

THE ACT SPOTLIGHT

Ankeny Community Theatre A Community of Talent



Something Funny is Going on at ACT!

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Ankeny Community Theatre has selected another great line up of shows for our upcoming season. Comedy is the name of the game this year. Be prepared for a season of laughter! The dates are set. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on any of this fine entertainment.

Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 p.m. Reservations are recommended to ensure you are able to be seated. We try to accommodate all those who wish to enjoy our performances but we often have full houses and have to turn away people without reservations.

Season tickets for these shows are now on sale. They may be ordered by sending in the season ticket form found inside this

newsletter. You won't want to miss a single one of these outstanding performances.

Clue, The Musical

Book by Peter De Pietro
Lyrics by Tom Chiodo
Show Dates: October 2 - 18
Musical Comedy
Director: Barb Wagner
Audition Dates: August 1 & 2
3:00 at the theater

I Remember Mama

By John van Druten
Show Dates: December 4 - 20
Comedy
Director: Jo Reid
Audition Dates: October 4 & 6

Every Little Crook and Nanny

By Pat Cook
Show Dates: February 12 - 28
Comedy
Director: Harold Mosier
Audition Dates TBA

Lend Me a Tenor

By Ken Ludwig
Show Dates: April 16 - May 2
Comedy
Director: Steve Hickie
Audition Dates*: February 28 & March 1

Leaving Iowa

By Tim Rice & Spike Manton
June 11 - 27
Comedy
Director: Lynn Arterburn
Audition Dates*: April 18 & 19

Saturday Night at the Drive-In

By Pat Cook
Comedy - Family Show
Aug. 6 - 22
Director: Polly Taylor
Audition Dates TBA

*Audition dates are subject to change. Check website for any changes.

The Rainmaker Opens August 14

If the dog days of summer get you down, ACT has the perfect pick me up for you! A special production of *The Rainmaker* is being offered this summer. It runs August 14 through August 30. Show times are Friday and Saturdays at

7:30 and Sundays at 2:00. Harold Mosier is the director. Scott Nielsen is assisting and Polly Taylor is producing.

If you purchase your 2009-2010 season tickets by August 8, you

will be able to purchase 1 ticket to *The Rainmaker* and receive another one **FREE** for that show! Enjoy a classic show, cool off from the sweltering heat, and get a fantastic deal on tickets. What more could you ask for!

Check Out What's New on Our Website!

ACT decided that our website needs a little updating. Over the next few months several changes will be made to the site. ACT is very excited about the first new added feature.

What shows has ACT done? Who played a certain part in a play? What year was a play done? Now you can find the answers to these questions and many more by visiting ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com/

[backstage.html](#). You will find most of the playbills from shows that have been performed at ACT.

ACT needs your help, however, as we are missing a few playbills. If you happen to have playbills for the following shows, we would love to borrow them to scan. We promise to get them right back to you. The list includes: 1981 *You Can't Take it With You*, 1983 *Plaza Suite*, 1985 *Oklahoma*, 1987 *The*

Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 1989 *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and 1990 *How the Other Half Lives*. If you have any have any of these, please call Lynn Arterburn at 964-7635 or email the theater at information@ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com.

Thank you for your help. ACT hopes you enjoy our new addition to the website.

Did You Know???

- * You may receive current ACT information by email and help us save on mailing costs. Sign up on our website.
- * Many businesses have matching funds or pay for volunteer hours that employees spend working at nonprofit organizations. Check with your employer to see if you can take advantage of this to benefit ACT.
- * A great way to help ACT and celebrate birthdays, holidays or anniversaries is to give a monetary donation to ACT in the honoree's name.

Members of ACT play a vital part in helping ACT provide quality theater to the community. ACT could not present such an exciting season of entertainment without the generous support of so many people. Over the past several years, ACT has consistently produced five shows a year and provided children's educational programs. This season we are excited about increasing our season to six shows. It is because of the generous support of members that we are able to do this.

You'll enjoy many benefits from your ACT membership during the 2009 - 2010 season while helping ACT offer expanded programs and productions. Membership benefits run from September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010.

Friend - Single Membership (\$20 - \$39)

- * Acknowledgement of support in all 2009 - 2010 playbills
- * Invitation to attend the annual membership meeting in September
- * Voting privileges for board members, governance issues and awards
- * Receive the ACT newsletter, *The Spotlight*

Artist - Single Membership (\$40 - \$49)

Includes all benefits of the Friend's level, plus:

- * Discounts on season ticket purchases
- * Preferred seating at performances

AfterGlow Galas for Members

Members are invited to attend After-Glow receptions immediately following the opening night performances of each show. It's a great way to meet the cast, mingle with other ACT members, make new friends and renew old friendships. Make sure you get your membership in early so you don't miss out on a single event. Dates for this season's AfterGlows are as follows:

- Clue, the Musical* - October 2
- I Remember Mama* - December 4
- Every Little Crook and Nanny* - February 12
- Lend Me a Tenor* - April 16
- Leaving Iowa* - June 11
- Saturday Night at the Drive In* - August 6

Membership Benefits Everyone!

ACT membership continues to be a great value! You'll enjoy many benefits of your membership during the 2009 - 2010 season. They're all listed below so check them out. Remember that your donations to ACT are tax deductible.

The annual membership phone-a-thon will be held in late August. If you prefer not to have a phone call interrupt your evening, just send in your membership before August 8.

Membership Benefits

- * Invitation to Opening Night AfterGlow parties for each production
- * Opportunity to serve on fun ACT committees
- * Invitation to participate in group-discounted ACT nights at other theaters

Patron (\$50 - \$74)

Includes all benefits of the Artist's level for two adults and children under the age of 18, plus:

- * One pair of "Bring a Friend for Free Passes"
- * Discounted activity fee for the ACT Children's Theatre Workshops (summer and after-school programs)

Director (\$75 - \$249)

Includes all benefits of the Patron's level, plus:

- * Two additional "Bring a Friend for Free

All members who pay their memberships by August 8, 2009 will be eligible for the drawing of a **FREE Bose Wave Radio**. Last year's winner of the radio was Carrol Rolow.



Passes" (four total)

- * ACT T-shirts (additional T-shirts can be purchased at a discount for family members)

Producer (\$250 - \$499)

Includes all benefits of the Director's level, plus:

- * Posted recognition of support displayed in the ACT lobby
- * Dinner for two at one of Ankeny's fine restaurants

Angel (\$500+)

Includes all benefits of the Producer's Level, plus:

- * A scholarship in your name to sponsor a student in the summer program, based on need.
- * Four additional "Bring a Friend for Free Passes" (eight total)

Don't Miss the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting

The 2009 Annual Membership Meeting will be held September 14 at 7 p.m. at the theater. Agenda items include election of 2009-2010 board members, 2008 -2009 financial report, review of the 2008 -2009 season, and a preview of the 2009 - 20010 season. The announcement of the 2009 Darel Award winner for outstanding volunteer service to ACT will also be made.



Helping Hands Needed at ACT

Volunteers help keep ACT thriving. Please consider lending a helping hand. Check out all the rewarding ACT volunteer opportunities available on the enclosed volunteer form. Time commitment can be as little or as much as you desire. If you find your niche on the form, please fill it out and return it to ACT. If you have filled out a form in the past, please fill out another one. This helps us keep you working in the areas that you are interested in at the present time. If you would like more information about the opportunities available, please call 964-5007 and leave a message. One of our Volunteer Coordinators will contact you and help find just the right spot for you.



Season tickets are now on sale for the 2009 - 2010 season. You may purchase a four, five or six-punch ticket. ACT members enjoy a reduced price so consider purchasing a membership when ordering your tickets. As a special incentive, if your season ticket is purchased by August 8, you will be able to purchase 1 ticket to *The Rainmaker* and receive another

Get Your Season Tickets Now

ticket **FREE** for that show! *The Rainmaker* is a special production and not part of the 2009-2010 regular season.

To order tickets, simply fill out the enclosed order form and mail with your check. Tickets may be picked up at the door when you attend *Clue, The Musical* in October. Purchased tickets that are not picked up at the theater by Octo-

ber 18 will be mailed.

Reservations are recommended for all ACT shows. Reserve your seats by calling 964-5007 and leave a message or email your requests to tickets@ankenycommunitytheatre.com. A volunteer will confirm your reservation.

¹ Anyone 60 or over

² Kindergarten through high school

| | Members | | Non Members | |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| | Adult | Sr. Citizen ¹ | Adult | Sr. Citizen ¹ |
| 4-punch | \$47 | \$38 | \$49 | \$40 |
| 5-punch | \$55 | \$44 | \$58 | \$47 |
| 6-punch | \$63 | \$50 | \$66 | \$53 |

| | Single Show Prices | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Nonmusical | Musical |
| Adult | \$12 | \$15 |
| Senior ¹ | \$10 | \$12 |
| Student ² | \$8 | \$10 |

Corporate Support of ACT Helps Ankeny

Would you like to see your company advertised in the playbills of Ankeny Community Theatre shows? We have value-priced options for your ad to be seen in over 500 playbills distributed at each show throughout the season. That's over 3000 people seeing your ad!

Producing a show is not inexpensive. There

is a large fixed cost that must be paid for every show. Businesses may help cover these expenses by becoming Title Sponsors of a show or by helping out with publicity, playbill, or other show costs.

Live theater is an important component of a vibrant, growing business community like Ankeny. Supporting the theater helps busi-

ness, attracts people to Ankeny and enriches our quality of life. All of this helps Ankeny. If interested in these opportunities, please call the theater at 964-5007 and leave a message. Someone from the Marketing Team will contact you to discuss all the various ways you can team up with ACT to keep quality live theater in the community.

Barnes & Noble Comes Through for ACT Again!

On Saturday, June 13, the Barnes & Noble Booksellers on University Avenue in West Des Moines held their third ACT Book Fair in the last two years, raising a bout \$600. Patrons who mentioned their support of the Ankeny Community Theatre at the checkout saw a percentage of their purchases donated to ACT. As a special treat, Barnes & Nobles shoppers were treated to a show as nine ACT

members serenaded the crowd with a variety of show tunes and musical standards from the ACT songbook.

ACT would like to thank all our members and supporters who came out to the store that day to make the Book Fair a success! We offer our sincere thanks to Barnes & Noble. They have become a great partner to ACT and we look forward to working with them in the future on more Book Fairs!

Auditions Set for *Clue, The Musical*

Auditions for *Clue, The Musical* will be held Saturday August 1 and Sunday, August 2 at 3:00 at the theater. Four men and four women (ages 21+) are needed for this show. Those auditioning are asked to bring a prepared solo. An accompanist and a CD player will be provided. Strong vocal ability is needed for every role. Participants need to be able to show that in their choice of audition song. Show dates

are October 2 -18. Barb Wagner is directing. Brenda McConahay is the musical director. For more information about this show and auditions, visit ankenycommunitytheatre.com.



ACT Calendar of Events

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| Children's Camp - Session 2 | July 13 - 17 |
| <i>Clue, The Musical</i> Auditions 3:00 at the theater | August 1 & 2 |
| Early Bird Membership/Season Ticket Deadline | August 8 |
| <i>The Rainmaker</i> Performances | August 14 - 30 |
| <i>The Rainmaker</i> AfterGlow | August 14 |
| Annual Membership Meeting 7:00 at the theater | September 14 |
| <i>Clue, The Musical</i> Performances | Oct. 2 - 18 |
| <i>Clue, The Musical</i> AfterGlow | Oct. 2 |
| <i>I Remember Mama</i> Auditions 7:00 at the theater | Oct. 4 & 6 |
| <i>I Remember Mama</i> Performances | Dec. 4 - 20 |
| <i>I Remember Mama</i> AfterGlow | Dec. 4 |

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Kids are ACTing Up in Summer Camps



Where the Wild Things Are, *The Grouchy Ladybug*, *Johnny Appleseed*, *Paul Bunyan*, and *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* are just some of the stories young actors and actresses performed during ACT's June summer camps.

Each morning, **Tall Tales** (PreK - Grade 1) and **Live! Story Time** (Grades K - 2) participants acted out a new story. Fun games taught theatrical skills and the students made crafts that related to the stories. On Friday, the groups performed selected stories to family and friends. Dawn Hockemeyer was the instructor for the **Tall Tales**. Colleen Danielson assisted. Adam Haselhuhn led the very enthusiastic actors in **Live! Story Time**. Bailey Eginore was his assistant.

Participants attending **Production Camp** for Grades 3-6 met every day from 9:00 - 3:30 for one week. This group's play was based on the book *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich, and Other Stories You're Sure to Like, Because They're All About Monsters, and Some*

of Them Are Also About Food. They spent the week learning auditioning and acting techniques. They also created costumes, props and sets for their Friday performance. Allison Lingren instructed the group and was assisted by Chelsea Cunningham.

ACT offered five **Play in a Day** classes for Grades 2 - 7 from June 29 - July 3. A new story was presented each day and participants could choose to attend as many days as they wished. The students listened to the story, received parts, rehearsed, made props and costumes, and performed the play for their parents and friends at the end of the day. Katie Dorrell led this class. Katie's assistant was Caitlin Dorset.

The final camp session will be July 15 - 19. **Tall Tales**, **Live! Story Time** and **Production Camp** classes are full. There is still space available for **Reader's Theater** (Grades 7-9) from 9:00 -12:00. If interested in this class, please call 964-5007 and leave a message or contact us at information@ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com.

