

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1, 2, 3, 6: Youth Theater presents *Tales from the Arabian Nights*. SFHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm.
See accompanying article for details.

April 2-3: Auditions for *Singin' In The Rain*. Diamond Fork Jr High, 6-9pm.
See accompanying article for details.

April 10: Nebo Chorale presents *Hallelujah*, the 5th Annual Combined Community Easter Concert. Provo Tabernacle, 7:30 pm.
See accompanying article for details.

April 24: Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra presents *Three Deuces* American Leadership Academy, 8:00pm.
Visit: www.nebophil.org for complete details.

May 2: Hollywood Gala Fundraiser, Community Theater. 6:00-9:00pm, Boothe Bros Performing Arts Center. See article for details.

May 18: Registration for Summer Youth Arts Festival begins. Register online or in person at Parks & Rec. office. Festival runs June 15-26. See accompanying article for details.

June 15-26: Youth Arts Festival

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Youth Arts Festival—Register May 18

Mark your calendar for JUNE 15-26!

Discover the artist within your child this summer at the Spanish Fork Youth Arts Festival! The Youth Arts Festival is a two week creative arts experience for children ages 3-18 that aims to engage and enrich all children through music, dance, art, literature, drama, photography, and so much more! Young children will love the classes including: Arts & Crafts, Let's Play Music, Kindermusik, Dance, Show Choir, Find your Voice, and more! There will be a wide variety of classes offered this year, including a music and movement class for special needs children; a songwriting class by singer/songwriter Cherie Call; and even Lego Art!

This year there are many classes aimed at teenagers: Songwriting, Guitar, Breakdancing, Hip Hop, Jazz-Ballet Evening Workshop, Youth Theater Workshop, Self-Expressions through Art/Advanced Art, Folk and Bluegrass en-

semble, Creative Writing, Show Choir (younger teens), and Photography.

With exceptional, professional teachers, there is something for every child. Nourish your child's creativity, imagination and artistic ability through the Youth Arts Festival!

Come enjoy the **Kickoff Celebration** on the evening of the first day of classes, **Monday, June 15** at the library park stage. It will be a "picnic in the park". Bring a picnic if desired, seats, blankets, etc. There will be prizes, live entertainment, and lots of fun!

The festival performances will be in our **Sharing Showcase** on the evening of **FRIDAY, JUNE 26**. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

For a complete list and schedule of classes, go online to www.spanishfork.org/yaf.

Registration begins May 18. Classes fill on a first come, first served basis. Classes fill quickly! To register online, go to the link listed above, or register at the Parks and Recreation Office at 775 North Main Street, Spanish Fork.

Combined Community Easter Concert April 10

Nebo Chorale Celebrates the Easter Season

The Nebo Chorale, under the direction of Rick Lunt, will present the 5th annual *Hallelujah* Combined Community Easter Concert on Friday, April 10th at the historic Provo Tabernacle. The Chorale will also be joined by the Payson Civic Chorale, with David Dahlquist conducting, the Utah Valley Children's Choir directed by Ryan Eggett and Suanne Bowcut, and the Utah Valley University Institute Choir directed by Ryan Eggett.

The choirs will be accompanied by organist, Don Cook, one of Spanish Fork's finest.

Dr. Cook is well known for his BYU carillon concerts during Provo's Freedom Festival and he has also given organ recitals at the Salt Lake Tabernacle as a guest organist.

Each choir will perform a few of their own numbers and then all choirs will join at the end—over 300 voices strong—for the "lift you out of your seat" final numbers. This annual concert is a wonderful way to enjoy the spirit of Easter with family and friends and the entire community.

The concert will be at 7:30 pm at the Provo Tabernacle (100 S. University Ave.). Admission is free. Come early for a good seat!

Singin' In The Rain Auditions

Auditions for the Community Theater's production of *Singin' In the Rain* will be held Thursday & Friday, April 2-3 from 6:00-9:00pm at Diamond Fork Jr High School. All interested adults from around the valley are invited to

audition. The suggested minimum age for auditions is 14 years old. Please come prepared to sing at least 16 bars of Broadway style music. A CD player or accompanist will provided. Visit the SFCT website for complete information: www.sfctonline.org.

Youth Theater Presents *Tales from the Arabian Nights* April 1, 2, 3, 6 in SFHS Auditorium

The Spanish Fork Youth Theater will present 'Tales from the Arabian Nights' at the Spanish Fork High School large Auditorium. Opening night will be Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 pm. The show will run April 2 and 3rd and close Monday night on April the 6th. The show is directed by Karma Christensen, assisted by Heather Allred; music director is Cami Jensen

and choreographer is Laura Brockbank. The cost for the show is \$3 per person. Over fifty young people from our community will be performing this musical version of Shariar and Scheherazade with the stories of Aladdin, Ali Babe and the Forty Thieves, The Fisherman and the Genie and other exciting stories from Arabia.

Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra's "Three of a Kind" Series Final: *Three Deuces*

Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra is preparing the final concert of its third season, which has been the reason behind the "Three of a Kind" theme. We have completed 3 Jacks, 3 Kings, and 3 Queens concerts—now comes "Three Deuces." On April 24th at 8:00 pm at the American Leadership Academy, we will present numbers

featuring the number "2"—for instance, Gustav Holst's "Second Suite in E." Tickets are \$5 individual, \$15 family, \$3 seniors/students.

We are seeking instrumentalists to join the orchestra, and invite all interested adult musicians to call 801-787-5376 for more information. We need you!

Miss Spanish Fork *Excelling With the Fine Arts*

The fine arts gained another advocate on March 14 when **Ginger Christopher** was crowned Miss Spanish Fork 2009. Ginger's platform is "Excelling With the Fine Arts" and she has created a very useful website by the same name (www.excellingwithfinearts.com) that is meant to be a directory and event listing for all groups, individuals, and events related to the fine arts in Spanish Fork—a way for people to connect.

The Arts Council is excited to now have the opportunity to work closely with Ginger in contributing to and expanding the information on her site and maximizing its usefulness to the community, as well as supporting her in her efforts to bring the arts to the youth through assemblies and other free events in elementary

schools and other venues.

Ginger will serve as a member of the Arts Council during her time as Miss Spanish Fork helping to further improve the communication and collaboration between all arts-related individuals and groups in the community, and also helping to establish a higher level of involvement and a more effective dialog with youth and young adults regarding community volunteerism and "excelling with the fine arts."

In Ginger's own words: "Involvement in the Fine Arts is crucial to our progression and it promotes positive thinking which insures a successful and prosperous life for everyone."

Our sincerest congratulations go out to Ginger. Great to have you on the team!

Arts Education Workshop for Adults a Huge Success

For six weeks in January and February, adults from throughout the community participated in an art education workshop that offered 14 different classes in the visual, performing, and literary arts. This was the third such workshop sponsored by the Arts Council in the last three years. Attendance this year increased to 146, up from 85 at both of the previous workshops. The interest in these classes continues to grow. Many participants commented on how much they love the classes and the great instructors. Several have requested that we offer the workshop

more than just once a year. We hope to be able to do that soon, and as interest in the winter workshop continues to increase, and as budget permits, we will add a summer or fall workshop.

A primary focus of this program is to bring in high-quality instructors. We are grateful to these able professionals for sharing their talents and expertise so effectively.

A final showcase was held at the end of the six weeks where participants displayed or performed what they had created or learned in their classes.

Hollywood Gala Fundraiser for Community Theater

The Spanish Fork Community Theater will host a Hollywood Gala Fundraiser in order to raise funds for the upcoming production of *Singin' In The Rain* and other future productions. This 1920's-era red carpet event will be held Saturday, May 2 at the Boothe Bros Performing Arts Center from 6:00-9:00 pm. 1920s style costumes are appropriate if you wish.

Some of the many items that will be auctioned off at this event include gift certificates to local businesses, gift baskets, an overnight stay at a Park City condo, helicopter and airplane rides, and much more. Check the local newspapers and the SFCT website for complete details: www.sfctonline.org.

Marie Huff Knew the Benefit of the Arts

The Spanish Fork Arts Council bids a fond farewell to a friend and a fine woman whose support for the arts in this community truly made a difference. As a long time member of the Arts Council she did much to help improve the quality of life for all in Spanish Fork by the work that she did on the Council and also as mayor. We are all better off because of her many efforts and her willingness to be a volunteer. Her passing causes us all to reflect on a life well lived and to realize the difference one person can make.

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

Want to volunteer? Call Amy, 794-0039.

Interested in being involved with the effort to build a Cultural Arts & Heritage Center in our community that can serve all of south Utah County?

Call Bjorn Pendleton, 798-0792.

Ideas/feedback? Email: arts@sfcn.org

More info, email: arts@sfcn.org, call 798-0792, or visit: www.spanishfork.org/arts