

Curtain Call

Yuma Community Theater

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Yuma Community Theater holds Annual Meeting

With the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers permeating the warm summer air it was time for Yuma Community Theater to get down to business at its annual meeting. On June 6, 2009, sixty-five years after D-Day, 56 members met at the Yuma Community Food Bank.

Ralph Gray began the meeting by thanking Bob Lucas and Cathy Lawless for the refreshments, Patti Perry for the grill, and extending a special welcome to Pat Quinn of the Historic Yuma Theater and Bob McCain, a YCT lifetime member.

The business agenda of the meeting consisted of Joanne Kidd's treasurer's report, Ralph Gray's president's report, and the election of three new board members. Ralph Gray was voted for a second term, Bob McCain and Ingrid Burton were elected, and Annie Snyder's board position was ratified. Membership was presented summary reports on last years' productions. A major highlight of this meeting was the unveiling of the upcoming season's productions.

The 2009-2010 board then adjourned to executive session where they appointed officers for the upcoming year. At the conclusion of their work, the board returned to the main meeting to announce its decisions. The new slate of officers is as follows: President, Bob Rammelt; Vice President, Ralph Gray; Secretary, Cathy Abarno; Treasurer, Joanne Kidd. Bob McCain will act as Assistant to the Treasurer and have the ability to sign checks and make monetary deposits on behalf of YCT as needed.

Detailed minutes of the meeting can be found on the Yuma Community Theater's web site at www.yumacommunitytheater.org. Interested persons should refer to the page YCT Board (found on the bottom link bar) and click on the link for YCT Meeting Minutes.



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New Venue for 2009-10 Season!

Yuma Community Theater's 2009-10 season will find us in an exciting new venue, Gila Ridge High School Performing Arts Center. This state-of-the-art auditorium, built in 2007, seats 1308 patrons. It is located at 7150 East 24th Street in Yuma. The front of the house offers luxurious seating with excellent acoustics. The back of the house offer amenities YCT members have only dreamed of.

Gila Ridge High School Performing Arts Center has an orchestra pit, flies, a curtain, full lighting and sound (stage miking available), extensive back stage and wings, three dressing rooms, and one of the largest stages in Yuma.



YCT Board

- Bob Rammelt, President
- Ralph Gray, VP
- Cathy Abarno, Secretary
- Joanne Kidd, Treasurer
- Bob McCain
- Bob Lucas
- Patti Perry
- Ingrid Burton
- Annie Snyder

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Tickets, Tickets, Tickets!

Ticket sales had gotten off to a slow start but are going smoothly now. Our on-line ticketing program has proven itself to be everything we wanted and more. Season tickets can be tailored to your schedule. You can choose which night and seat you want for each of the three remaining shows, or you can choose the package that gives you the same night and seat for each of the performances (opening night, closing matinee, etc.). A helpful option allows individuals to either print their tickets at home or request them as a will call.

If buying tickets on line is not a preferable option for you, YCT now offers two locations for walk-up purchasing:

Arizona Battery

201 W. 17th Street, Suite 7 - available Monday thru Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

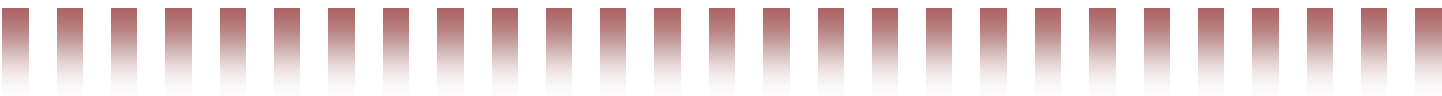
Main office at Gila Ridge High School

7150 E. 24th Street, Monday – Fridays from 12 Noon thru 3:30 PM with the exception of school holidays.

As always, tickets will be sold at the door the night of the performances.



Our friendly ticket agents are ready to serve you.



President’s Message, Part I

As I begin my third year on the YCT board of directors, I find myself serving as its President. You ask, “How did that happen?”, and I’ll tell “I was out of town on the day of the Annual Meeting, and I got elected!” Yes, that really is how it happened, but I am pleased to be at the helm of such a strong arts organization.

YCT has made a number of brave leaps this season. There was enough interest in directing and producing plays that a fourth show was added to the season.

Frank’s Life just finished its successful run in our (second big leap of the season)

new performance venue. Gila Ridge High School’s Performing Arts Center is a beautiful facility with everything that a live theater company needs; spacious dressing rooms, a large construction shop, space above the stage to “fly” backdrops, scenery, and people!

Munchkins Needed!

Cathy Abarno, the Director of The Wizard of Oz has just finished with auditions and casting. She is still in need of some more munchkins. If you know of any kids between 7 and 13, 5’ and under, please give her a call at 580-1446. She could also use some more males as well, 14 and up. An opportunity of a life time awaits!

“Why any kid would want to be an orphan is beyond me.”

-Miss Hannigan

Upcoming Dates

Board Meeting—November 2

@GRHS. Rm. 7108.

Annie-December 3-6.

Annie-December 10-13.

Yuma Community Theater Dues Form

Please find enclosed \$ _____ (\$10.00 base membership) for the membership of the following person:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Yearly sponsorships are now being offered to anyone wanting to contribute more to Yuma Community Theater. Workshops are being planned for our directors, producers, performers, and stagehands. We have begun to outgrow our rehearsal facility and are planning to eventually purchase property which will be able to accommodate our growing props, sets and costumes. Any extra funds will help us toward our goals. These contributions are tax-deductible and help us offer more services to the community. There are several levels of sponsorship.

Stagehand	\$25	
Chorus	\$50	
Diva	\$100	Includes an opportunity to visit us during dress rehearsal
Orchestra	\$250	Includes dress rehearsal and 2 tickets to a performance of your choice
Director	\$500	Includes a cast party invitation and two season tickets
Executive Producer	\$1,000	Includes a cast party invitation and four season tickets

Please check what areas of theater you are interested in the most/have a talent you wish to share. Should your talent not be listed, there are blanks to the right.

<p>_____ Acting</p> <p>_____ Advertising</p> <p>_____ Assistant Director</p> <p>_____ Choreography</p> <p>_____ Costumes</p> <p>_____ Dance Captain</p> <p>_____ Director</p> <p>_____ Fund Raising</p> <p>_____ Greeter</p> <p>_____ Help w/ Move In / Strike Set</p> <p>_____ Lights</p> <p>_____ Makeup</p> <p>_____ Musical Director</p> <p>_____ Patron/Access to Schedules</p> <p>_____ Producer</p> <p>_____ Props</p> <p>_____ Public Relations</p>	<p>_____ Rehearsal Pianist</p> <p>_____ Set Building/Design</p> <p>_____ Set Painters</p> <p>_____ Singing</p> <p>_____ Sound</p> <p>_____ Stage Hand</p> <p>_____ Stage Manager</p> <p>_____ Tech Director</p> <p>_____ Usher</p> <p>_____ Volunteer Coordinating</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Member News

Got a new job? A new addition to the family? Traveled to see a good play? Whatever you would like to share with the other members, this space is for you! Thanks goes out the Ingrid Burton and Fred Brown for spending several hours cleaning up 301. Email Gary at ycteditor@gmail.com with your news.

The next board meeting is November 2 @ GRHS, Rm. 7108 for 7PM.



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