



THE ACT SPOTLIGHT

Ankeny Community Theatre
A Community of Talent

Summer 2018

From Classic to Contemporary, Our New Season Has It All!

Ankeny Community Theatre's 37th season will keep the entertainment coming all year! From classic stories (*Frankenstein* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*) and musicals (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Kiss Me, Kate*) to a modern comedy (*Happily Ever After*) and celebrated dramas (*Passing Notes* and *Proof*), we have something for everyone. We're even venturing into the world of Shakespeare with the comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! In addition to our regular six-show season, our Studio Series will continue, featuring special shows running for just one weekend each. It will again include a show especially for kids (*The Elevator Family*) over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday weekend, with tickets just \$5. Audiences of all ages will find something to enjoy this season!

Mark your calendars now! Better yet, get yourself a season punch card, and you'll be set! See page 2 for more information.

Tickets for each production will go on sale a few months before that show starts. Buy tickets (or make reservations with your season punch card) online at www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com, or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 (open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). If you have special seating needs, please order by phone.

We can't wait to see you at the theater for our best season yet!

2018-2019 Main Season Shows		
<p>Frankenstein By Tim Kelly October 5-14, 2018 Rated PG</p>	<p>You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Based on the Comic Strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz; Book, Music & Lyrics by Clark Gesner December 7-16, 2018 Rated G</p>	<p>Happily Ever After: A Wedding Comedy By Mark Dunn February 8-17, 2019 Rated PG</p>
<p>Kiss Me, Kate Music & Lyrics by Cole Porter, Book by Sam & Bella Spewack April 5-14, 2019 Rated PG</p>	<p>The Diary of Anne Frank By Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett June 7-16, 2019 Rated PG</p>	<p>A Midsummer Night's Dream By William Shakespeare August 2-11, 2019 Rated PG</p>
2017-2018 Studio Series		
<p>Passing Notes By Joe Cameron November 1-4, 2018 Rated PG</p>	<p>The Elevator Family By Douglas Evans January 19-21, 2019 Rated G</p>	<p>Proof By David Auburn April 25-28, 2019 Rated PG-13</p>



Save the Date for Annual Member Meeting

ACT's annual member meeting will be at 6 p.m. on **Monday, September 17** at Ankeny First United Methodist Church – Uptown (206 SW Walnut St.). Members will receive details and a ballot for board elections by mail in August. Mark your calendar!

Support Your Theater: Make a Membership Donation

Like many performing arts organizations, ACT relies on donations. Ticket sales alone do not cover our costs, so support from donors allows us to keep offering quality, affordable theater for the community. We call our donors “members” because when you give a gift to ACT, you become part of our theater family!

The minimum donation for annual membership benefits is \$20 and the membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Please renew your membership today or donate for the first time! We’re counting on you!

Benefits of membership:

- Discounts on season punch cards
- Invited to Annual Meeting and eligible to vote on ACT business, such as electing board members and selecting an outstanding volunteer award recipient
- Recognition in each ACT playbill (unless you want to remain anonymous)
- Donations are fully tax-deductible

Membership Levels:

Patron: \$20 - \$99

Actor: \$100 - \$249

Stage Manager: \$250 - \$499

Director: \$500 - \$999

Producer: \$1,000 +

Visit www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com to donate online with a credit card. You can also mail a check along with the provided membership form to ACT. Members who make their 2018-2019 donation by August 25, 2018 will be eligible to win a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants and stores!

Thank you so much for your support!

Season Punch Cards On Sale Now

At ACT, we do season tickets the flexible way – with punch cards you can use however you want! Choose from a 6-punch or 3-punch card. You’ll save money versus buying individual tickets. Punch cards are valid for the six shows in our main season (tickets for the three Studio Series shows will be sold separately).

Here’s how it works:

1. Buy your punch card online at www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com (a link will direct you to Midwestix), OR submit the season punch card form provided with this newsletter and mail with your check. (You’ll also find a copy of the form on our website.) You can pick up your punch card at the annual member meeting or when you attend the first show of the season, *Frankenstein*. (If you don’t pick up your punch card by then, we’ll mail it to you.)
2. Use your punch card to make advance reservations for specific performances. You can make reservations online at www.ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com (choose your performance date and choose the “Season Punch Card” option) or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 and tell them you have a season punch card.
3. When you come to a show, present your punch card at the box office.

Other things to know:

- Each punch can be used for one seat at any performance of any show in the main season – so you can use your punches across the whole season, use several punches to bring friends to one performance, or any combination!
- You can buy a 2018-19 punch card for the same price at any time during the season. It expires at the end of the last show in the main season, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. So if you run out of punches before the season is over, you can buy more!

If you have questions, please contact us at information@ankenycitycommunitytheatre.com.

	Members		Non-members	
	Adult	Senior*	Adult	Senior*
3-punch	\$44	\$35	\$47	\$38
6-punch	\$88	\$70	\$94	\$76

*Anyone 60 or over

Single Show Prices For Main Season Shows			
	Adult	Senior*	Student
Non-musical	\$15	\$12	\$10
Musical	\$20	\$17	\$15

Studio Series Prices

Tickets for *Passing Notes* and *Proof* are \$10. Tickets for *The Elevator Family* are just \$5.

Auditions Set for Fall Shows

Passing Notes: Saturday, August 18 at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. The show has roles for one adult male (age 40-50), one teen female and one teen male, each age 15-18.

Frankenstein: Sunday, August 5 and Monday, August 6, both at 6:30 p.m. The show has roles for 7 adults of various ages.

Please see our website for show and character descriptions.

Auditions at ACT are fun and easy! Everyone is welcome, whether you have no acting experience or you're a veteran of the stage. You don't need to prepare anything; you'll be asked to read scenes from the script. You can come to either of the two days for each show (or both, if you like). The scripts are available to read in advance at Plot Twist Bookstore in Ankeny (502 N Ankeny Blvd).

If you have ever wanted to be on stage, come give it a try! Contact information@ankenycommunitytheatre.com with questions.

Over the River and Through the Woods Wraps Up 2017-2018 Season

Whatever the reason may be, family members live in different parts of the world. What goes into that decision for a family member when they decide to leave their loved ones? What thoughts and feelings go through the mind of those family members they leave behind? *Over the River and Through the Woods* presents some thoughts from both angles, for the one who leaves and those who are left behind.

Over the River and Through the Woods opens August 3 and will run through August 12. To make online reservations, go to www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com or call Midwestix at 515-244-2771 Monday through Friday from 9:00-5:00. If you have special seating needs, please call Midwestix to make your reservations.

Cast: Allison Bollinger, Susan Casber, Arlen Daleske, Rebecca Masucci, Nicholas Root, Don Rothweiler

Directors: Doug Moon (director), Kent Whitmore (assistant)

Production Team: Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Stacie Bendixen, Lisa Gould, Adam Haselhuhn, James Machamer, Amanda Morris, Scott Nielsen, Michael Porche, Frank Sposeto, Tammy Sposeto, Nicole Titus, Rebecca Tuttle, Barb Wagner, Vonnice Whitmore



Thank You, Volunteers!



ACT would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make the 2017-2018 season a success. From providing refreshments or ushering to acting or directing a show, and everything in between, ACT could not have provided live entertainment for the Ankeny community without the help and dedication of so many people. No matter how small or how big a time commitment, every single volunteer played an important role. We are truly grateful for all your service and greatly appreciative of the time you have spent helping us. Thank you!

Thank You to Our Business Friends

ACT appreciates the generous support of local businesses. Productions and regular maintenance can be extremely expensive and would not be feasible for us without the help of so many business owners. If your business would like to provide us with support in goods or services, we would love to visit with you. Email us at information@ankenycommunitytheatre.com and we will be happy to chat with you.

We would like to thank the following businesses who provided us with support throughout the season: Ankeny HyVee (north and south), Ankeny High School, Ankeny Hope Lutheran Church, Ankeny HuHot, Ankeny Prairie Ridge Church, BRAVO, Class Act Productions, DSM Foundry, Goodwill Industries, Heuss Printing, Indoff Commercial Interiors, Iowa State Fair, Mercy Comfort Health Center for Women, Newton Community Theatre, Rustic Salon, Skeffington's Formal Wear, The Calico House, The Other Place, and Uptown Food and Beverage Co. The generosity of these businesses is greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with them this year.

Thank you, also, to the numerous Ankeny businesses who allow us to hang our show posters in their stores.

Future Actors Explore the World of Theater

The sounds of excited, engaged children were heard throughout the halls at ACT's Summer Drama Camps. Eleven camps were held for youth ranging from Kindergarten through 10th grade during June and July.

The first week of camp transported Grades 3-8 campers to Hogwarts Academy. The youth spent the week experiencing what it would be like to live at Hogwarts. Youth in Grades 9-10 served as Prefects and Interns who helped lead many of the activities. On Wednesday, Jacob Vogts from the ISU Quidditch Club taught the campers the fine art of playing Quidditch. Campers enjoyed participating in a couple games. The week culminated in with a lunch banquet for the campers and house presentations given by the campers to parents and family at the end of the day on Friday.

K-3rd graders participated in morning performance camps during weeks two and three. The days were filled with all the preparations required to present their show on Friday: auditioning, rehearsing, creating sets, and making props and costumes.

2nd-3rd grade afternoon attendees participated in creative drama camps. Youth engaged in theater-related activities and created scenes to perform without the pressure of performing in front of a large audience. On both Thursdays, the youth presented short reader theaters that they had worked on during the week for their parents.

4th-10th graders got to perform plays as well. Campers also auditioned, learned lines, made sets and props, and created costumes. Superhero Spectacular and Fanfiction Takes the Stage participants wrote their own plays to perform.

It takes many talented people to run a successful camp program. ACT would like to thank the staff whose hard work, time, and effort made this year a success: Michael Barreca, Susan Casber, Anne Claes, John Claes, Colin Devick, Riley Devick, Sarah Devick, Abbie Gartland, Dawn Hockemeyer, Andrea Lupo, Julia Polson, Heather Powers, Cole Reiman, Savannah Trotter, and David Veatch. Those who served as Prefects during Hogwarts Academy were Lily Bretthauer, Brendan Grant, Bella Rivera, and Grace Valerio-Garsow. Hogwarts Interns were Emily Devick, Jamie Fleming, Geoff Grant, Ali Pieper, and Travis Zhang. Doug Arterburn provided tech support for the registration program as well as helped with set up and take down of the camps. Nicole Temeyer served on the Hogwarts Planning Committee along with Sara Devick and Andrea Lupo. Lynn Arterburn was the director of the program.

ACT would also like to thank Ankeny Lutheran Church of Hope and Prairie Ridge Church for allowing us to hold the camps at their wonderful facilities. Their generosity and support of our camp program is greatly appreciated.



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