

All-of-us

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All-of-us Express
Children's Theatre

20th Season: A Coming
of Age Story

March 2009 Edition

Spring Show: "James and the Giant Peach"

Rehearsals for "James and the Giant Peach" began on March 7th. We have an amazing group of youth participants working on this show. Several newcomers turned up for auditions. Many were cast and some were assigned to crews. Everyone on the production team is looking forward to working with our youth on this show.

The set construction crew has been charged with the large task of constructing a nearly two-story peach. Set construction crew heads, Anna and Travis Stouffer, who both hold Master Badges in Set Construction, are tackling the job head-on. They have shared many wonderful ideas and put themselves to the task of cleaning up our scene shop on top of it!

The costume crew is already hard at work creating amazing costumes for the delightful creatures who accompany James on his journey in the peach.

The MSU Bug House will be bringing a live insect exhibit to visit outside in between shows for the Saturday performances.

We hope that everyone will be able to find the time to see a show.

**Call Riverwalk Theatre
for ticket information.**

(517) 482-5700



Dates to know:

- March 10:**
PR/Marketing Rally (page 3)
- March 21:**
Parent-Participant Workshop:
Set Construction, 1:00 p.m.
- March 26:**
Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- April 17:** All-of-us Express
presents the All-of-you Review!

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UPDATE: The All-of-you Review

Date: April 17 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: **\$30.00** per person (includes 2 drink tickets)

Reservations for the event can be made by calling the All-of-us Express office.

Parody skits are:

Jason Colthorp, performed by Robert Aultz

Paula Cunningham, performed by Camila Nicholson

Kathie Dunbar, performed by Charlotte Foran

Stuart Dunnings, performed by Amber Love

Jack Ebling & Jim Fordyce, performed by

Austin Homant and Danny Domino

**Plus, Mike Holder of 92.1 FM WQTX will be performing his
stand-up routine!**

*In last month's issue, the price of tickets for the All-of-you Review was incorrectly listed.
Please the note price of tickets is \$30.00 per person.*

***“I regard the theatre as the greatest
of all art forms, the most immediate
way in which a human being can
share with another the sense of
what it is to be a human being.”***

~ Oscar Wilde

Advocacy Corner: Support for the Arts

Many of us have read or heard that funding for Arts and Cultural organizations is being cut. Support from the corporate and private sectors is being sought more and more by more and more groups. Soon those funds will also be depleted. This situation raises some very important questions. How did we get here as a nation? When did Americans stop viewing arts and cultural as essential aspects of the human experience? And, how do we do we change things?

First, write a letter to one of your elected officials expressing the need for arts and culture in our communities and schools. Second, sign the petition by Quincy Jones requesting President Obama to appoint a Secretary of the Arts. To do so, follow the link below.

www.petitiononline.com/esnyc/petition.html

Art is the signature of civilizations.

~ Beverly Sills, NBC TV, May 4, 1985

ACTORS at the Museum!!!

ACTORS (All-of-us Express Often Returning Storytellers) will be putting their talents on display along with many beautiful and intriguing exhibits at the Mid-Michigan Historical Museum on Tuesday afternoons 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. until the end of May. Come explore the rich history of our great state and support the ACTORS troupe too. See you there!

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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