

# ETC NEWS

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## **Christmas Play- Christmas Belles**

Dec 4–6, 10–12

Cumberland's Enrichment Through Culture will be presenting Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten's holiday drama *Christmas Belles* directed by Ann Ethen. It's Christmas-time in the small town of Fayro, Texas, and the Futrelle Sisters — Frankie, (Christine Hopkins-Hile) Twink (Margritte Graf) and Honey Raye (Sarah Lundquist)— are attempting to create a memorable Christmas, but their individual personal baggage keeps getting in the way. A cranky Frankie is weeks overdue with her second set of twins. Twink, recently jilted and bitter about it, is in jail for inadvertently burning down half the town. And hot-flash-suffering Honey Raye is desperately trying to keep the Tabernacle of the Lamb's Christmas Program from spiraling into chaos. A busybody Miss Geneva (Val Sutherland) butts in more than her two cents while a nose snubbing Patsy Price (Marty Voshell) finds joy in bringing untidings to the Futrelles. Other characters consist of a kidney stone passing husband (Andy Bangsberg), a want to please everyone daughter (Sara Franc), a confused and love conflicted pastor (Corey Graf), an annoyingly always nice mystery lady (Barb Lynch), a do everything by the book, code and statute officer (Tom Toftness) and the most adorable but not altogether there red wagon pulling shepherd (Brian Keeler) Show times are December 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12. All performances will start at 7:00 P.M. except for Sunday,

December 6, which will be a 2:00 matinee. Tickets are \$7.00 available in advance at Peter and Annie's located on Main Street in Cumberland.



Honey Raye (Sarah Lundquist and Twink (Margritte Graf) get a what-for from Patsy Price (Marty Voshell) while Reynard (Brian Keeler) tries to figure it out

## **Cumberland's Got Talent**

**Jan 30, 2010**

ETC welcomes you to the first event of the new year, our ninth Cabaret Cumberland. This year's theme is Cumberland's Got Talent, and we all know that is indeed true. You'll see singers, dancers, comedians and instrumentalists of all sorts in this show hosted by Catherine Tuminaro and Jim Kerr. Also this year you will be able to make this a dinner theater combination. Enjoy a fine Italian dinner at the Legion, sponsored by the Friends of the Cumberland Library, complete with strolling troubadours

from Cumberland's Got Talent. Then at 7 PM come on over to the Cumberland Arts Center and enjoy the show!

**Christmas Concert Dec 13, 2 and 4 PM,  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church**

The Cumberland Community Choir is ready to provide you with a festive musical treat this year on Sunday, December 13, with concerts at 2 PM and 4 PM. St Anthony's Catholic Church will host this year's concerts.

Our choir is growing with about 15 singers joining us in the past few years. You need to hear the power of 65 voices on several of these anthems- you will be stirred. Colleen Warner directs the Women's Chorus, Ron Ruppel the Men's Chorus, and John Westin leads the Mixed Chorus. Laura Lindquist and Sandi Miller are the accompanists.

For the first time this year, we will be setting 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. Most of us don't realize the cost of sheet music, especially in these quantities. Music, programs, advertising add up to about \$1000 cost. ETC uses the offering from these concerts to provide music scholarships. This year we were able to offer Josh Dorn and Shawn Muench \$300 scholarships to Wisconsin Honors Band Camp. Through its 41 years of existence the Christmas Concert has provided \$15,875 in scholarships to Cumberland young people.

If the Cumberland Community Choir Christmas Concert is not part of your holiday tradition this would be a great year to make it one. Come and enjoy our gift of music to you as a beginning to your holiday season.

**Auditions for The Biggest Thief in Town,  
Jesus Christ Superstar and Cabaret Cumberland  
Jan 9 and 12**

ETC will be holding auditions for the first three shows of 2010 at The Cumberland Arts Center on Saturday January 9 from 9–11 AM, and on Tuesday January 12 from 6–8 PM. Mike Clay is directing The Biggest Thief in Town. This farce requires 10 men and 2 women. The play will run the first two weekends in May.

Andy Bangsberg and Chris Hopkins–Hile will be directing Jesus Christ Superstar. This rock musical has roles for dozens of men and women with a full chorus, male and female roles from about 13–95 years old. We need singers, of course, but there are some non–singing parts. High School men and women are welcome. Superstar will be playing the 1st and 2nd weeks of June, and we will try to accommodate college students who are able to learn parts on their own. This is the biggest production we will have since Fiddler on the Roof, and it will take a similar effort by cast and staff to make it great. We will ask you to sing a song of your choosing (bring piano score) or from Superstar, which we will provide. Dancers also are much needed!

## **2010 Season Tickets**

This theater season ETC offers 7 shows, the most ever. We are pleased to cooperate with Red Barn Theater in presenting Mid Life–The Crisis Musical, and we also will present the mega–hit, Jesus Christ Superstar and all the other shows you see on our calendar. At \$55 you save over a dollar per show off regular price. Buy tickets for yourself and as gifts for others! Tickets are available at Peter and Annie’s.

## **2009-10 Calendar**

**Christmas Belles**

Ann Ethen

**Dec 4-6, 10-12**

**Christmas Concert**

**Sun Dec13, 2 & 4 PM**

Auditions for Cabaret Cumberland  
The Biggest Thief and Superstar

Sat Jan 9, Tues Jan 12

<b>Cabaret Cumberland</b> Catherine Tuminaro/ Jim Kerr	<b>Jan. 30</b>
<b>Midlife! The Crisis Musical</b> Dale Skerhutt	<b>Feb. 11-13</b>
<b>Footloose- High School Play</b> Ann Ethen	<b>March 25-28</b>
<b>The Biggest Thief in Town</b> Mike Clay	<b>April 30, May 1,2,7,8,9</b>
<b>Jesus Christ Super Star</b> Andy Bangsberg/ Chris Hopkins-Hile	<b>June 3-6,10-12</b>
<b>Celebration of the Arts</b>	<b>June12, Tourist Park</b>
<b>The Man with the Pointed Toes</b> Craig Bucher	<b>Aug 25-28</b>
<b>Escanaba In Da Moonlight</b> Eva Srubar	<b>Oct. 21-23,28-30</b>
<b>Fruitcakes</b> Diane Thorp	<b>1<sup>st</sup> two weekends Dec</b>
<b>Christmas Concert</b>	<b>December 12</b>

## 2009 Donations

### Membership

Donna Stoll

Brian Anderson

Diane Craine

Lucille Nelli

Rob & Barb Ankarlo

Betty Lerdall

Joe & Irene Denucci

Jim & Pam Baker

Tony & Camellia Curella

Jerry & Mary Amundson

Frank & Phyllis Mach

Corrine Thoe

Adriann Odil  
Ceil Zappa  
**Family (\$50+)**  
Donald & Virginia Thompson  
Tom & Paulie Toftness  
Penny Sundvall  
Sally Landstrom  
Dorothy Thorp  
Jerome & Glenda Severson  
Roger & Diane Thorp  
Paul & Judy Markgren  
Mary Capra  
Merwin Moen  
Gene & Connie Bussewitz  
Jim & Joan Stege  
John & Gay Hendricks  
Elaine Olson  
Bernie & Joan Masyga  
Bob & Audrey Held  
Dave & Cheri Steinberg  
**In memory of James Dusso**  
Gene & Diana Champlin  
  
**Sponsor (\$100+)**  
Noreen & Dennis Gilberts  
Gary & Ann Hendricks

Craig & Jennifer Turcott  
Dave & Shirley Anne Evenson  
Allan & Margaret Siemers  
Jim & Candy Cotone  
Dick Thorp  
Louie, Barb & Eric Muench  
Tom & Joan Mears  
Ron & Nancy Ruppel  
Tom & Pam Mysicka  
**Patron (\$150+)**  
Tom & Cori Hallgren  
J Robert & Jeanne Nelson  
John & Denise Westin  
Bob & Pat Skinner  
  
**Partner (\$250+)**  
Mike and Paula Clay  
Jerry & Billie Jerome  
**Benefactor (\$350+)**  
Alan & Diane Carlson  
  
**Producer (\$1000+)**  
Claire & Marge Johnson  
United Fund of Cumberland  
Dennis Zappa

## From your ETC President

The E.T.C. Board has set the schedule for 2010. Perhaps our busiest schedule ever. We are in need of actors, singers, artists, costumers, set designers, ushers, etc. If you have ever wanted to be involved in a play, sing in a choir, or paint a picture, E.T.C. in 2010 is the place for you.

Another way to support E.T.C. is financially. Are you able and willing to pay for an E.T.C. membership and need a year-end deduction on your taxes? Yes, we will accept your donation!

Thanks,  
Tom Toftness

**Enrichment Through Culture**  
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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.

## **Midlife! – The Crisis Musical**

Feb 11–13

This Valentine’s weekend take your Sweetie out for a theater date to see Midlife! –The Crisis Musical. ETC is pleased to again be able to cooperate with Red Barn Theater and director Dale Skerhutt to bring you a mid-winter lift.

Three men and three women make up the cast of this wacky musical that takes a comic look at the “age old” conditions and situations faced in MID-LIFE! From reading glasses and mammograms to weekend warriors and proctology exams – all are lampooned with a Saturday Night Live non-sensibility. Everyone will relate to this hilarious, and at times, touching musical about the curiosities and inevitabilities of middle age. If

you bought some Ginkgo-Biloba, but can't remember where you put it –  
then you're ready for MID-LIFE!

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