

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21 (Friday)

Hallelujah! 4th Annual Combined Community Easter Concert. Provo Tabernacle, 7:30 pm. Nebo Chorale, Utah Valley Children's Choir, Payson Civic Chorale. Admission \$2; \$10/ family.

March 27-28 (Thursday-Friday)

Community Theater auditions for *Oklahoma!* Spanish Fork Jr High, 6:00–8:30pm. 14 years old and up. Call backs: Saturday, March 29, 9:30 am–2:00 pm.

April 25 – May 3

Youth Theater presents *Beauty and the Prince*. Spanish Fork Little Theater. 7:00 pm evening performances; 2:00 matinees. Ticket prices: \$2 children; \$3 adults.

May 17 (Saturday)

Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra presents *Cowboy Up!* American Leadership Academy, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$3 children; \$5 adults.

June 16–27 (M–F for 2 weeks)

Discovering the Arts Youth Arts Festival. SFHS, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm every day. Register at Parks and Recreation office in May.

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

4th Annual Easter Concert

Hallelujah! Combined Community Easter Concert at Provo Tabernacle March 21

The Nebo Chorale is once again excited to present *Hallelujah*, a combined community Easter concert, now in its fourth year. As usual the Chorale will be joined by the Utah Valley Children's Choir and the Payson Civic Chorale. As is the tradition, the concert will be held on the Friday before Easter, which will be March 21 this year. The concert will begin at 7:30, and admission is \$2. Family tickets (immediate family only) will be \$10.

The Chorale wanted to bring in an organ for the concert, like they did for the very first concert. Arrangements were made to utilize the talents of Don Cook, an amazing organist who teaches as an associate professor at BYU, and is also a Spanish Fork resident. As plans developed it was determined that it would be slightly less expensive to rent the Provo Tabernacle, which has its own organ, than to rent

an organ and have it brought in and set up in the high school auditorium.

The participating groups are eager to perform in this venue and take advantage of the wonderful organ as well as the great acoustics and beautiful setting.

This annual Easter concert has become a tradition for many in the community and is one of the best concerts offered throughout the year by any performing groups in the region. It is sure to touch hearts with the rejoicing spirit of Easter. Bring the entire family to this wonderful event!

The Nebo Chorale is directed by Rick Lunt. It was formed in 1992 and has enjoyed many years of performing for the community. Anyone can join. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:00–8:30 pm in the choir room at SFHS. The Chorale will next be preparing for its Spring concert, which will be held Thursday, May 1, in the auditorium at Spanish Fork High School.

The Utah Valley Children's Choir is under the direction of Ryan Eggett and Suanne Bowcut. The Payson Civic Chorale is under the direction of David Dahlquist.

Community Theater Auditions for *Oklahoma!*

Spanish Fork Community Theater is proud to announce *Oklahoma!* as our featured show for Fiesta Days - 2008.

Auditions will be held at the Spanish Fork Junior High School from 6pm to 8:30pm on March 27th and 28th, 2008. *Performers may audition ANY time during these hours*. Call backs will be held from 9:30am – 2pm on Saturday, March 29th.

There are many adult leads that need to be cast, and **all adults are welcome**. We have no affiliation with any school, and anyone from Spanish Fork or the surrounding communities is welcome to audition. The suggested minimum age for auditions is 14 years old. We ask that all family members audition consecutively.

Please come prepared to sing at least 16 bars of Broadway style music. Dancing will also be part of the audition, so please dress appropriately. Check in at the cafeteria.

To view a fact sheet on this show, please go to the Community Theater website at www.sfctonline.org You can also download the audition form to fill out in advance.

Show dates will be July 18, 19, 21, 24 (matinee), 25, 26 (matinee)

Note: The Community Theater is looking for Set Designers/Builders for the show *Oklahoma!* If you are interested, please contact Adam Cannon at (801) 794-9972

Youth Arts Festival—June 16–27, 2008

We are excited to announce our upcoming **“Discovering the Arts” Youth 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. With last year’s high demand for classes oriented for the very young, we will increase our offerings for ages 3-5. We are also creating several classes meant to appeal specifically to older teens. So there will definitely be something for everyone. And as always, there’s a high emphasis on quality instruction (see below if interested in teaching a course).

Look for class lists and descriptions in your Spanish Fork City Parks and Recreation summer catalog. You can also find informa-

tion beginning in April on our website at www.spanishfork.org/dept/parkrec/arts/. Be sure to come and Discover the Arts with us! **Classes run Monday, June 16—Friday, June 27.** Showcase performance the evening of Friday, June 27.

- All classes held at Spanish Fork High School
- Costs run between \$15-\$60/class, plus materials fees
- Register with Parks and Recreation May—June.
- Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in teaching a class for the youth arts festival, please send an email to angela.eckhardt@nebo.edu

Cultural Arts & Heritage Center Update

The Arts Council continues to move forward in the planning stages for a Cultural Arts and Heritage Center for the South County area. The Cultural Arts Center Committee will be making a presentation to the City Council on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm at City Hall. Anyone in Spanish Fork and the surrounding community is encourage to attend to show their support for having this type of facility built here in our community. Tell everyone you know and let’s fill the room to overflowing so everyone can recognize how much we need this, and what a benefit it would be to our community in so many ways. For further information, contact Bjorn Pendleton at 798-0792.

Youth Theater—Actively Building Characters

The Spanish Fork Youth Theater is proud to announce its upcoming productions. In March, we have a parent recital presenting **“Way Out West”**, which is being performed by our Intermediate class, **The Spotlighters**, at Larsen Elementary.

Our advanced class, **The Players**, is presenting **“Beauty and the Prince”**, a musical story of Sleeping Beauty. This production is for the whole family, filled with fun, love, an evil witch and her outrageous ogres, beautiful royalty, magical fairies, loyal peasants, and of course, Sleeping Beauty and her handsome

prince. All shows are in the Spanish Fork High School little theater.

The play dates are: 4/25, 4/26, 4/28, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3. All shows begin at 7:00 pm. Matinee performances will be at 2:00 pm on 4/26 and 5/3.

Ticket prices: \$2.00 for children (up to age 12) and seniors; \$3.00 for adults.

Visit: <http://sfyouththeater.tripod.com> for complete details or feel free to email us at: sfyouththeater@gmail.com

“ACTIVELY BUILDING CHARACTERS”

Nebo Philharmonic is in the Pits!

The Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra is having a successful second season of performances in Spanish Fork and the surrounding area. We hope you had the opportunity of attending the wonderfully creative ballet, **Hansel and Gretel**, based on Humperdinck’s opera of the same name, which was presented at the Covey Center for the Arts in Provo on February 22 and 23rd. The Nebo Phil accompanied this Classical Ballet Academy production from the area called the “orchestra pit,” which is below and in front of the stage, and the singers joined us in the pit, so as not to distract from the dancing. Playing this tune-filled music was a challenge and a delight for the orchestra members, and we applaud Jennie Creer-King for her creativity in choreographing this opera. We hope to see more of

this ballet-opera in the future.

The orchestra is now in rehearsals for the final performances of the season. We will be presenting an exciting program called **“Cowboy Up!”** on May 16th at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square, followed by a performance at the American Leadership Academy in Spanish Fork on May 17 at 7:32 PM. The program includes Copland’s **“Rodeo”** dances and **“On the Trail”** from the **Grand Canyon Suite**, among other western-themed popular classics. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors. Senior citizen groups and other large groups may contact Carolyn Sorensen at 787-5376 for discounts. **Yippee-ti-yi-yo!**

If you have questions or want to audition for the orchestra, call Carolyn at 787-5376.

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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.

Interested in being involved with the effort to build a Cultural Arts Center to serve all of south Utah County? Call Bjorn Pendleton, 798-0792.

Ideas/feedback? Email: arts@sfcn.org