

# All-of-us Expressions

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## 20th Anniversary!!!

This season, All-of-us Express celebrates their 20th Anniversary of providing Lansing area youth with invaluable opportunities to explore the world of theater in a safe, accepting and educational environment. Members can look forward to four terrific shows and many exciting events.

We are excited to welcome our many alumni, as well as our founder Evelyn Weymouth, back in December for our first ever Alumni Reunion. In April, we host our first signature fundraising event entitled the "All-of-you Review". We will again host the Fall Carnival, Holiday Shopping Blitz and Royal Feast as well. Watch upcoming newsletters for dates, times and details of these event.



This season we will look back to our roots and rejoice in how far we have come while moving ahead to even greater accomplishments. We will share stories with the community both on stage and off. This is a time for our members to share their stories as well. If All-of-us Express has touched you, your family or your friends, we would like to hear and share your story too!

## Opportunities for Education

This season, alongside our Academy Classes, we are offering two new sets of workshops. Registration has begun and workshops will fill up quickly!

Our Parent -Participant Workshops are designed for parents or guardians to share in the learning experience. One adult and one child can attend these workshops to learn much of what goes into the development of a show.

We are also offering Open Workshops for ages 10 and up, adults welcome. This series is designed to give an introduction to the less explored aspects of stage training including improvisation and stage combat!

For more information, pick up a Program Guide or check out our website.

All-of-us Express  
Children's Theatre

20th Season: A Coming  
of Age Story

September 10, 2008

### Dates to know:

- September 25th:  
Annual Board Meeting
- October 25th:  
Fall Carnival
- November 19th:  
Holiday Shopping Blitz
- December 19th:  
Alumni Reunion
- February 20th:  
Royal Feast

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## Annual Board Meeting

All-of-us Express Children's Theatre is a members organization. This means that the voice of the membership is extremely important to the support of the organization's mission.

On September 25 at 6:00 pm, we will hold our Annual Board Meeting. This meeting is open to the public. It is a chance for members to vote for new members of the Board

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***"A community is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."***

~Henrik Isben

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of Trustees, Bylaw changes and other important topics. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about the organization and share with your friends and family. Cop-

ies of our Annual Report will be available as well.

If you really want to get involved, consider becoming a member of the Board or joining one of our Committees.

Don't miss the opportunity to support and become more involved in this wonderful organization at our annual meeting. See you there!

## Fundraising Initiatives

Our fundraising committee recently gained a new chairperson in Sandra Sigworth. She is astoundingly energetic and truly dedicated to the forward progress of this company. Along with helping to facilitate many new fundraising initiatives for the coming season, she is also working diligently to get our Corporate Sponsorship Program on track and has also joined the Grants Committee. Sandi is all about getting this company the funds it needs



to not only sustain its current programming and community outreach but to expand them as well.

Sandi would appreciate any assistance our members are willing to give in these endeavors. Suggestions for corporations to contact about sponsorships, ideas for fundraising activities or events, statistical informa-

tion about theater and educational programs are all ways of helping out.

A subcommittee to Fundraising has also been formed to focus on the planning and organizing of our smaller community events, such as the Fall Carnival and the Royal Feast. There are openings on both of these committees for those who would like to be more involved in All-of-us Express.

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***"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."***

~Ralph Nader

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### CALL FOR:

#### ***Amerisure Contact Person***

Do you know anyone who works for Amerisure? Our Grants Committee is working very hard to gain funding for our many programs. We need a representative of the Amerisure Corporation in order to apply for a grant through them. If you know of anyone please contact our office at 394-4118 or email us at [theatre@allofusespress.org](mailto:theatre@allofusespress.org)

## Youth Achieving Greatness

All-of-us Express youth participants are achieving amazing feats everyday, outside of the theatre company as well as in.

This school year several of our youth participants will participate in other arts programs, join sports teams, travel to other states and countries, write wonderful poems, prose and papers for classes, meet milestones in their personal growth and accomplish generally amazing



things. We would love to hear all about it and be able to share these stories with the rest of our membership.

The future of our organization, our community, our world rests in the hands of the youth of today. We are immensely proud of all of our youth and love to brag!

To submit a story about one of our youth, email us or send your story and contact information to:

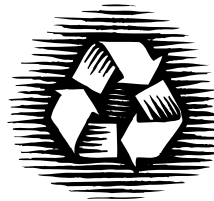
Youth Stories  
P.O. Box 1871  
East Lansing, MI.

## Green Creating Green

Last season, many of you may have noticed the efforts of the theater to “Go Green”. We have joined the “Go Green, Go Lansing” initiative, as well as “Local First”. Both are local organizations that support the Lansing-area environment and economy. While it is important to us to support these efforts within our

community, we also need to support our organization as well.

During this season, expect to see several new bins around the rehearsal space as well as throughout the community. These bins will be available for the recycling of juice pouches, ink cartridges, cell phones



and other small electronics. These recycling projects are also fundraising programs. When we turn these items in, the companies we deal with will issue a check to All-of-us Express which will go toward our fundraising initiatives. To help or get more information, contact the office.

### Acting Intensive Workshop

**Youth Members ages 14-18**

**Cost: \$55.00 per block\***

Fridays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the All-of-us Express Rehearsal Space

This is a free-working intensive workshop for the serious actor who wishes to improve their skills as well as their knowledge of all things acting. We will explore many different acting styles and character building techniques as well as the history of acting, the cultural implications of the dramatic arts, the practical application of acting skills in everyday life and discover new ways of tapping into personal creative energies. Youth from this workshop will have an opportunity to present their projects at the end of each season.

\*Offered in ongoing eight-week blocks, with some breaks for holidays and show weeks.

## Youth Creating Quality Theater

All-of-us Express Children's Theatre is a non-profit corporation founded in 1989 by Evelyn Weymouth.

*It is the mission of All-of-us Express Children's Theatre to offer young people of all backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles the opportunity to produce professional quality plays, study many aspects of the dramatic arts, and develop valuable life skills while providing outstanding entertainment to the community.*



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*We're on the web:*

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