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• Theatre for All Ages •

GRAND OPENING WRAP UP

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone that played a part in the grand opening of The Oxford April 15-18! From the patrons that attended events to all the volunteers that helped make the events possible, we were very pleased to see the new space being used by the community. Check out this newsletter for info on upcoming ECCT events for your next opportunities to experience The Oxford. If you are looking for a venue for your next event please contact Wayne for rental information on ECCT and The Oxford.



LANDSCAPING DAY

May 15 at The Oxford
9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm

Landscaping is our last major project at The Oxford. We're working with Joel Janssen from Great Escapes Design and we need lots of volunteers and donations to carry out his plans. Volunteers can contact us at info@ecct.org or 839-8877 to sign up for a shift. Can't make it that day? Here are some ways you can make a monetary donation to this \$5000 project:

Purple Ash Trees	6	\$75 ea.	Dwarf Cranberry Bush	5	\$20 ea.
Crab Trees	3	\$75 ea.	Annabelle Hydrangia	9	\$20 ea.
Amur Maple	1	\$75	Dwarf Korean Lilac	5	\$20 ea.
Royal Star Magnolia	1	\$100	Perennials	575	\$10 ea.
Columnar Yew	3	\$100 ea.	Grasses	40	\$10 ea.
Taylor Juniper	6	\$100 ea.	45 yards of rock	45	\$20/yd
Colorado Spruce	3	\$30 ea.	16 tons of boulders	16	\$40/ton
Ivory Halo Dogwood	9	\$20 ea.	Use of skid steer, sod cutter, tree auger		Priceless

We welcome donations by check, cash or credit card. In addition to time and money we are also looking for gardeners that might have bulbs and plantings that could be used in planters and as decorative plantings around the building. For more details on this project contact us at info@ecct.org or 839-8877.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The price tag for The Oxford is \$500,000. Current fundraising stands at just over \$145,000 in cash and pledges. We are pleased to announce that the L.E. Phillips Family Foundation has awarded ECCT a \$100,000 challenge grant to be awarded in October of next year, 2011, if we can raise another \$255,000 by that time. This would bring us to the \$500,000 needed to pay off the project and allow more funds to be used for new programming, shows and projects. We will be raising the \$255,000 through monetary donations and pledges and

additional fundraising events along with funds raised through performances and projects at The Oxford. If you have not yet had the opportunity to support this project now is the time to do it- if you have already supported the project and are planning to continue doing so in the future, let us know of your intentions to pledge financial support. If you would like further information on our fundraising efforts or have an idea for a fundraising activity you'd like to share please contact Wayne at info@cct.org or 839-8877.



SUMMER AUDITIONS

All at ECCT- 1814 Oxford Ave.

TRUE BLUE AND TRUSTED

May 23 & 24 at 5pm

Come cheer for the hero and boo the villain in this old-fashioned melodrama.

- **Auditions:** Cold readings from the script
- **Roles:** 8 males & 8 females ages High School-Adult
- **Rehearsals:** 3-4 nights/week 5:30-7:00pm June 1-July 6
- **Shows:** July 7-11 at The Oxford



May 23 & 24 at 7pm

ECCT closes the season with this high-energy dance show following the last class to attend New York's famed High School for the Performing Arts.

- **Auditions:** Leads- prepare a 1 minute cutting from any Broadway song; Chorus- will sing a familiar song. Those auditioning for students will have a dance audition; those auditioning for teachers will read from the script
- **Roles:** 14 males & 14 females ages High School-Adult
- **Rehearsals:** 3-4 nights/week 7-9:30pm June 1-July 27 with some weekend dance rehearsals and promotional events.
- **Shows:** July 28-August 1 at the State Theatre



June 20 & 21 at 5pm

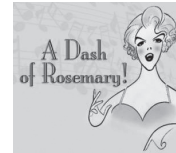
Musical based on the unfinished novel by Charles Dickens. When the show stops half way through Act Two the audience goes through a series of votes to determine how the show ends- a different ending each night!

- **Auditions:** Leads- prepare a 1 minute cutting from any Broadway song; Chorus- will sing a familiar song.
- **Roles:** 10 males & 10 females ages High School-Adult
- **Rehearsals:** 3-4 nights/week 7-9:30pm June 23-August 10
- **Shows:** August 11-15 at The Oxford



SUMMER ON OXFORD

Get your tickets now for the Summer on Oxford Series at ECCT's new theatre, The Oxford! All seats \$15 per show. Buy all three shows for \$30 and save over 30%! Here's what we're offering:



June 16-19 at 7:30pm & June 20 at 1:30pm

The music and songs of Rosemary Clooney come to life in this revue, starring Cathy Reitz, Jessica Breed, David Olson and Zach Schultz.

TRUE BLUE AND TRUSTED

July 7-10 at 7:30pm & July 11 at 1:30pm

An old-fashioned boo the villain, cheer the hero melodrama complete with songs, olios and enough bad jokes to keep you laughing all night long!



August 11-14 at 7:30pm & August 15 at 1:30pm

Based on the unfinished novel by Charles Dickens, this full scale Broadway musical relies on the audience to decide how the show will end.

And there's more! Join us on opening nights when Famous Dave's will be here selling ribs and muffins outside for tailgating in the parking lot 1 hour before the show- 100% of the proceeds will be donated to ECCT! All summer long we'll be featuring Olson's Ice Cream cups with special flavors for each show. We'll also be featuring a different dessert partner each month selling special treats at intermission this summer:

June- Dessert First

July- Simply Cakes

August- Bo-Jo Creations



Call 839-8877 to order your tickets and join in the fun on Oxford this summer!

DON'T TALK WHILE I'M TALKING

Friday, May 21 at The Oxford
6:00pm Family Show (Rated PG)
8:00pm Adult Show (Rated PG-13)

Join award winning ventriloquist Nate Plummer and his crazy cast of characters- Krispy Kreme the Donut, RK Possum, Dustin the Dragon, Turtle the Bird and Shelley the Cougar. Two performances- one for families and one for adults- this will be a night of hilarity you won't want to miss. All proceeds will help pay for the new lighting equipment at The Oxford. Tickets are \$8/adults and \$5/youth by calling 839-8877 and at the door.

ANNOUNCING OUR 22nd SEASON!



Sept. 9-12, 2010



Oct. 23-25, 2010



Nov. 18-21, 2010



Dec. 2-5, 2010



Dec. 9-12, 2010



Jan. 6-9, 2011



Feb. 3-6, 2011



Mar. 3-6, 2011



Mar. 18-19, 2011



Mar. 31-April 3, 2011



April 28-May 1, 2011



July 27-31, 2011

Tales from the
**Brothers
Grimm**



June 24 at 10am, 1:30pm & 6:30pm
June 25 at 10am & 1:30pm
The Oxford
All seats \$5 at the door
Call 839-8877 for special group rates!



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SUMMER CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE
Check out a complete listing at www.ecct.org!

Hats Off To...

- the casts and crews of LITTLE WOMEN and RENT for bringing these remarkable productions to the stage
- all the volunteers and Board members that helped organize and work the grand opening events for The Oxford April 15-18.
- Laurie Osberg, Shelly Grokowsky, Carol Price, Brent Douglas, Barb Weisenberger, Inside Lines, Bette Wahl and Joanne Radandt for recent donations to the costume shop and Kerry Kincaid for donating a gold music stand and 2 wall scones
- everyone who attended PURSES WITH PURPOSE on April 22 and the fundraising committee that organized it, helping to raise over \$12,000 for ECCT's Building Fund
- Digicopy for donating the printing of this month's newsletter



Chippewa Valley Youth Choirs

Singers currently in grades 2-7 are invited to join the Chippewa Valley Youth Choirs. CVYC rehearses on Tuesday nights starting Sept. 7 from 6-7:30pm and presents 2 concerts and Kidz Kabaret each season along with other community performances. For more information contact us at 839-8877. Young people interested in singing are also encouraged to check out the Summer Youth Choir being offered by Cathy Reitz as part of our summer class offerings at www.ecct.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY / JUNE

May 11	ECCT Board Meeting	5:15pm	ECCT
May 15	Landscaping Day	9am-5pm	ECCT
May 21	DON'T TALK WHILE IM TALKING	6pm and 8pm	The Oxford
May 23-24	TRUE BLUE AND TRUSTED auditions	5pm	ECCT
	FAME auditions	7pm	ECCT
June 8	Summer Board Retreat	5pm	The Oxford
June 16-19	A DASH OF ROSEMARY	7:30pm	The Oxford
June 20	A DASH OF ROSEMARY	1:30pm	The Oxford
June 20-21	MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD auditions	5pm	ECCT
June 24	TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM	10am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm	The Oxford
June 25	TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM	10am & 1:30pm	The Oxford

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