EAU CLAIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE 1814 OXFORD AVENUE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

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**DECEMBER 2011** 

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• Theatre for All Ages





A very special Friend-and Relation tells Christopher Robin the story of a Christmas Eve long ago. When Eeyore, the old gray donkey, loses his tail, Winnie the Pooh and Piglet get all their friends from the Hundred Acre Wood together to search for it in this delightful musical for the entire family.

Shows are Dec. 9 & 16 at 7:30pm, Dec. 10 & 17 at 11am and 1:30pm and Dec. 11 at 1:30pm at The Oxford. Tickets are \$12/ Adults & Seniors; \$8/Students & Youth online at www.ecct.org or by calling 715-839-8877. The show is sponsored by Markquart Motors and is rated G for all audiences.

#### Here's who you'll see in the Hundred Acre Wood this month:

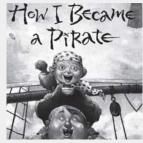
| Christopher Robin | Ali Barrie       |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Winnie the Pooh   |                  |
| Piglet            | Destiny Neaman   |
| Eeyore            | Sam Schueler     |
| Rabbit            |                  |
| Tigger            | Devan Kallenbach |
| Kanga             |                  |
| Owl               | Rhiannon Titel   |

### **POOH'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

December 10 & 17 at 10am The Oxford- \$5/person

Enjoy holiday treats and games with Pooh and the gang. Party limited to 50 guests- reserve your spots at 715-839-8877.

December 11 & 12 5:30pm



## UPCOMING AUDITIONS AT ECCT



Jan. 7 at 9am; Jan. 8 & 9 at 7pm

Complete audition details at www.ecct.org



Gift certificates available at 715-839-8877



It's really cold in Farmer Brown's barn. When the cows in the barn find an old typewriter, they type a list of demands, starting with warm blankets, for Farmer Brown to meet or they're going on strike! This musical for the whole family is based on the book by Doreen Cronin.

#### Here's who'll be rockin' the barnyard in January:

| Cow 1        | Judy Willink   |
|--------------|----------------|
| Cow 2        | Janice Lorentz |
| Hen          |                |
| Duck         | •              |
| Farmer Brown |                |

Shows are Jan. 6 & 13 at 7:30pm, Jan. 7 & 14 at 11am and 1:30pm and Jan. 8 at 1:30pm at The Oxford. Tickets are \$12/Adults & Seniors; \$8/ Students & Youth online at www.ecct.org or by calling 715-839-8877. The show is sponsored by Family Times Newspaper and Oakwood Mall and is rated G for all audiences.

## READ A GREAT BOOK SEE A GREAT PLAY

Once again ECCT is offering this program to area young people to encourage reading! Pick up a Reading Card at ECCT, EC elementary school libraries or the public libraries in Eau Claire and Altoona. After you read at least three of the books that are the basis for an ECCT show this season, you can turn the card in for a FREE youth ticket to a show!

### **BUNCO NIGHTS RETURN**

As the weather starts to get chilly we'll be heating up The Oxford with Bunco Night on the second Thursday of the month. Dates are December 8, January 12 and February 9 starting at 6:30pm. RSVP by the Friday before to reserve a spot. Cost is \$5 per person. Concessions and beverages available for sale and prizes given at the end of each night. Call 715-839-8877 to reserve your spot.

### **MAILING LIST CLEANUP**

We can help save the environment and money with your help in cleaning up our mailing list. Let us know if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, if we need to make an address correction, if you're getting multiple copies or would rather get email updates. Let us know at frontdesk@ecct.org. Thanks!

CCT is always a busy place and 2011 has been no different. In 2011 we produced 22 shows with 119 performances, ran a full series of summer classes, hosted concerts, meetings and events for outside groups and have so far played to over 29,000 patrons. New events like "Get Your Chic On" were started and established events like "Dancing with the Eau Claire Stars" set sales records. This year we were able to complete a 2 year campaign to raise \$400,000 to receive a \$100,000 matching grant from the L.E. Phillips Family Foundation in support of The Oxford. ECCT has truly been blessed this year and we're thankful for all the support you've shown.

Our attention is now focused on our operating expenses and our equipment needs that have been put on the backburner. Currently ticket sales account for about 60% of our revenue. The rest must come from fundraising events, competitive grants, corporate giving and the generosity of donors and patrons such as yourself.

During this holiday season we hope you'll consider adding ECCT to your gift giving list. Not sure what to get us? Here are some ideas:

1 Sound Console - \$7950

4 Speakers for the Oxford - \$2000/ea.

Playbill printing - \$850/show

Newsletter Printing - \$525/month

10 Dimmers for The Oxford - \$348/ea.

12 Plastic Banquet Tables - \$80/ea.

Printing of show posters - \$60/show

Royalties for "All Shook Up" - \$3950 8 Wireless Microphones - \$1000/ea. Newsletter Mailing - \$750/month Lamp for LCD projector - \$500 Wireless Microphone Leads - \$125 Chairs for The Oxford - \$75/ea. Rolls of postage stamps - \$44/ea. \*

Clerical supplies, paint brushes, rollers, fabric, cleaning supplies, gas cards and restaurant gift cards for volunteer recognition are always appreciated.

| NAME(as you wish to be acknowledged) ADDRESS   |   |  |  |  |
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| EMAIL  |   |  |  |  |
| We'd Like to Buy A Chair for The Oxford! # of Chairs<br>In Honor of In Memory of In Hor  |   |  |  |  |
| We'd Like to Buy Something Else Instead!  Naming Rights to a Dressing Room: 2 @ \$2500 ea.  Sound speakers for The Oxford: 4 @ \$2000 ea.  Playbill printing: \$850/show  Something else off the list: | Wireless Microphones: 8 @ \$1000 ea Stage Dimmers: 10 @ \$348 ea. |  |  |  |
| Here's our tax-deductible donation of \$ Check to "ECCT"   |   |  |  |  |
| MC Visa Acct. #  | Exp. Date   |  |  |  |
| 3 Digit CVV Signature_<br>Return to: ECCT 1814 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire WI 54703.   |   |  |  |  |



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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.

Check out our website at ecct.org for the latest ECCT information!

#### **CURRENT RESIDENT OR**

# Hats Off To...

- the cast of AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME for bringing this important work to the stage
- the cast and crew of MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET for their time and talents in starting off the holidays on stage
- the vendors that participated in the 2nd annual GIFTED event
- all the donors, businesses and patrons that helped raise over \$9000 through the annual Holiday Silent Auction
- the finalists and winners of the annual STARQUEST competition

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

As the number of events at The Oxford increases we are in need of more volunteers to join our ENCORE volunteer corps to provide ushers, box office staff and beverage sales during shows and events. Training takes less than an hour, and ENCORE volunteers get to watch the show they just worked for free! If you'd like to get involved drop us a line at frontdesk@ecct.org.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER/JAN.

| December 9 & 16        | WINNIE THE POOH                          | 7:30pm        | The Oxford |
|------------------------|--|---------------|------------|
| December 10 & 17       | Pooh's Holiday Party                     | 10am          | The Oxford |
|                        | WINNIE THE POOH                          | 11am & 1:30pm | The Oxford |
| December 11            | WINNIE THE POOH                          | 1:30pm        | The Oxford |
| December 11 & 12       | <b>Auditions - HOW I BECAME A PIRATE</b> | 5:30pm        | ECCT       |
| December 13            | ECCT Board Meeting                       | 5:15pm        | ECCT       |
| January 6 & 13         | CLICK CLACK MOO                          | 7:30pm        | The Oxford |
| January 7 & 14         | CLICK CLACK MOO                          | 11am & 1:30pm | The Oxford |
| January 7              | Youth Auditions - The Sound of Music     | 9am           | ECCT       |
| January 8              | CLICK CLACK MOO                          | 1:30pm        | The Oxford |
| January 8 & 9          | Adult Auditions - The Sound of Music     | 7pm           | ECCT       |
| January 20, 21, 27, 28 | BINGO: The Musical                       | 7:30pm        | The Oxford |
| January 22             | BINGO: The Musical                       | 1:30pm        | The Oxford |

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