

Welcome to *Clearsight* the Spanish Fork Arts Council Quarterly Newsletter—a publication designed to keep citizens informed about what's happening each month in the cultural arts and events taking place in our community; theatrical productions, concerts, exhibits, lectures, workshops, dances, plus special events.

We want to hear from you!

Please feel free to submit information that you feel would benefit the members of our community. We also want your input as to how the cultural arts experience can be improved upon. If you would like to be a part of the process, contact us at one of the numbers listed in this publication. We always have room for good people with good ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14 (Friday) 7:30 pm, Canyon View Stake Center. 2nd Annual Combined Community Easter Concert, *This Is the Christ*. Spanish Fork Regional Chorale, Payson Civic Chorale, Utah Valley Children's Choir

April 27–28 – *Beauty and the Beast* Auditions. SFHS Little Theater, 6:00 pm.

May 18 (Thursday) – Spanish Fork Regional Chorale, Senior Center Mini Concert

May 20 (Saturday) – Spanish Fork Regional Chorale Spring Concert (Location TBA)

May-September – Monthly Bluegrass Barn Dance at the Fairgrounds (more details soon)

June 5–16 – Children's Arts Festival. SFHS. See article on back for more information.

June 17 (Saturday) 10 am – 1 pm, SFHS. *Beauty and the Beast* Princess Party

July 15–24 – *Beauty & The Beast*. More details to follow.

Volunteer to Help With One of These Activities. The Arts Council welcomes anyone interested in volunteering to help with any of the events listed above to call our Volunteer Board Chairperson, Melanie Fillmore, at 794-1436.

Nebo Performing Arts and Humanities Center

The mission of the Spanish Fork Arts Council is to **enrich the quality of life in the community through broadened availability, collaboration, promotion, education, and increased appreciation of the cultural arts.** This community would be greatly benefited by having a regional performing arts and humanities center which would allow greater opportunities for cultural enrichment to us and our children. As the city continues to grow this need will increase. We have wonderful recreational programs in this community. The time is ripe to focus on strengthening the visual and performing arts in Spanish Fork and the surrounding areas.

Picture a state-of-the-art facility with a well designed concert hall and stage for professional performances; a full green room and dressing room facilities; scenery construction and storage, costume production and storage; a professional dance studio; a full-size choral/orchestra room; an art studio and art gallery; a computer graphics and animation lab; a multi-use conference room/black box theatre/reception hall; lecture hall, multiple classrooms and a beautiful main foyer displaying an amazing permanent art collection. Picture this facility right here in Spanish Fork!

The Nebo Performing Arts and Humanities Center will be designed to serve as a multi-use facility for large community gatherings, conferences, and can house year-

round arts-related educational courses. The Arts Council is currently conducting focus groups with visual and performing artists, groups, and educators from Springville to Santaquin to determine the need, potential usage, specifications, and support for building this multi-use facility which will serve southern Utah County. This will be the type of venue that will bring in top national and international performers to this community.

The City Council will soon receive a formal presentation and the feasibility study will continue into the next phase as response returns from the focus groups. *No tax money will be used to build this facility.* The Arts Council will initiate a capital campaign to raise funds through private, corporate, and general public donations. We will seek grants from private foundations which support the arts and provide funds for building facilities of this type.

If you are interested in being involved in one of the focus groups or in volunteering to help in the efforts to get the Nebo Performing Arts & Humanities Center built, please contact a member of the Spanish Fork Arts Council. Watch for architectural renderings and official floor plans to be unveiled soon, and for the fundraising campaign to kick into high gear. We are so excited to bring this facility and all it means to our community. We hope the entire region will get involved and help to make this vision become a reality.

Beauty & the Beast Comes to Spanish Fork

Auditions, Theater Production, and a Royal Princess Party!

In conjunction with Spanish Fork Community Theater's production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, children young and old (ages newborn through 18 years) are invited to attend a *Princess Party*. This royal occasion will take place on Saturday, June 17th at Spanish Fork High School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to dress in princess costumes with accompanying finery and attire, i.e. crowns, tiaras, etc. to celebrate

and create royal excitement, as every princess should feel especially stately.

Guests will be invited to meet-and-greet with Belle, have their picture taken with her (and printed on-site), and receive an autograph. Other activities include pink cookie decorating, imperial head adorning (crown making), royal face painting, whimsical wand making, regal jewelry creation, castle moat (fishpond), a majestic cake walk, and a mini-parade where each princess will receive a special certificate to be redeemed for a "princess

(see *Princess Party* on back)

Combined Community Easter Concert

This Is The Christ—April 14, 7:30 pm

The Spanish Fork Regional Chorale is pleased to present the second annual Combined Community Easter Concert, *This Is The Christ*, on Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. This year's concert will be held at the Canyon View Stake Center (989 S. 2550 E. in Spanish Fork). Performing groups include the Spanish Fork Regional Chorale under the direction of Vicki Staheli, the Payson Civic Chorale under the direction of David Dahlquist, and the Utah Valley Children's Choir under the direction of Ryan Eggett and Suanne Bowcut.

Last year's inaugural concert, *Hallelujah*, was a huge success! Audience members literally begged us to do it again this year, and each of the performing groups involved enjoyed it so

much that we hope to turn it into a community tradition. The experience of singing with or listening to a combined choir of nearly 300 children and adults is a unique and wonderful thing—the perfect way to feel the spirit of Easter and come together as a community.

Bring the entire family to this uplifting celebration of Easter and make it part of your own family's tradition. This is one event you won't want to miss!

The Spanish Fork Regional Chorale is also pleased to present its Spring Concert—a fun combination of Broadway/Show Tunes and Southern Spirituals—Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 pm. Details on the location are still being worked out. Check the city web site (www.spanishfork.org) and Spanish Fork Press for updates.

Children's Arts Festival—Bigger and Better

June 5th – 16th

The Children's Arts Festival has been a big hit in this community for many years. June once again is children's art month with workshops being held, June 5th through the 16th. This year there will be more workshops offered than ever before. Classes will include theatre, where participants will do a scene from *Beauty and the Beast*, concluding with a recital for their families, the popular drawing and watercolor instruction, children's dance, choral, and arts and crafts from scratch and kits.

This year's instructors include Anna Murdock, Char'Ree Reynolds, Jennie Creer-King, James Rees and several other very talented individuals.

Registration is at the City Offices, Thursday, May 11th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prices are \$15 for one week and \$30 for two weeks.

Other classes are being arranged at the present time. Check the May City Newsletter, the Community Recreation Calendar, and The Spanish Fork Press for more detailed information. Discover what a difference the arts can make in your child's life!

Princess Party (continued from front)

concession" at *Beauty and the Beast* in July. Mark your calendar now for this exciting event! Prices for admission to this regal engagement are as follows:

1st Single Princess Admission: \$8.00

Admission for each additional princess in the immediate family: \$6.00

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* Auditions

Spanish Fork Community Theater invites all interested thespians to audition for 2006's exciting Fiesta Days production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Auditions will be held on April 27th and 28th in the Little Theater at Spanish Fork High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. Those invited to call-backs will come on April 29th at 9:00 a.m., also at Spanish Fork High School. Come prepared to sing 16 bars of Broadway music (no

church songs, please). Also, be prepared to dance. For questions, call Tia Trimble at 367-5078 or e-mail her at tia.trimble@nebo.edu. Good luck, and hope to see you there!

Pied Piper: Tough Act to Follow

Children's Theatre Does It Again.

The Spanish Fork Children's Theatre pulled off another fantastic production in March. *The Pied Piper* was a great success for all involved. Anna Murdock, director of the play, has worked with the children for months—in some cases, since last August. Lead roles were played by Trent Taylor and Scott Jansen. The children, ranging in ages from four to sixteen, had a fantastic time and presented a wonderful performance. Congratulations to Anna Murdock and the entire Children's Theatre company!

Inspirational Thought:

I once heard a man of wisdom say, "that every time the curtain goes up so does the quality of our lives." I firmly believe that. The cultural arts are a life enriching experience.

The arts make us think and can create a positive emotion inside us that we can tap into and use as a force for good in the troubled times in which we live.

The arts can help educate our spirit if we only will allow it. Music, words or visual images can lead us to a better place-- diminish the negative, while magnify the positive.

The cultural arts are an invitation to the individual to be nurtured, for a community to be enlightened and a nation to look beyond the reality of today and embrace the possibilities of tomorrow.

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The Arts Council wants to hear your ideas and feedback, and we want to be accessible to the community.

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