

All-of-us Expressions

All-of-us Express
Children's Theatre

20th Season:
A Coming of Age Story

SBST Amazes Audiences

All-of-us Express' summer touring troupe, Story Book Story Theatre (SBST), has been performing around the greater Lansing area since May. They were first "on stage" this summer at the East Lansing Art Festival, where audiences young and old enjoyed the opening and closing improvisational theatre games as well as the original script of "Villain's Union Meeting" written by the troupe.

Since that time, they have been delighting audiences at childcares, libraries, festival and day camps including the Oak Park YMCA.

"I found myself laughing to tears!" said Becky Fermanich of the Delta Township District Library in a thank you note she sent to the troupe.

The troupe consists of 15 youth participants ages 13 to 18. They met twice per week throughout the Spring for rehearsals and to work on their original script. "Villain's Union Meeting" was written by the youth 'on their feet', meaning that through a series of improvisational exercises, they developed their characters and a scene for those characters.

Don't miss SBST at the Renegade Theatre Festival in Old Town on August 22. They will perform twice in Perspective 2 Studio at 2:00pm & 3:30pm!

July 2009 Edition

Dates to know:

- **July 20-30:** *Drama Camp Session 2*
- **July 31-August 8:** *Alice in Wonderland*
- **August 18:** *Awards Banquet for Guild Program & Volunteers*
- **August 26-30:** *Sale and Auction*
- **September 17-20:** *Charity Poker Event*

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What lies behind us and what lies before us
are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

REMINDER!!!

Our 20th Season is about to come to a close. Which means, it is time to renew those memberships!!! Consider getting a Lifetime Membership for just \$400.00, payable in four easy installments of \$100.00 each throughout a single season.

'Alice' Opens July 31st!!!

"Alice in Wonderland" opens on July 31st at Hannah Community Center in East Lansing. This is a very special show for All-of-us Express! Not only is it our 20th Anniversary Season closer, it is the first ever all alumni and youth produced show. The Co-Directors, Scott Sorrel and Liz Cooke, are both alumni. Two of our crew heads are also alumni, Morgan Lees on Tech and Miranda Hartmann on Props. Youth crew heads include Boofer Lees on Set Construction, Laurel Domino on Costumes and Amelia Rogocka on Makeup.



This is not the first time that All-of-us Express has produced "Alice in Wonderland". However, this particular production will prove to be quite different from the previous productions. Inspired by Tim Burton's upcoming film release of "Alice in Wonderland", due in movie theaters in Spring '10, our co-directors have developed a slightly more modern look to this show while still sticking very closely to the original story by author Lewis Carroll.

As a special treat, the Capital Flutes will be playing in the lobby for our Saturday shows. And, of course, books will be for sale in the lobby through Tuesday Books of Williamston. See you at the show!!!

Board of Trustees News

Back in June, the Board of Trustees appointed Pedro Pozo to take the board seat vacated by Carol Turkus. Pedro is the father of Rachel Spidle, a youth participant who has been seen in past productions *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Legend of Pocahontas*. Pedro is a homecare provider for patients on dialysis. He has been a supporter of All-of-us Express through volunteer work as well as donation since early in our 19th season. Pedro has handle set transportation for shows, volunteered at fundraising events and was part of our caroling group in East Lansing last December. When not working and supporting All-of-us Express, Pedro is a singer in a rock and roll cover band.

In September, the Board of Trustees will hold a membership meeting in order to vote in new board members and reelect current board members. There are open seats to be voted on. These elections are open to all members of All-of-us Express. This is a great opportunity for members to take an active role in supporting All-of-us Express and have a voice. We hope to see you all there!

Coming Soon!!!

Watch our website for details about these upcoming events.

AWARDS BANQUET !!!

August 18th

HUGE STOCK SALE!!!

August 26th through the 30th.

****CHARITY POKER EVENT!!!****

Has been moved to
September 17th through 20th.

An individual's self-concept is the core of his personality. It affects every aspect of human behavior: the ability to learn, the capacity to grow and change A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success in life.

~Joyce Brothers

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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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