

ETC NEWS

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Celebration of the Arts, June 13

Come and join in the fun of the 18th Annual Celebration of the Arts, Tourist Park, June 13 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Artists and artisans will be selling original items of fine art, hand blown glass, jewelry, pottery, textiles, garden art, wood carving and furniture and more. Several vendors as well as the Methodist Church group will make sure you don't go hungry. This year the proceeds from the popular used book sale will go to Cumberland's Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.

For the children there will be face painting and other hands on art activities. The Elementary School art display will be exhibited next to the ETC Art tent. Some of our best local musicians will be performing throughout the day. See the lineup elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is a day of non-stop fun for all ages. Plan to spend time to enjoy the day, and support the artists by purchasing something unique to be treasured. Celebration of the Arts truly is a gift to the Island City Community.

Fiddler on the Roof

June 11-14, 18-21

ETC presents the classic Broadway Hit Musical Fiddler on the Roof the 2nd and 3rd weekends in June. Jerry Bock, Joseph Stein and Sheldon Harnick have adapted Sholom Aleichem's stories of Tevye the Dairyman to this wonderful family play. Best known songs from this play include "If I were a Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset" but there are another dozen or so songs that you may find yourself humming upon leaving the theater.

Fiddler depicts the life of Tevye and Golde and their five daughters and other friends as they make their way as Jews in pre revolutionary Russia, about 1905. Much of the story focuses on the marriages of three of the daughters, each one threatening tradition more than the last, as well as increasing troubles with the Russian authorities.

Dan Hoffman plays the lead the first week and Ron Ruppel the second week, and Val Dehline plays the part of Golde. Their daughters are played by Bethany Nash, Zoe Hopkins-Hile, Lauren Dehline, Caitlin Harris and Natasha Rodriguez. Kelsey Pederson plays The Fiddler on June 11, 14, 19 and 20, and Anna Ruth Haugen plays The Fiddler on June 12, 13, 18 and 21. Hope Vicich is Yente the Matchmaker, and Jim Kerr is Lazar Wolf. Conor Erb, Josh Thornwall and Micah Weltzin play the grooms and Jeanne Beck, Jamie DeGolier and Abraham Ortiz are other soloists. Nathan Thornwall, Aaron Effertz, Micah Weltzin, Juliana Braml, Josh Thornwall and Abraham Ortiz are principal dancers. Other villagers and Russians include Margritte Graf, Kate Stone, Mariah Capra, Lindsey Bangsberg, Livia Barker, Melissa Haugen, Cheryl Buechner, Anna Ostenson, Alaura Thornwall, Quinn Buechner, Steve Wickre, Roger Hilde, Tom Toftness, Corey Graf, Mike Clay, Jason Baker, Jakob Braml, Falisity Buechner, Dakota Buechner and Craig Bucher.

Dave Evenson directs and John Westin is the Musical Director. The pit band includes Marty Voshell, Lisa Barker, Kelsey Pederson, Anna Ruth Haugen, Shawn Muench, Gary Dorn, Nancy Keeler and Eric Westin. Choreographers are Catherine Tuminaro and Chris Hopkins-Hile and

other cast members. Fiddler will play at 7 PM on June 11–13 and June 18–21 with a 2 PM matinee on Sunday June 14. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Peter and Annie's.

President's Column

I've been told that Katherine Robinson came up with the name "Enrichment Through Culture" aka ETC . We are blessed to have wonderful people to create our culture through visual arts, music and theater. I truly feel enriched when I look at the Celebration of the Arts, listen to the Christmas choir concert or go to see a play. I think ETC is a very integral part of our community and I'm proud to be president of this fine organization. July 1st starts our new fiscal year at ETC. Outgoing board members are: Jamie Helgeson, Joan Masyga and Andy Bangsberg. Thank you very much for your time and direction. I feel we have a very qualified list of new candidates for the board. Any other interested candidates can come to our annual meeting on July 12th. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of ETC.

Tom Toftness

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 Drinking Habits

May 31, June 3

Eva Srubar will be directing our Rutabaga play and will hold auditions at on Wednesday June 4, 6–8 PM and Saturday, June 6, 9–11 AM. The cast includes five women and three men.

Drinking Habits is a farce in two acts. Sister Augusta and Sister Philamena have been secretly making and selling wine for years to keep the doors of their small convent open. But when their wine suddenly wins an award worth a half-million dollars, newspaper reporters (and former fiancées) Paul and Sally begin searching for the vintners.

As Sally and Paul spy on the convent, they are caught by Mother Superior. Sally pretends to be the new nun Mother Superior was expecting, and Paul claims to be a visiting priest. But when Father Chenille sees Paul, he suspects Rome of sending out a new priest to replace him. And when the actual new nun, Sister Mary Catherine, does arrive, Mother Superior believes her to be a spy from Rome, sent out to investigate the convent.

Chaos ensues as Augusta and Philamena secretly try to press more wine, Paul and Sally try to find the winemakers, and Mother Superior and Father Chenille spy on the suspected spies.

A traditional, laugh-out-loud farce for the whole family that will keep audiences laughing well after the curtain call!

2009 Calendar

Celebration of the Arts	Tourist Park, June 13
Fiddler on The Roof	June 11-14, 18-21
Drinking Habits	Rutabaga Aug 19-22
Rehearsals Christmas Concert Mondays	Oct 5, following
Christmas Belles	1st two weekends Dec
Christmas Concert	Sun Dec13, 2 & 4 PM

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Ericka, Ann and Dorene consult on the short do.



Meg, Ericka, Diane, Sharai and Dorene in Steel Magnolias

Music in the Park Celebration of the Arts– June 13

All day, here and there, roving violinist minstrel Anna Ruth Haugen
9:00 Jim Kerr sings Classic Country and gospel
10:00 David Hile, Singer/songwriter
11:00 Kelsey, Anna & Shawn string trio
12:00 Works in Progress, Men's Quartet, Gospel, Barbershop & such
1:00 PM David Hile and Friends
2:00 Trees on the Moon

Along the way we'll hear from Fiddler cast and maybe some others.

When you next enter the Cumberland Arts Center (we hope for Fiddler) you will notice new colors on entryway, main house, and rear entryway. Your Board members and friends had three work-days this spring to give the theater a new look. We will continue to look for ways to freshen and

maintain the building. Next up will be rear stairs covering and fixing and painting windows.

New Theater Prices

ETC has held the prices low on theatrical productions for our entire 20 years of existence. We want everyone to be able to see our plays without feeling too much of a pinch. But next year we will have to raise prices a dollar or two per play. This will still keep our prices on the low end for regional theater. Royalties, costs of owning and maintaining a building, sets and costumes all have been increasing. We pledge to continue to give you the best of theatrical experiences at a fair price.

One of the reasons ETC can keep theater and all of our music and arts programs affordable is our many members who are generous with their donations. We thank those who go a step beyond to support Enrichment Through Culture- ETC.

Passing on of Friends

ETC extends our sympathies to the families and friends of Hubert Thoe and Paul Markgren. Hubert and Corrine and Paul and Judy were long time members and staunch supporters of the Arts in Cumberland. Judy is past president of ETC and was instrumental at the time when Visual Arts, Music and Theater came together to form the present ETC structure. Our condolences to Corrine and Judy.

Pottery Workshop

Candace Jacobs instructed Community Education classes for 40 elementary students at The Cumberland Arts Center this past March. Our location worked out well, as Candace was able to walk the students over directly to the clay. They used the low island in the kitchen as a work table which proved to be the perfect height. We were especially gratified that the kiln Judy Markgren donated to ETC got it's first major workout.

2009 Donations

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