



December 2023



SPOTLIGHT

Volcano Theatre Company's Monthly Newsletter

**BRING ON
2024!**

SPRING IN THE COBBLESTONE

April 5th -
May 18th

Keep On Laughing

By Paul Elliott



A humorous exploration of the power of laughter in the face of life's challenges!

COMEDY UNDER THE STARS

June 14th -
July 13th



Drinking Habits

By Tom Smith

A farcical comedy set in a convent where secret sips of wine, mistaken identities, and hilarious high jinks unfold in the name of preserving a beloved vineyard!

FAMILY FUN UNDER THE STARS

August 12th -
September 21st

Charlotte's Web

Adapted by Joseph Robinette; Based on the Book by E.B. White

This beloved story brings to life the endearing friendship between a clever spider and a loyal pig as they navigate the trials of farm life!

HOLIDAYS IN THE COBBLESTONE

November 8th -
December 14th

The Christmas Foundling

By Norman Allen

When a baby boy is orphaned in the Sierras on Christmas Eve in 1850, two miners agree to raise him. Inspired by the stories of Bret Hart, this heartwarming holiday tale has the love for a child at its center and an unlikely romance as its driving force.

Best Christmas Gift!

Giving the gift of live theatre is the gift that you can share all year long. Make it a family thing! Make it a group event! Just make it happen!

2024 is the year to start a new tradition!

Christmas Special

Give The Gift that Keeps On Giving ALL YEAR LONG!

Save 20% on

2024 Season Tickets

if you order

BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

\$70* general / \$64* senior

*AFTER Christmas \$80 general / \$72 senior

There's something for everyone in 2024

SPRING: *Keep on Laughing* by Paul Elliott

SUMMER: *Drinking Habits* by Tom Smith

SUMMER: *Charlotte's Web* adapted by Joseph Robinette and based on the book by E. B. White

HOLIDAY: *The Christmas Foundling* by Norman Allen

Call 209-419-0744 to Reserve Yours **TODAY!**



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Coming Attractions:



December 12th - Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mason's Lodge, Volcano - POTLUCK!

December 17th - Closing Performances of ***Dashing Through the Snow!***

January 21/22nd - AUDITIONS for ***Keep On Laughing*** - more details in next Spotlight!



To Our Valued Volunteers & Patrons

This is a letter of thanks and gratitude.

Although all of our volunteers are hugely important to our success, I would like to concentrate at this time on one of our volunteers, Alicia Barber.

Alicia has been involved with the VTC for nearly a decade! She is one of the most creative and talented people I have had the honor of working with!



Shortly after joining, Alicia generously agreed to join our Board of Directors to fill the position of Member at Large. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in helping the board make the decisions that guide our future as a theater company.

Alicia has served the theater beyond just her duties on the board. She has designed many sets for our productions, and her creative talents shined in decorating many other sets. She has also served as stage manager, script holder and was the assistant director on this fall's show, "Blithe Spirit". She has also given generously of her time to help with multiple "work parties" over the years.

And, speaking of creative vision, anyone who has attended our awards party over the last several years has seen the amazing results of her thematic vision!

To you, Alicia, I would like to personally thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for Volcano Theatre Company! I have been honored to work with you over the years and look forward to working with you in the future as well.

Stay amazing, young lady!

Jim Estes, President

From Our House to Yours,
we wish everyone a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



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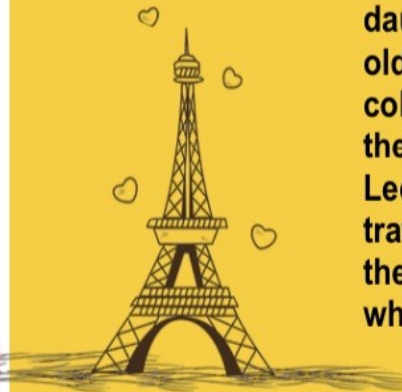
CONGRATULATIONS to the Cast & Crew of
DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW on their
SOLD OUT RUN! Woohoo!!!



INTRODUCING OUR EXCITING 2024 SEASON!

Keep On Laughing

A sequel to "Exit Laughing" which we staged in 2016, we have the pleasure and honor of being the World Premier production! So, they're baaack!! Those crazy "Exit Laughing" ladies are back with bigger laughs and even bigger surprises! When last we saw them, the ladies were leaving for Europe, courtesy of their departed friend, Mary, all the while carrying the urn containing her ashes on this trip of a lifetime! Back at home, Connie's



daughter, Rachel has married her old Chippendale-stripper-cum-college-law-student boyfriend and they are expecting twins! Connie, Leona and Millie return from their travels to tell hysterical stories of their adventures, including one which got somewhat out of hand.

Level-headed Connie has returned with more "baggage" than when she left . . . and he's French!

DRINKING HABITS

"Accusations, mistaken identities and romances run wild in this traditional, laugh-out-loud farce. Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open, but Paul and Sally, reporters and former fiancées, are hot on their trail. They go undercover as a nun and priest, but their presence, combined with the addition of a new nun, spurs paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves". Yes, you read that correctly: wine, nuns, lost loves, convent all in the same sentence. This will be WILD!



Charlotte's Web



"Charlotte's Web" comes to the amphitheatre to charm the young and the young at heart. This script, adapted by Joseph Robinette and based on the book by E.B. White, will be directed by Jim Estes ("The Mousetrap") and Marty Brifman ("James and the Giant Peach") and will require actors of all ages. The script closely follows what is called "the best American children's book of the past 200 years" and all your favorite characters will be represented: Wilbur, the pig; Fern, the young girl who understands the animals; Templeton, the rat; the Zuckerman family and, most of all, the extraordinary spider, Charlotte! This will be a MUST-SEE show for the entire family!

The Christmas Foundling

For 2024, we skip the fall production time slot in favor of a fabulous holiday production tailor made for our community.

"The Christmas Foundling" was scripted specifically for Sonora Repertory Theatre by Norman Allen and our production will be directed by Paula Bibby ("Becky's New Car"). The script, described by Playscripts as "a heartwarming holiday tale, with the love of a child at its center and an unlikely romance as its driving force", and inspired by the stories of Bret Harte, follows two miners who raise an orphaned baby boy left on their doorstep in the California Sierras on Christmas Eve in 1850.



More gift ideas ...



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A FEW SEATS LEFT!

It's not too late to show your support by adopting a Cobblestone Theatre chair! And what a great Christmas gift to honor that special someone's love of theatre!

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