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THUNDER THEATRE CO.

Desert Vista High School's Theatre Company Newsletter



It's 2nd Semester with TTC!

In the spring semester, we are hitting the ground RUNNING with many upcoming projects!

TTC students have many opportunities to be involved this semester - be it club meetings, main stage productions, club shows, and volunteer opportunities, we have so much to do.

We hope that every student finds a place to be involved and have fun in theatre this semester and we are so excited for all of these upcoming events!

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TTC Students are competing at the AZ Thespians Regional Festival on 1/22/22

This year, TTC has 10 students competing at the Thespian Regional Festival with a total of 14 acts! Our kids will be competing in monologues, solo songs, duo songs, costume design, and theatre marketing. We are so excited to have so many competitors and cannot wait to share the results next month. Break a leg to these Thespians!!

Pre-Production & Backstage Crews for The Last Night of Ballyhoo & Alice in Wonderland

If students are involved in a pre-production crew for our spring plays, be sure they are checking the CREW SCHEDULE that was shared with them and communicating with their crew head.

If students are on a pre-production crew and are interested in applying to be backstage for one of the productions, those applications are now open! Students must be on a pre-production crew to apply. More information can be found on our website:

www.thundertheatrecompany.com

Click here to access the backstage crew application form!

Applications are due January 21st at 8pm



TTC BOOSTERS DONATION FOR SPRING SHOWS

For every main stage production, we ask that each member of the cast and crew make a \$50 tax deductible donation to our boosters program. (Boosters is a 501c3 and can provide a tax receipt upon request!)

These donations go towards meals on 2 show days, purchasing building supplies, props, costumes, etc. Each donation also includes ONE show shirt!

Payments can be made via Venmo (@dvttcboosters), Zelle (to dvttcboosters@gmail.com), or by cash/check.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Check out the columns below to hear from some of our Thunder Theatre Company members about their experiences in Desert Vista Theatre.

MARLEIGH HICKEY is a senior in TTC and the president of our club. You may have seen her in previous shows such as Trap, Mamma Mia, any Murder Mystery, or almost every other production we've done! You'll also see her in our upcoming production of The Last Night of Ballyhoo. Marleigh has also been involved in tech since her sophomore year for all of our productions.

MARLEIGH answered the following question about TTC:

<u>"What has been your most memorable or impactful experience</u> in DV theatre? Why was this the most memorable or impactful?'

My most memorable moment in TTC was the first night of tech week for Mamma Mia. All of the girls were in the choir room, running through the vocals for the show, and we had people filling in for the boys' parts and dancing and all of the fun harmonies in the show it was such a fun time. I was particularly stressed that day too (tech week and all that) so I literally just remember sitting in a chair listening to Kyleigh sing "Name of the Game" with Amanda Gellman as Bill, thinking about how much I loved theatre and how grateful I was to be doing an actual musical again in front of an actual audience. It was one of those moments where you realize you are doing your senior musical with your best friends and everyone in that room was enjoying themselves and having fun. I can't begin to describe how good the energy in that room made me feel and lifted my mood completely. Theatre can be stressful a lot of the times but it's at moments like this one that make me remember how much I adore this community we created and I fall in love all over again.



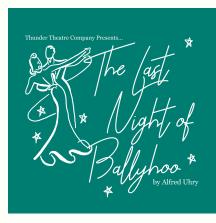


KYLEIGH PERALES is a senior and the vice-president of our club. You may have seen her in previous shows such as The Crucible, Mamma Mia, Trap, or almost every other production we've done! You'll also see Kyleigh playing the titular role in our upcoming production of Alice in Wonderland! This year, Kyleigh has begun working on our costume crew in addition to performing.

KYLEIGH answered the following question about TTC:

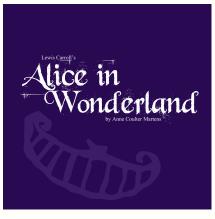
"<u>What advice would you give to a new</u> member of TTC?"

If I could give advice to a new TTC member it would be to let your of fears motivate you to try new things. Audition for the shows that scare you and talk to new people- you never know where it could take you. I would also tell you to try anything and everything that interests you. There are so many aspects in theatre which means multiple opportunities to try new things. In the end, you might surprise yourself with what you end up loving.









Spring Play T-Shirt Orders!

Anyone who is involved in our Spring Plays can now order a show shirt!

Anyone who paid/pays the \$50 Booster donation gets one shirt included with that donation. Additional shirts are \$10 each!

Payment instructions are included within the Google Form

Access the order form HERE!

Orders are due by 1/21 at 8pm

ONE ACTS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING!

SENIOR DIRECTED ONE ACT FESTIVAL IS APRIL 22ND

Applications for SENIORS interested in directing will open in Mid-Late February for Seniors to complete.

Director Applications with be due on Tues. 3/8

These applications will require you to provide a resume and cover letter, 2-3 script options with a director concept statement, tentative rehearsal calendar, as well as some typed out interview questions.

Directors can apply as a solo director or as a pair of co-directors.

Now is a great time to start looking at one at scripts so that you are ready to complete the application once it is available!

Directors will be announced on Saturday, 3/12

One Act auditions will take place in the Black Box on Tuesday, 3/15 after school

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Club Photos - January 20, 2022

For students involved in Thunder Theatre Company (club meetings AND productions), Improv Club, or Tech Theatre Club, we will be taking our yearbook club photos on Thursday, 1/20/22!

Make sure to come pick up a pass from Mrs. Bacik to be able to leave class for our photo times.

Improv Club Photo - !0:40am - Tech Theatre Club Photo - 10:45am
Thunder Theatre Company Photo - 10:50am







TTC Google Calendar - Keep track of upcoming events!



On the Thunder Theatre Company website, we have a handy Google Calendar available for all students and families to access!

Mrs. Bacik keeps this up to date with crew meetings, rehearsals, and other events to help everyone stay organized!

If you want to import this into your own Google Calendar for easy access, just press

the "+" button in the bottom right corner of the calendar on the TTC Website!

thundertheatrecompany.com/calendar

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR BOOSTERS PROGRAM

If you are interested in supporting boosters during our upcoming productions, make sure that you get yourself cleared as a TUHSD volunteer! You'll need to get fingerprinted through one of the approved sites, and it can take multiple weeks to get your results, so don't wait until the last minute! More info can be found on our website HERE.

If you can't become a cleared volunteer, be on the lookout for emails asking for assistance in finding or purchasing items for either of the upcoming plays.

Mrs. Bacik also will regularly update THIS SIGN UP GENIUS with items that the department needs in general or for the shows we are working on!