

ETC NEWS

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“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”

Nov.30, Dec1-3 and Dec 7-9

The six Herdman children were the worst children in town! Suddenly, they bully their way into being cast in the major roles of the Christmas play! Mother Bradley played by Krista Rodriguez is charged with putting on this year's pageant, like it or not. Beth Bradley played by Caitlin Harris or Taylor Friese narrates. Father (Brian Keeler) and Charlie (Ryan Mathison) complete the Bradley family.

Cameron Ljungkull, Zoë Hopkins Hile, Luke Bangsberg, Abraham Ortiz, Aaron Turcott, Lindsey Bangsberg and Brianna Anderson play the horrible Herdmans. The other kids, terrified by the Herdmans are played by Natasha Rodriguez, Dana Warwick, Jasmine Erickson, Brittany Matthys, Jesse Hokanson, Myles Erb and Dakota Buechner. The angel choir is composed of Livia Barker, Jillian Allen, Kallai Hokanson, Shawnees Osborn, Abbey Barnaby, Carissa McClain, Tia Olsen, Eliza Sebens, and Shanna Fraiser. Tess Duncan, Lexie Friess, Georgia Barnaby, Tayla Anderson, Taylor Olsen, Ben Gilbert, Tanner Newville, Falisaty Buechner, Rebekah Wrightsman and Alicia Wessman play the Baby Angels.

Other adults helping Mother Bradley (or sometimes interfering) are Reverend Hopkins, played by David Halaas, Mrs. Armstrong (Bethany Barnaby), Mrs Slocum (Jonnie Lee Miller), Mrs. Clark (Leta Wrightsman) and Mrs. McCarthy (Paula Hokanson). Andy Bangsberg and Shawn Warwick play the firemen.

Chris Hopkins-Hile and Diane Thorp direct the show for ETC. Performances on November 30, December 1-2 and 7-9 are at 7 PM and there is a matinee at 2 PM on Sunday, December 3. All tickets are \$5.00. Advance tickets are available at Cumberland Federal Bank during normal banking hours.

From Your ETC President

Greetings from Frank Sinatra and company,

Just kidding! It's hard to believe my year as president is almost over. The upcoming Christmas concert and Best Christmas Pageant Ever in the theater will cap off a wonderful year working with a great Board of directors. I look forward to supporting Diane Thorp as our new president and will work diligently to help her in her new role. The Center will have a whole new look and feel now with the handicap ramp, new dressing rooms, and fresh blacktopped parking lot. Add to that a complete house cleaning and our facility should be in its best condition ever. Another exciting development came this fall with the Youth Art Program; an outstanding idea that was implemented flawlessly with great participation and outstanding reviews from attendees. I also want to thank the board for allowing me the opportunity to produce and direct my show (The Rat Pack). It was a great thrill for me to work with a bunch of talented people and make a little money for the ETC too. My hope is that all of our ETC members continue to support the Arts in Cumberland through the ETC at an even higher level in the future.

Thanks to All of You, Ron Ruppel, President

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 the Cumberland movie "A Winter Wish" and "Island City: Next Generation." Either of these hometown-based productions would make a fine gift to watch during the coming winter.

"A Winter Wish" was written and directed by Scott Thompson of mytown pictures, and was filmed last winter in and around Cumberland. The story revolves around four adult children challenged by their mother last will and testament. Dozens of local actors are featured. The movie is available as DVD or VHS for \$15, and can be purchased at Louie's Finer Meats, The Chamber of Commerce or at intermission of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at The Cumberland Arts Center.

ETC presented "Island City; Next Generation" this summer. Dave Evenson wrote this musical in 1996. The 2006 version uses those songs, but is updated by our talented young actors and musicians. A DVD of their performance is now available for \$10 during intermissions at the Cumberland Arts Center.

The Cumberland Youth Arts Festival

By Anne Proescholdt

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The Cumberland Youth Arts Festival was held at the Cumberland ETC on October 9th, 2006 at 6 PM. It was a huge success. Many community members came to enjoy artwork of all mediums done by youth of all ages. Visitors were able to walk about the ETC to appreciate the visual pieces displayed. Musical and dancing performances were held onstage. Comment cards were available for those who wished to give some encouraging words to the young artists.

Cumberland Community Education supplied art materials and mentors for the students over the summer. The young artists had ample time to work on their art and receive extra help from experienced community artists.

Paula Hokanson and Katie Proescholdt coordinators of the event, would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time and resources. The ETC graciously gave their space for the summer mentoring sessions and the event itself. The Cumberland PTA gave funds and provided refreshments for the festival. The artwork was matted by Bernie Masyga.

Visual Artists:

Abbi Amundson, 11
Lindsey Bangsberg, 9
Hannah Bergstrom, 15
leesha Christensen, 13
Connor Craine, 8
Jackie Craine, 10
Samantha Decker, 9
Hannah Delzer, 6
Molly Delzer, 10
Alanis Van Erp, 9
Shanna Rose Frasier-Warwick, 10
Megan Harding, 14
Alexess Henck, 9
Hunter Hoffman, 9
Jesse Hokanson, 11
Kallai Hokanson, 8
Zoë Hopkins-Hile, 12
Kayla Johnson, 9
Kevin Johnson, 8
Pierce Lindblad, 11
Jacki Momchilovich, 18
Layton Nosbush, 9

Makenna Olson, 8
Reid Olson, 5
Christian Pederson, 8
Kelsey Pederson, 14
Sarah Pederson
Summer Pederson, 11
Sara Peters, 15
Laura Proescholdt, 12
Brianna Puddicombe, 9
Naomi Rodriguez, 4
Natasha Rodriguez, 9
Jenna Romanowski, 8
Nicholas Stevens, 8
David Stone, 10
Kate Stone, 6
Jeremiah Sutton, 6
Edward Watts, 11
Micah Weltzin, 10
Rebekah Wrightsman, 6

Creative Writers:

Jaida Couture, 14
Ahna Freitag, 11
Cara Greene, 12
Anne Proescholdt, 16

Performers:

Lindsey Bangsberg, 9
Elizabeth Brown, 17
David Hile, 16
Kallai Hokanson, 8
Zoë Hopkins-Hile, 12
Sarah Jergenson, 16
Cameron Ljungkull, 12
Scott Neby, 16
Kelsey Pederson, 14
Ben Peichel, 16
Laura Proescholdt, 12
Naomi Rodriguez, 4
Natasha Rodriguez, 9
Ben Stone, 9
David Stone, 10

A second youth arts festival is highly anticipated. A Cumberland Youth Science and Math Festival is in the works as well. These events are not to be missed! Please contact Paula Hokanson at 822-5547 if you would like to help.

2007 ETC Calendar

Annual Meeting and potluck	Sun, Jan 7, 4 PM
Auditions Cabaret Cumberland (Jaime Helgeson, Eva Srubar)	Thur Jan 18, 6-9 PM
One Night Stand-Twice Rehearse	Thur Feb 1
One Night Stand- Twice (Cabaret Cumberland)	Fri-Sat Feb 2-3, 7 PM
High School play Rumors	Thur- Sun, Mar 29-31
Auditions for Joseph And the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Chris Hopkins-Hile Jeff Hile, Ron Ruppel)	April (see Advocate)
Auditions for Cactus Butte, USA And Escanaba in Da Moonlight (Dave Evenson and Eva Srubar)	Sat June 2, 9 AM -12 Tue June 5, 6-9 PM
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Thur-Sun June 7-10 Thur-Sun June 14-17
Celebration of the Arts	Sat June 9, Tourist Park
Cactus Butte, USA	Thur-Sun, August 23-26
Auditions for A Christmas Story (Diane Thorp, Travis Thorp)	Sat Sept 8 and Mon Sep 10
Rehearsals for Christmas Concert	Mon, Oct 1 and following Mondays 7 PM
Escanaba in Da Moonlight	October 25-28, Nov 2-4
A Christmas Story	Thur-Sun Nov 29-Dec 2 Thur-Sat Dec 6-8
Annual Christmas Concert	Sun Dec 9, 2 and 4 PM

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 Second 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 December 9 from 10AM-4PM, and at intermission of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" the first two weekends in December. Come on out, support your local artists and find gifts you won't find anywhere else.

The Rat Pack- Cabaret Cumberland VI

We hope you were able to attend the Cumberland version of The Rat Pack. Ron Ruppel did a marvelous job of researching and recreating the show as a throw back to a time when segregation, integration, mob run casinos, and the humor of that era, came to life every night on the stages of Las Vegas. The show featured performances by Dan Hoffman as Dean Martin, Ron Ruppel as Frank Sinatra, Dale Skerhutt as Sammy Davis Jr., Jamie Helgeson as Angie Dickinson, Norm Yamada as Tony Morelli, and Jim Cotone as Terry Rosen. The Pit Boss (Mike Clay), cocktail waitresses and waiters, and cabaret seating added to the festivities. Thanks, Gang for another memorable evening!

Auditions for Cabaret Cumberland One Night Stand-Twice

You could be on stage. Yes, you! Jaime Helgeson and Eva Srubar are holding auditions for our seventh Cabaret Cumberland on the evening of January 18, 6-9 PM at the Cumberland Arts Center. Bring your short comedy skit, vocal or instrumental songs, dance, dramatic reading, and come on down!

The One Night Stand will be Friday and Saturday February 2-3 at 7 PM. (OK, so technically we're having two one night stands back to back- picky, picky.) Rumors are that the Rat Pack enjoyed the Island City so much that they might just show up to do a song or two!

Thank you to our 2006 Donors

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United Fund of Cumberland

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?

Season Tickets 2007

Season tickets for the five theater productions in 2007 will be available at The Cumberland Arts Center during intermissions of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", and at the Cumberland Federal Bank during December. Price is \$30, which is \$6 discount from individual tickets. Buy a gift pack for a friend or yourself

2007 Donation Year Begins

ETC continues to strive to make Cumberland an interesting and vibrant place to live. Live theater, music, art workshops and shows all contribute to the quality of life here in the Island City. You can help. ETC will apply your donations from the time of this mailing on as 2007 donations. Of course for tax purposes, you will count them as 2006 deductible gifts.

For all of you who have given generously over the years, a heartfelt thank you. Thank you for helping to make Cumberland a community enriched though culture!

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Christmas Concert Dec 10, 2 and 4 PM, St. Anthony Catholic Church

The Cumberland Community Choir is ready to provide you with a festive musical treat this Sunday, December 10, with concerts at 2 PM and 4 PM. St Anthony Catholic Church will host this year's concerts.

We have the largest choir in recent years, 45 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 39 years of existence the Christmas Concert has provided \$14,525 in scholarships to Cumberland young people. This past year's scholarship recipients were Dustin DeGolier and Brenda Perry.

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

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