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• Theatre for All Ages •

Happy New Year!

2014 has been another busy year for ECCT! As the year comes to an end we are in rehearsals for two productions and the annual murder mystery dinner theatre, getting ready to start MARY POPPINS rehearsals and holding auditions for THE CAT IN THE HAT next week, getting ready to launch a new benefit for early February, working on the 2nd annual Trivia Challenge and making final plans for the annual Purses with Purpose event. There is honestly never a dull moment here! It's this continual mix of productions and fundraising events that helps keep ECCT's doors open. While it's exciting to see over 3800 patrons attend a show like BEAUTY AND THE BEAST it would probably come as a surprise to many that ticket sales to our public shows account for only about 45% of our \$625,000 budget. The rest has to come from fundraisers, pledges, grants, corporate underwriting and individual donations- a total of over \$340,000 that must be raised in various ways annually, in addition to making sure that sales are healthy for the quality productions that are brought to the stage. It can be a daunting, and at times, overwhelming task.

We are very fortunate to have a number of businesses in the Chippewa Valley and many, many individuals who support ECCT through their charitable giving. This support is vital to our continued success and very existence. We invite you to include ECCT in your end of year giving plans- through gifts of cash, stocks or other assets, by donating to our Endowment Fund, by including ECCT in your estate planning, by offering in-kind services or products, by dropping off gift cards or supplies to lower expenses. Use the form below to help make a difference at ECCT or give us a call at 715-839-8877 if you have some other ideas on how you can support ECCT.

Best Wishes from all of us at ECCT for a happy, healthy and, of course, theatrical new year!

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YES, I/we would like to give a gift in the amount of:

\$ _____

- ☐ Director.....\$5000+
- ☐ Legend.....\$1000-\$4999
- ☐ Superstar.....\$500-\$999
- ☐ Leading Player.....\$300-\$499
- ☐ Co-star.....\$100-\$299
- ☐ Actor.....\$50-\$99
- ☐ Chorus.....\$30-\$49

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(as you wish to be acknowledged)

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☐ Oxford Chair.....\$75 IN HONOR OF _____ IN MEMORY OF _____

☐ Check payable to "ECCT" is enclosed.

☐ Bill my: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

EMAIL _____

(to receive info on shows, events, volunteering and special offers)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

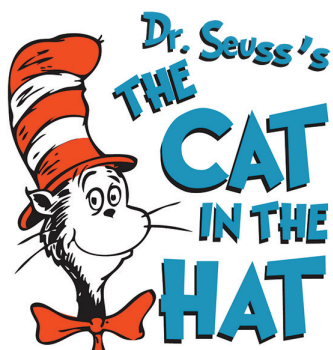
- ☐ Our gift is for the ECCT Endowment Fund
- ☐ Send planned giving information
- ☐ Send volunteer information
- ☐ Call me about in-kind donations
- ☐ My employer has a matching gift program

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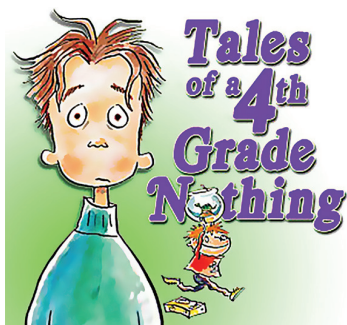
Auditions at ECCT!



JAN. 4TH & 5TH 7:00PM

Kids KABARET

JAN. 20TH 5:30PM



FEB. 8TH 5:30PM
Complete details at
www.ecct.org



Walk Two Moons is the powerful story of Sal, a 13-year-old on a cross-country road trip with her grandparents to visit her mother who left home a year ago. Along the way, Sal tells the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother disappeared under mysterious circumstances. As the two girls unravel the mystery of Phoebe's mother, and Sal's journey brings her ever closer to her mother, Sal gains an important understanding of why her mother left, and whether or not she will be coming home.

Based on the Newberry Award-winning novel by Sharon Creech, the show takes the audience on an emotional journey with Sal. The performance brings the book to life by presenting the story through several different narrative frames and flashbacks. As a dramatic non-musical, this show is an opportunity for ECCT performers and audiences to broaden their theatrical horizons with a show that will remain with them well after the closing curtain.

HERE'S THE CAST FOR THE SHOW:

SAL
PHOEBE
SUGAR/MRS. WINTERBOTTOM
JOHN/MR. BIRKWAY/BICKLE
MARGARET
GRAM
MRS. PARTRIDGE
GRAMPS
MARY LOU/NURSE/POLICE OFFICER
MR. WINTERBOTTOM/DOCTOR/SHERIFF
BEN/LUNATIC/BOY/BROTHER

Kaitlyn Gillis
Michaela Haig
Hannah Haverkamp
Joe Burger
Sara Shellenberger
Jen Bailey
Donna Shellenberger
Drew Thompson
Kennedy Thompson
Kevin Grady
Josh Beacom

Performances will be held at The Oxford January 9 & 16 at 7:30pm and January 10, 11, 17 at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$12/Adults & Seniors; \$8/Students & Youth at www.ecct.org, 715-839-8877 or at the door. The show is Rated G for all audiences and is being sponsored by Family Times Newspaper.



Are you planning a holiday event for your company, department or fellow co-workers? Just looking for something fun to do in the dreary month of January? Need an excuse to get the gang together for a fun night out? We invite you to check out ECCT's 17th annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre event as an exciting alternative to the run of the mill "let's go out for dinner" you might be planning. This year's audience participation murder mystery event is "MURDER AT THE FAMILY REUNION." It's been years since the Montgomery Family has had a reunion- there may be a good reason for that!- but they're just dying to get together. This audience participation show serves up a delicious dinner with a little murder for dessert. See if your family is as dysfunctional as they are!

HERE'S WHO YOU'LL SEE AT THE REUNION NEXT MONTH:

Spring Montgomery
Summer Montgomery
Autumn Montgomery
Winter Montgomery
Jessica Montgomery Kelly
Aunt Mathilda
Mitch Kelly
Arthur Prescott
Count Antoine Phillipe Cousteau

Caitlyn Boyle
Terri Johnson
Nicci Lee
Ann Pearson
Cassie Pearson
Kathleen Sullivan
Dan Ekblad
Jason Pecor
Wayne Dallman

The reunion will be January 23, 24, 30, 31, 2015 at 6:30pm at The Oxford. Guests are seated at tables of 8. Tickets are \$28 per person and include a catered dinner, dessert, tax, tip, entertainment and prizes. Cash bar available. All tickets must be reserved and paid for in advance by the Tuesday of your show weekend- there are no door sales. Just call 715-839-8877 to place your reservations!



When the King and Queen have a new baby, Princess Briar-Rose, the witch Evilina, sets a terrible curse on the poor young princess. Sixteen years later, it's up to Prince Alexander to come to Briar-Rose's rescue and the court's too... the entire Kingdom is asleep!

HERE'S WHO YOU'LL SEE IN THE SHOW

Minstrel/Prime Minister/Dark Knight
Princess Briar-Rose
Prince Alexander
Baroness
Lady Jessica
Queen Eleanor
King Rudolph
Chef
Nursemaid
Seamstress
Evilina
Spider
Queen Samantha
Quill/Nursemaid
Blue Witch
Green Witch
Red Witch
Orange Witch
Pink Witch
Yellow Witch

Kevin Grady
Grace Pichler
Jeffrey Peterson
Megan Hashbarger
MaryAnn Peterson
Jeanie Schoenhals
Tracy Shellenberger
Nathan Shellenberger
Alexa Fernandes
Hannah Haverkamp
Kayla Zoltak
Joe Burger
Stephanie Shellenberger
Sara Rieke
Hannah Jones
Julia Lopez
Marissa Anderson
Marlee Anderson
Emily Otto
Erin Hayes

Performances at the State Theatre are February 5 & 6 at 7:30pm, February 7 at 10am & 1:30pm and February 8 at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$20/Adults; \$16/Seniors; \$12/Students and \$8 for youth 12 and under and are available online at www.ecct.org, at 715-839-8877 and at the door. This show is Rated G for all audiences and is sponsored by Oakwood Mall, WEAU 13 NEWS, ECRAC, iHeart Media and Kristo Orthodontics.

SPRING CLASSES

This spring, ECCT will be offering a number of acting and theatre classes for our young performers to hone their skills and build their confidence on stage. Saturday sessions will be offered in March and April, and three performance-based classes will be offered in the afternoons and during spring break! Go to www.ecct.org for a complete schedule and registration form!

March 7, 14, 21

Saturday Sessions
Theatre Games & Theatre Training

April 11, 18, 25

Saturday Sessions
Playacting & Story Theatre

March 2-19

Spring into a Show

March 23-27

Spring Break and a Show

April 6-10

So You Wanna Do
a One-Act

2nd Annual TRIVIA CHALLENGE "TEAM JEOPARDY!"

Thursday, February 19 at 7pm
The Oxford

\$20/person online at www.ecct.org
or call 715-839-8877

Team Jeopardy! is a fun, unique team trivia competition for groups of up to eight people. Team Jeopardy! consists of three rounds of trivia just like the TV show. Teams are scored as the evening progresses, with prizes being awarded to the top teams of the night. Free appetizers will be provided with a cash bar, silent auction items and other games of chance to make for a fun evening out!

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• • • • • PURSES WITH PURPOSE Tickets on Sale February 2! • • • • •

HATS OFF TO...

- The cast and crew of Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST for giving of their time and talents to bring this show to over 3800 patrons in November and to everyone involved with A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS for presenting this delightful holiday show
- All the participants in this year's STARQUEST competition and congrats to the winner and runner-up in each category: Ages 13 and under- Sophia Pinno and Tate Russell; 14-18 year olds- Grace Pichler and Aliana Sigala
- Digicopy for donating the printing of this month's newsletter

Taste for Theatre

A wine & food tasting to benefit the Eau Claire Children's Theatre. February 8, 2015 6:00pm-8:30pm. Come and enjoy a delicious sampling of four wines and food pairings along with live music and good times!

\$30 per person at
From the Vine
2526 Golf Road, Eau Claire

Only 40 tickets available!

RSVP deadline is January 30 at 715-839-8877



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The Eau Claire Children's Theatre is a non-profit volunteer-driven community theatre providing quality theatrical and educational experiences for western Wisconsin residents of all ages.

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January 10, 11, 17	WALK TWO MOONS	1:30pm	The Oxford
January 20	Kidz Kabaret Auditions	5:30pm	ECCT
January 23, 24, 30, 31	MURDER AT THE FAMILY REUNION	6:30pm	The Oxford
February 2	Ticket go on sale for PURSES WITH PURPOSE		
February 5 & 6	SLEEPING BEAUTY	7:30pm	State Theatre
February 7	SLEEPING BEAUTY	10am & 1:30pm	State Theatre
February 8	SLEEPING BEAUTY	1:30pm	State Theatre
	Taste for Theatre Benefit	6pm	From the Vine
February 13	Kidz Kabaret	7pm	The Oxford
February 19	Trivia Challenge- Team Jeopardy	7pm	The Oxford
February 20 & 27	THE CAT IN THE HAT	7:30pm	The Oxford
February 21 & 28	THE CAT IN THE HAT	11am & 1:30pm	The Oxford
February 22	THE CAT IN THE HAT	1:30pm	The Oxford

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