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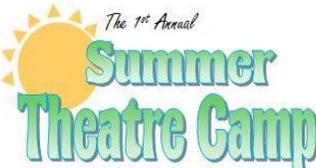
CURTAIN CALL

YUMA COUNTY LIBRARY and YCT '1st Annual Summer Theatre Camp'

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Yuma Community Theater and The Yuma County Library District proudly present:



The 1st Annual
Summer Theatre Camp
For Teens ages 12-18

Join us as Yuma Community Theater and Yuma County Library District teach you about Live Theatre, Improv games, Musical Theatre and how to audition for plays!

Every Wednesday at 4:00 - 6:00 pm
@ The Yuma County Main Library
July 9th through August 6th

It's absolutely free! See you there!



Introducing the Instructors!
Front L-R: Eva Cervantes & Lauren Regenhardt
Back L-R: Madeline Myers & Daniela Ayala



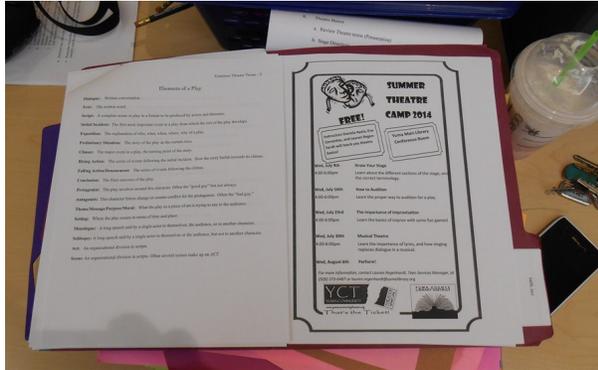
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Youth attendees of this 5 week long camp. I see some future stars here!



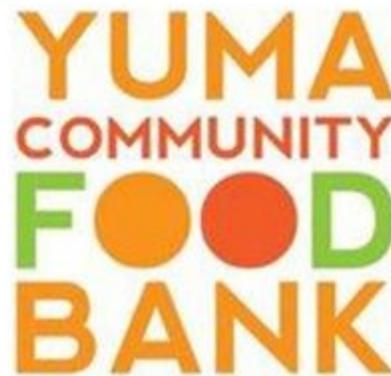
SUMMER THEATRE CAMP CONT.



What do you do when you're passionate enough about a subject and want to share your love and experience about it?! What a better way than to share your experiences with our local youth! Daniela Ayala and Lauren Regenhardt came up with this idea for 2 reasons. First, to get more teens in the library to read and to give them something to do and secondly, give the youth a look at what they can look forward to and provide to Yuma Community Theater both now and in the future! Lauren Regenhardt says, "It was an unforgettable experience! One parent told us that their son used to be so shy, but participating in this camp has given him passions and desire to audition for an upcoming YCT play. It's so rewarding to see their passion and desire to learn and to love the theatre!" Eva Cervantes says that "She had a blast putting this together and cannot wait until next year!" Lauren was also the Employee Of The Month for July 2014 at her work! Keep shining on, Lauren! You're such a go-getter! Photo is the camp's itinerary for its 5 weeks.

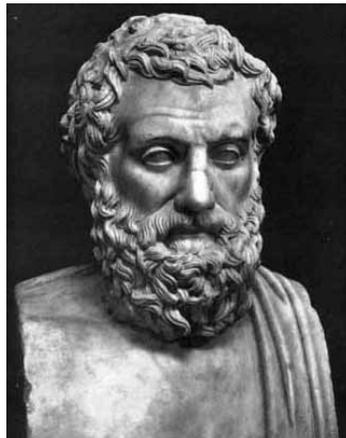
YCT TEAMS UP WITH THE YUMA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

During our 2014–2015 season, YCT has teamed up with the Yuma Community Food Bank to 'Step Up To The Plate' and 'SOS' - Stock Our Shelves' and help fight hunger in Yuma County. At every YCT event and performance, a Food Bank container will be located in our lobby area. We are asking for our patrons to assist YCT in this event. YCT thanks everyone in advance for their own donations. So please remember to join YCT this season and bring any non perishable items to our events and all our performances this year.



THE ORIGIN OF 'THESPIAN'

The earliest origins of drama are to be found in Athens where ancient hymns, called dithyrambs, were sung in honor of the god Dionysus. These hymns were later adapted for choral processions in which participants would dress up in costumes and masks. Eventually, certain members of the chorus evolved to take special roles within the procession, but they were not yet actors in the way we would understand it. That development came later in the 6th century BC, when the tyrant Pisistratus,



who then ruled the city, established a series of new public festivals. One of these, the 'City Dionysia', a festival of entertainment held in honor of the god Dionysus (left), featured competitions in music, singing, dance and poetry. And most remarkable of all the winners was said to be a wandering bard called Thespis.

According to tradition, in 534 or 535 BC, Thespis astounded audiences by leaping on to the back of a wooden cart and reciting poetry as if he was the characters whose lines he was reading. In doing so he became the world's first actor, and it is from him that we get the world thespian.

YCT PRESENTS - OPEN AUDITIONS FOR - 'BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO'

"O-o-o...I love, I love my calendar girl!" Hey! If singing and dancing is what you enjoy, then put these dates on 'your' calendar! YCT announces the audition dates and times for our upcoming season musical, Breaking Up Is Hard To Do!

Dates & Times: October 3rd & 4th 2014 @ 6PM-9PM.

Callbacks: Sunday, October 5th 2014 @ 2PM.

Audition Location: 1st Presbyterian Church, 598 So. 7th Ave.



For more information please visit our website and facebook pages:

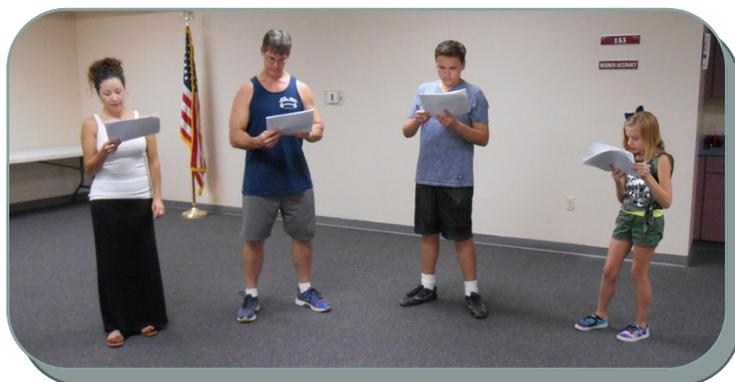
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AUDITIONS FOR 'THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER'

We are off and running! Our 1st show of the season 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' held auditions in August. Yes! Hot and humid August! It didn't matter because for 10 roles just for children we had 32 kids show up at auditions! Giving out parts won't be easy because the Director, Joanne Kidd, is looking for 6 children to play The Herdmans, who are the worst kids in the history of the world! They lie, steal, smoke cigars, swear, and hit little kids. There were actually some strong auditions for those parts! It will all come down to who can be the meanest and the rudest kids!! Photo are individuals who hope to earn a role in 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello and welcome to a new year at Yuma Community Theater!

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I need to let everyone associated with Yuma Community Theater that Yuma Community Theater will not be performing at Gila Ridge High School this season due to a multitude of scheduling conflicts. This came as quite a shock to our organization but it is what it is and we must move forward. Gila Ridge Performing Arts Center has been our performance venue for the past six years and we want to thank Gila Ridge High School for allowing us to perform our plays in a state of the art auditorium.

The YCT Board of Directors and a few other chosen individuals have been tirelessly and diligently searching for a new performance and/or rehearsal venue since the beginning of August. We have been tired, exhausted, working on weekends and holidays and braving the Yuma temperatures as we continued to search through a long list of buildings and/or facilities to accommodate our needs as a live performing theatre group. We are still searching for venues but as of this letter it appears as though YCT will be performing in different locations in Yuma. We believe in keeping our organization and all of performances in one venue but it appears as though this may not be the case this year.

Here is what we do know. Our seating will be very simplistic. All seating and tickets will be one price this season. Currently, we will be unable to accommodate reserved seating or season tickets. Instead, we are offering a reduced price to all, just \$10 per ticket. Tickets will go on sale within the next couple of weeks so please continue to check out our website and Facebook page for updated information.

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YCT would like to thank you for your understanding and patience during this time of change within our organization and of course your continued support and patronage throughout the years. We have a great season of plays for you this year! First: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Secondly: "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" (our season musical) and ending our season with Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

Additionally, I would like to thank Mary Plante, the Director of our summer show, The Odd Couple, and her cast and crew for putting together a classic show that broke all sorts of records for a summer show! I also need to thank Daniela Ayala, Lauren Regenhardt, Eva Cerventas and Madeline Myers for putting together a joint effort at the Yuma County Main Library when they presented our local teens with a Theater Camp Learning Seminar. I personally attended a few of the classes and they were completely packed with young enthusiastic teenagers who we hope will audition and become a vital member of YCT someday.

"The Show Must Go On!"

Sincerely,

Michael S. Finch

President—Yuma Community Theater, Inc.