

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29-30, April 2-3, 7:00pm, SFHS Little Theatre—Spanish Fork Youth Theatre presents *NARNIA*. The wonderful tale from C.S. Lewis comes to life in this fantastic production. Adults \$3, Children \$1 (age 3 and under are free).

April 6, (Friday) 7:30pm, American Leadership Academy Auditorium—The 3rd Annual Combined Community Easter Concert—*Hallelujah!* The Nebo Chorale, under the direction of Rick Lunt, hosts this inspiring yearly tradition with the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra, Utah Valley Children's Choir, and Payson Civic Chorale.

April 12-13, (Thu-Fri) 6-9 pm, SFHS—Auditions for *Seussical the Musical*. Many adult leads need to be cast. Call backs will be held from 6-9pm on Wednesday, April 18th.

May 4-5, (Friday 7:32 pm, SF Middle School, Saturday matinee 2:02 pm, Payson Jr. High)—Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra presents *Soly Sombra!* Ticket prices are \$5 adult, \$15 family, \$3 student/senior.

May 7-25, 8am-6pm, Parks & Recreation Office (99 N. 300 W. on SFHS campus)—Registration for the Annual Youth Arts Festival "Discovering the Arts." Register in person. For all children and youth ages 3-18. Complete details in next month's newsletter. Festival will take place June 4-15 @ SFHS.

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 or send an email to: arts@sfcn.org

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 arts@sfcn.org. We always have room for good people with good ideas.

HALLELUJAH! The Music of Easter

Combined Community Easter Concert Inspires

For anyone wanting to experience the inspiring wonder of the Easter season, this concert is a must see. On April 6 at 7:30 pm at the American Leadership Academy, the Nebo Chorale under the direction of Rick Lunt will host the third annual Combined Community Easter Concert, *Hallelujah!*

Joining the list of performing groups again this year will be the Utah Valley Children's Choir under the direction of Ryan Eggett, and the Payson Civic Chorale under the direction of David Dahlquist. We are pleased to announce that the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra will be participating in this event for the first time. Directed

by Benjamin K. Winkler, the orchestra has done amazing things in their inaugural season (see related article in this issue).

In the past the choirs have been accompanied by piano, organ and selected solo instruments, but never by a full orchestra. The power and beauty of sound that comes from over 300 voices accompanied by an orchestra is thrilling to say the least. All who have attended in past years have been touched by the spirit of the music.

Many have said we should charge admission for such an event, but we are convinced that it is much more worthwhile to offer this as a gift to the community. Admission is free. Bring your family, friends, and the whole neighborhood to this memorable celebration of Easter!

NARNIA Now Showing

Enter the Wardrobe for an experience like no other!

You know the story. You've imagined being there yourself. Join Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy in their magical adventures inside the wardrobe. The Spanish Fork Youth Theatre under the direction of Anna Murdock has been giving their all since last September to bring to life this enchanting story of Aslan and the White Witch. Over 85 youth from our community have participated in this after school theater program. If you're reading this before April 3, its not too late to head down to the high school to enjoy this magical production—**March 29-30, April 2-3 @ 7:00pm in the Little Theatre.** Adults \$3, Children \$1 (3 and under free).

Seussical the Musical: Auditions April 12-13

Spanish Fork Community Theater holds auditions for *Fiesta Days* production

Auditions for *Seussical the Musical* will be held at Spanish Fork High School from 6pm to 9pm on April 12th and 13th, 2007. Please check in at the desk located in the cafeteria.

There are many adult leads that need to be cast, and all adults are welcome. The suggested minimum age for auditions is 10 years old. All family members auditioning must audition consecutively; please sign in together.

Please come prepared to sing at least 16

SEE "SEUSSICAL" ON BACK >

Discovering the Arts—Youth Arts Festival

We are excited to announce our upcoming “*Discovering the Arts*” Festival. This is a two-week Arts Festival for youth and children ages 3-18. There will be an assortment of classes for all age groups in all genres: music, visual arts, arts & crafts, theater, and dance. The age range has broadened this year, with classes that appeal specifically to ages 3-5 and older teens, ages 15-18. We also have some amazing teachers lined up. Look for class lists and descriptions in your Spanish Fork City Parks and Recreation summer catalog. You can also find information beginning in April on our website at www.spanishfork.org/dept/arts/. Let your child

come and Discover the Arts with us!

Classes run Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 15. Showcase performance the evening of Friday, June 15

- All classes held at Spanish Fork High School
- Costs run between \$15-\$60/class, plus possible materials fees
- Register in person at the Parks and Recreation office (99 N. 300 W.) May 7th through May 25th.
- Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis.

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bars of Broadway style music. Dancing will also be part of the audition, so please dress appropriately.

A Fact Sheet, including all main parts, can be found at www.sfctonline.org

Call backs will be held from 6-9pm on Wednesday, April 18th.

Performance dates will be July 18th through the 23rd, with a matinee on Tuesday, July 24th.

Adult Art Classes: “We Want More!” By Bjorn Pendleton

The overwhelmingly positive response to the *Cultural Arts Education for Adults* program makes me extremely happy. I was so impressed with the talent displayed by both the visual and performing arts groups. 85 adults participated in the 10 classes that were offered. The Final Showcase was a blast! I have had many emails, phone calls, and personal inquiries as to when the Arts Council will be offering this program again. The tentative plan is to offer it as part of the Fall Festival, September 8 - October 13, with the Final Showcase being the “kickoff” event for

the Harvest Moon Hurrah on October 13.

My deepest thanks go to the talented instructors who shared their expertise. Thanks also to each of the participants for being willing to develop and share your talents—especially those who participated in the optional showcase despite a great deal of nervousness. I look forward to seeing this program continue to expand and become something wonderful for this community. Please continue to send me your ideas for making this program better... And keep those creative juices flowing!

Orchestra Celebrates Cinco de Mayo in Style

Is it over already? The Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra ends its premiere season on May 4th and 5th. The dates were moved up in view of the end of the school year, and the theme has been changed to “Sol y Sombra,” which is “Sun and Shadow,” or the music of sunny Spain, which will celebrate the happy mood of Cinco de Mayo! Friday’s concert will once again be at the Spanish Fork Middle School at 7:32 PM, and the Saturday concert at Payson Junior High at 2:32. Ticket prices are \$5 adult, \$15 family, \$3

student/senior.

Don’t worry - this is not the end of the orchestra, which has filled a need for many adult musicians in the area who want to use their musical skills to perform great music with and for their friends, neighbors and families. This is just the end of an exciting first year season. Look for opportunities this summer to audition and join us or become a volunteer. For more details call Carolyn at 787-5376.

Cultural Arts Center = A Better Community

With all the planned development going on in Spanish Fork—commercial, residential, and governmental, why do we need one more building? The answer is simple: few things can strengthen a community like a Cultural Arts Center. Planned correctly, this facility will have something for all age groups and all interests and will improve the quality of life for every one of us in countless ways. Participation in and support of the arts has a refining, unifying effect upon a community. Children grow up with better opportunities and a better view of the world

in which they live. Families are stronger through involvement in the arts. Economic development is spurred as people are drawn to our city because of the cultural events and programs we offer. A sense of pride develops as we understand what we have, and the difference it makes in the lives of so many. The programs and performing groups exist. Now its time to give them a home. Help make your community a better place by supporting the effort to build YOUR Cultural Arts Center in Spanish Fork. Find out what you can do by emailing arts@sfcn.org

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

Want to volunteer? Call Melanie, 794-1436.

Donate time or money towards helping to build the Spanish Fork Cultural Arts Center. Call Bjorn Pendleton, 798-0792.

Ideas/feedback? Email: arts@sfcn.org