

ETC News

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Community Choir Christmas Concert Sunday December 9, 2 and 4 PM

You don't need to drive to The Cities to hear a powerful and moving Christmas concert; you can come to our ETC concert at St Anthony's Catholic Church and find a superb helping of Christmas. Those of you who have made this an annual tradition know this to be true, and if you haven't enjoyed this concert before, make this the year you do.

John Westin again directs the Mixed Chorus, Colleen Erb the Women's Chorus, and Ron Ruppel the Men's Chorus. Laura Lindquist and Sandi Miller are the accompanists. Bethany Nash is the soprano soloist for *How Far is it to Bethlehem* and Albin Peterson sings the tenor solo in *Rise Up and See The King*.

There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. If you can't afford that come anyway, we want you to enjoy this tradition. On the other hand if you can afford a bit more, be generous. ETC uses the offering from these concerts to provide music scholarships. This year we were able to offer Micah Weltzin a \$440 scholarship to Wisconsin Honors Band Camp. Through its 44 years of existence the Christmas Concert has provided \$17,215 in scholarships to Cumberland young people.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mike Clay

Greetings! As the year draws to a close, I think I can safely say that Cumberland ETC has had a great season. It started in January with the annual Cumberland Cabaret, showcasing local musical talent. In March we once again were proud to host the Cumberland High School play, this year the musical Sugar. In May we presented Joe Sir's Elvis Show at Das Lach Haus as a fundraiser for new choir folders. And in June we held our annual Celebration of the Arts at the Tourist Park, featuring artists and vendors from the four-state area.

We produced three successful plays during the year, The Secret Garden in June, The Canterville Ghost in August, and It's A Scream in October.

I am particularly proud that this year we initiated a new local music series to showcase some of the extraordinary musical talent in our community. We started with the Stringsmiths in April, playing bluegrass as only they can. In July we featured concerts by The Broadway and Roger Harrison and Friends. And I am happy to report that the Stringsmiths will be returning to perform two bluegrass concerts on Friday December 28 and Saturday December 29. You can purchase the \$5 tickets at either Peter and Annie's or at the door.

Also in December, our annual Christmas Concert by the Cumberland Community Choir will be presented, this year at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. They've been rehearsing for over a month, and I can guarantee the music will be beautiful.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Cumberland ETC, in partnership with the Cumberland School District and its extraordinary music department, will be presenting four musical concerts over two years by groups from all over the world. Under the auspices of the Arts Midwest World Fest, and in partnership with a number of local arts organizations, musical groups from Israel, Brazil, Canada, and China will be presenting school workshops and concerts in our area. This is truly an exciting and unique opportunity to expand our musical horizons and

enjoy meeting folks from different cultures right here in Cumberland. Keep your eyes and ears open when we announce the first group sometime in the autumn of 2013.

As always, there are lots of people to thank for another wonderful year of artistic achievement. I work with a fine group of people, the ETC Board of Directors, and lots of very talented actors, directors, musicians, dancers, painters, carpenters, and others, who together make it all happen. Local businesses have been more than generous over the years helping to endow our work. And, of course, there is you, our audience, our patrons, our supporters, without whom we could do nothing. So thank you to all. We are already looking forward to another great year starting in January. We hope you are, too.

The ETC Fine Arts Center and Theater is located at 1592 2nd Avenue across the street from the Elementary School. Information regarding ETC shows can be seen in the *Cumberland Advocate*, at www.cumberlandetc.com. Or you can “like” ETC on Facebook. See you soon.



The cast relaxes after a wonderful run of *It's a Scream*

Peter and Annie's are ETC Friends

We need to send out a big Thank You to Peter and Annie's, for all they do for ETC. For a small totally volunteer organization like ETC running a box office would be quite a challenge, but Peter and Annie's gladly have taken over distributing tickets for us, as well as other Cumberland organizations. Why don't you make it a point to stop in to see Peter and Annie's selection of gifts, clothing, jewelry and good things to eat? And while you are there, step through the door and visit another of our friends- The Dancing Bird. At The Dancing Bird you can purchase artwork from our local ETC artists as well as musical instruments and many other beautiful items. Thanks to both of these community-minded friends of ETC.



The Stringsmitths- Dec 28 & 29 at ETC

**Auditions for Cabaret Cumberland
And The Music Man
Jan 5, 9-11 AM and Jan 8, 6-8 PM**

Get your act together and come on down to audition for the first two ETC productions of the new year. Chris Hopkins-Hile and Jim Kerr will be looking for acts for Cabaret Cumberland XII, to be held on Saturday, January 19 at 7 PM. Song, dance, skit or variety act- bring it on down. These also are the auditions for The Music Man to be produced the 2nd and 3rd weekends in June. It takes a village to pull off Music Man, singers and dancers obviously but we're also looking for a few parts that need not necessarily sing, as well as stagehands and other technical team. There are parts for some children as young as eight years old. Dave Evenson, Ann Kysely and John Westin will direct this show.

Arts Calendar 2012-13

Christmas Concert- St Anthony's Catholic Church, Dec 9, 2 & 4 PM

The Stringsmiths Bluegrass at ETC Fri, Sat Dec 28-29, 7 PM \$5.00

Auditions Sat Jan 5, 9-11 AM, Tuesday Jan 8, 6-8 PM

Cabaret Cumberland Saturday, January 19 7 PM \$5.00 at the door

Cumberland Schools Art Show at Public Library-January

Cumberland High School presents *Inherit the Wind* at ETC, March 21-23

Celebration of the Arts 22nd annual event. Art, music, food and fun at Cumberland's Tourist Park June 8

The Music Man at ETC, June 6-9 and June 13-16

Over the River and Through the Woods at Rutabaga August 21-24

Death Trap, Fall 2013

Angels Among Us

Often arts organizations reserve their top level of giving designation for “Angels” and we are no exception, reserving that title for gifts of \$5000 or more. Our first Angels, of course, were the Mark and Terry Ruppel and Ron and Nancy Ruppel families, who saw the need for an ETC home and made it happen. They were followed quickly by Dr. Tom Youngren and Faye Youngren who brought high quality lights and sound system to that ETC home. It’s been a while now, and we have a new Angel. This summer the Donald and Elizabeth St. Angelo Family Foundation made a donation of \$4800 to ETC (and equal gifts to the Barron County Historical Museum and the Thomas St. Angelo Library), in thanks for the small part that ETC played in the making of the movie “An Uncommon Scholar”. We applaud and thank the St. Angelos for this wonderful gift, and the ETC Board will work hard to use it for the best purpose. Thank You!

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Dave & Barb Lynch– \$30 in memory of Arlene Hopkins

Pat & Diane Ricci– \$100 in memory of Marian Perzichilli

3M Foundation– \$250 in employee volunteer match for Roger Thorp

The Stringsmiths in Concert

December 28–29 7 PM

After some of The Stringsmiths friends were turned away from their earlier standing room only concert at ETC we scheduled this encore performance for the holiday weekend between Christmas and New Years. They'll be playing their hand-forged bluegrass and telling their stories

the way only they can. Tickets are \$5 and available at Peter and Annie's with leftover tickets, if any, available at the door.

Art Between the Books

In September patrons of the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library had the opportunity to view some fine original art by our local ETC artists. The next art display at the library will be by Cumberland Schools art students. This show will be during January. We had a chance to see some of the student artwork at Celebration of the Arts last June. These are some talented young artists and it will be worth your while to drop in to the library for a viewing.

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