unique item for yourself or others.

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