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Portland Civic Players

Summer 2014
Ruth Ann Frederick, Editor



Summer Theater

Portland Civic Theater sends out a huge THANK YOU to Sara Pohl, Devann Hattis, and Rory Miller for their tireless efforts training up the next generation of theater buffs. This summer was a very productive summer with seventy-two participants and extra help from Shelly Pung, Maggie Timmer, Sarah Haluska, and Emily Quinn. Thank you to these ladies for their assistance. Finding volunteers who work in cooperation with directors and have a love for children as well as theater is sometimes difficult, and we cannot express enough our appreciation for your time and effort.



This summer's thespians had some challenges. The lights were our biggest issue as a lightning storm took out the board, and it took some time to get that replaced and installed. Unable to have any form of working lights until our dress rehearsals—and even then we played with them for quite a bit—we were not able to train any new participants on the lights as we have done in years past. Next year, lights will again be an important part of training. We did, however, raise a very good amount of money towards

fixing the system, and we thank all of you who pitched in when we passed the hat.

Of course, just deciding when to begin Summer Theater was another challenge due to the length of the school year from makeup snow days. Everyone worked hard once we finally got started, and we had a wonderfully successful summer. Hopefully, we'll have a more "normal" winter this year. Regardless, we'll have a great time in Summer Theater 2015!

Summer Theater has become a staple of childhood for Portland's young people, and we look forward to this tradition thriving for many years to come. If you participated, be sure you tell your friends in school how much fun it was and encourage them to join you next summer.



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Going Headless

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If you take a child to the theater, not only will they practice empathy, they might also laugh uproariously, or come home singing about science, or want to know more about history, or tell you what happened at school today, or spend all dinner discussing music, or learn how to handle conflict, or start becoming future patrons of the arts."

- Lauren Gunderson

Harvey—Coming this fall!

Directed by Roger Miller



Set in 1944 in Denver, Colorado, *Harvey* is a lighthearted comedy featuring a mischievous invisible rabbit who frolics around the stage throughout the evening. Doors open on their own accord, book pages flip and curtains open by themselves in this whimsical production. Who will our Roger Miller cast to portray Elwood, a magnetic man who keeps the whole town smiling—*except his fretting sister Veta*?

The play's setting alternates between Elwood and Veta's majestic home and the sterile reception room at the sanatorium, Chumley's Rest. What tricks will Roger employ to get us all sitting on the edge of our seats and rolling on the floor laughing? Make sure you see it to find out for yourself.

Theater Manager's Report

by Shelley Perry

We have a great crowd of young people for summer theater! I've enjoyed stocking the snacks and helping out with their concession sales during break times. I hope many of you had a chance to see the Lip Sync Competition that the kids put on. The theater was packed, standing room (barely). Wow, we are certainly thankful for the air conditioning! What an amazing group of talented kids, the future of PCP is in good hands.

The week before summer theater was to start, our stage lighting system was damaged by a lightning storm. For four weeks the directors have been compensating by using the stage work lights, which aren't very bright. But, good news, the replacement part arrived in time, and the electrician came July 18th to connect it. We were 'back in business' before the shows opened for summer theater on July 23rd.

Silent Auction

SOLD



Silent Auction Fund Raiser

It seems hard to believe that our last silent auction was nearly two years ago. We decided not to do it every year in order not to overwhelm our generous patrons, but we're planning another one in the winter months. Plan ahead if you have goodies to donate or would like to sponsor a table at the event. We don't have a date set just yet, but you can plan on sometime in January most likely.

Winter Production

Radio theater is an art form nearly lost on modern audiences. Portland Civic Players look forward to our second annual reader's theater performance at Christmas time this coming winter. Keep watching the website or Facebook page for news and dates regarding upcoming events.

Theater Wish List:

- ⇒ Restore ticket window area and box office exterior shelf/window trim
- ⇒ Replace or restore floor tiles
- ⇒ Paint interior ceiling and walls
- ⇒ Update office furniture
- ⇒ Repaint auditorium floor
- ⇒ Replace top of leaning rail with hardwood, color to match seating armrests



Meet the PCP Board



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- Vice President, Mary Teachout

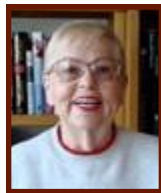


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