



On Stage

'Banging the Bell' — El Paso Community College Performer's Studio 2017 summer repertory opens with the original play by El Paso playwright Ted Karber Jr. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday **May 26-June 4**, at EPCC Transmountain Campus Forum Theatre, 9570 Gateway North. All proceeds go to scholarships for Performance Studies students at EPCC. Admission: \$15 general admission; \$10 non-EPCC students, military; \$7 EPCC students, faculty, staff and seniors. Available at the door; box office opens two hours before each performance. Information: 831-5056. See "Stage Talk," Page 34 for more information.

'Seussical the Musical' — Sun City Musical Theatre, 3733 Shell Suite C, presents the zany musical adventure based on the works of Dr. Seuss, **through May 28**, co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 military; \$10 students with ID and children under 12). Information: suncitymusicaltheatre.com or on Facebook.

"Seussical the Musical" follows Horton the Elephant and his quest to keep the Who's on Who-Ville safe and sound on the clover he has found. Narrated by "Jojo," and the "Cat in the Hat." Cast ranges from age 5 to 28. Artistic Director is Courtney Curtis.

Cloudcroft melodramas — Cloudcroft Light Opera Company's open air melodrama performances at 7:30 p.m. at Zenith Park's pavilion on Burro Ave. Admission is free, but early arrival recommended. Information: (575) 682-2733 or cloudcroftrightopera.com.

- "Blazing Gun at Roaring Gulch" Friday through Sunday, **May 26-28** (Mayfair weekend); and Friday and Saturday, **June 2-3**.
- "Fiendish Firebug Strikes Again" is **June 30-July 3**, **July 7-8**, and **July 14-15**.

'Seagulls in a Cherry Tree' — No Strings Theatre Company presents a zany new comedy William Missouri Downs, **through May 28**, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, in Las Cruces. Directed by Ceil Herman. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Sundays May 28; and at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 students and seniors over 65; \$10 all seats Thursday. Reservations: (575) 523-1223 or nostrings.org.

'No Sex Please, We're British' — El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana, closes its season with the farce by Alistair Foot and Anthony Marriot **through June 4**. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$11 (\$9 seniors; \$8 students and military). Information: 532-1317 or elpasoplayhouse.com.

'A Bridge Well Made' — The Border Theater presentation is 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, **June 9-11** and **June 16-18**, at Glasbox, 201 Poplar. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Information: 412-5283 or bordertheatre.org.

'Colors of the Wind' & 'Casey at the Bat' — ACT (A Children's Theatre) of Mesilla Valley presents two short works as a culmination of their three-week summer camp at 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, **June 16-17**, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in the Las

Cruces Downtown Mall. Actors range in age 5 to 15. School shows are 9:45 a.m. and noon Friday. Tickets: \$7; available at (575) 644-9561.

The children's theatre will perform the classic story of "Casey at the Bat" as well as a performance based on the book about blind artist and champion runner George Mendoza, "Colors of the Wind."

'Viva El Paso!' — El Paso Community Foundation, El Paso Live and EPCC present the summertime outdoor musical extravaganza with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays **June 16-July 29**, at McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. July 21-22 shows in Spanish. Tickets: \$20 (\$12 ages 2-12, seniors 65 and older and military with valid ID). Opening weekend tickets (June 16-17) are \$10 (Ticketmaster). Information: ElPasoLive.com.

The show features a refreshed script by Tony-winning El Paso playwright Marty Martin and chronicles the 400-year history and cultural evolution of the El Paso region. This colorful musical spectacular celebrates the four major cultures that have influenced the City of the Sun. The Native American, the Spanish Conquistador, the Mexican and the Western American cultures and their histories come alive through drama, song and dance by a cast of over 50 performers, including live mariachis with Mariachi Paso Del Norte and EPCC's Mariachi Real De El Paso.

Keith Townsend, director of EPCC's theatre and forensics program, is artistic director. The show features music by Jim Ward and Gabriel Gonzalez. New this year is a group of young performers, VIVA Kids, led by Margaret Barreras. There will also be live music by Paso Del Norte and EPCC's Mariachi Real De El Paso.

Theatre of the Big Bend — Sul Ross State University's Summer Theater Program celebrates its 52nd season. Performances are 8:15 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, Sul Ross's Outdoor Theatre at Kokernot Lodge in Alpine, Texas. Lawn chairs welcome. Tickets: \$8-\$10. Information: (432) 837-8218, 1-888-722-SRSU (7778) or sulross.edu/tobb.

- **June 17-July 2:** Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps." Tickets: \$8-\$10.
- **July 7-23:** "The Fantasticks." Tickets: \$10-\$12.

'Baggage' — No Strings Theatre Company closes its season with the play by Sam Bobrick **June 23-July 8** at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, in Las Cruces. Directed by Nikka Ziemer. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., 2:30 p.m. selected Sundays; and at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 6. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 students and seniors over 65; \$10 all seats Thursday. Reservations: (575) 523-1223.

"Baggage" follows two annoying thirty-some-things who accidentally take each other's bags at JFK airport, then - for reasons known only to the playwright - decide to start dating. The title has more than one meaning, referring not only to a mix-up of luggage at the airport, but also the emotional impediments people tend to carry through life.

'Pippin' — Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall, closes its season with the hit musical by Robert O. Hison and Stephen Schwartz, **June**

23-July 9. Directed by Nora Thomas. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$14 (\$13 student, senior, military, \$11 children under 6.

Information: (575) 523-1200 or lccnm.org. Heir to the Frankish throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father, King Charlemagne the Great).

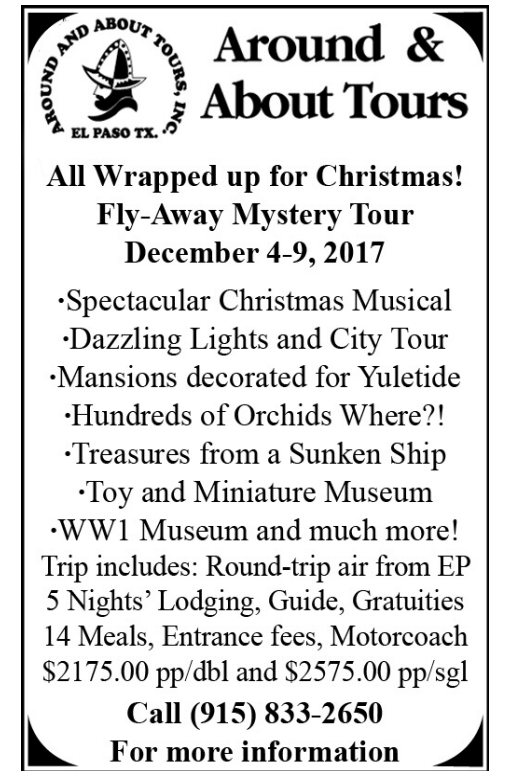
'Aladdin' — Missoula Children's Theatre will host its performance of the classic tale at 7 p.m. Friday, **June 30**, at the Rio Grande

Theatre, 211 Downtown Mall, Las Cruces. About 60 children grades 1-12 will be cast as actors or as assistant directors or technicians as part of a weeklong theater experience. Tickets: \$7 (\$3 age 16 and younger). information: (575) 523-6403, events@daarts.org or riograndetheatre.com.

Auditions are 10 a.m. to noon Monday, **June 26**, with rehearsals scheduled 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily until the performance. Those auditioning should arrive at 9:45 a.m. and plan to stay the full two hours. Tuition: \$60, due upon casting; partial scholarships available.



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