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TCT Summer Youth Theatre
presents

Peter Pan

Do you ever, sometimes, among all your very grown up responsibilities, just wish you could go off somewhere and have an adventure? Do you ever, sometimes, just wish you could be a kid again and never need to grow up? Well, it really happened to Peter and Wendy...

Join us this summer in a journey which will take you all the way from the Darling children's bedroom, on a quiet suburban London street, to Neverland, where nobody ever has to grow up, and adventures abound.

June 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.
June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

TCT's Summer Youth Theatre brings you the enduring story of *Peter Pan*. J.M. Barrie's classic tale of the boy who never grew up comes to life complete with Pirates, Indians, and the Island of Lost Boys on June 23, 24, and 25. The play version includes many songs familiar to us all—"I Won't Grow Up," "Ugg-a-Wugg," and "I'm Flying."

Will the crocodile get Hook? Will Peter teach everyone to fly? Will the Darlings stay in

Neverland? Come see us this summer and find out!

You don't want to miss it! Tickets can be obtained by calling the TCT office at 662-844-1935.

TCT veteran director Allana Austin is ably assisted by Music Director Lisa Ganaway and a wonderful cast (listed on page 2) in recreating this adventure-packed and at times poignant tale of the dreams, hopes, and wishes in the hearts of all of us.

So mark your calendars! This is a Summer Youth production that'll be fun for all ages. You'll believe a boy can fly.

This production of **Peter Pan**
is sponsored by



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Notes from the President

In the book *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putnam relates a 30 year decline in volunteer service, showing major reductions in volunteers from the Boy Scouts to the Red Cross.

I'm happy to report to you that in Tupelo, MS, volunteerism in the arts community is alive and well. TCT could not survive without the volunteers who work selling tickets, working behind the stage, acting on the stage, painting sets, running the lights and sound, and helping with the many other activi-

ties.

The answers to many of our country's problems can be found, not in Washington, D.C., but in many small communities much like Tupelo, who have community theatres and value the arts. These answers are found not only in our organizations but in the hearts of our volunteers as well. Nowhere is this spirit more evident than the Tupelo Community Theatre.

All across the Tupelo area volunteers are sharing

their gifts of time and hard work to support the arts. TCT could not exist without this help and for your help I thank you.

Our season ends with our summer youth production of one of the world's most celebrated musicals, *Peter Pan*, directed by Allana Austin. Children of all ages will enjoy this timeless tale. Go and see this spectacular production and see

first hand how volunteers keep TCT thriving.

See you at the Lyric!

—Polly Bailey, President



Peter Pan

CAST LIST

Wendy—Holly Harrington
John—Hamilton Lence
Michael—Joel Baldwin
Peter—Rick Deaton
Hook—Richmond Culp
Smee—Jeremy Evans
Tiger Lily—Hannah Lippard
Nana—Rachel Macklin
Crocodile—Alex Clark
Mrs. Darling—Rachel Alexander
Mr. Darling—Beau Black
Liza—Madison Dyson
Grown Wendy—Lauren Hester
Jane—Abby Grace

LOST BOYS

Twin One—Gregory Sonnier
Twin Two—Stephen Sonnier
Tootles—Kevin Teeter
Nibs—Andrew Emig
Curley—Ainsley Hunt
Slightly—Amber Langford

LOST BOYS CHORUS—Ariel Alexander, Zach Campbell, Kaspar Caldwell, Blake Dillard, Asia Garmon, Aspen Garmon, Asheli Garmon, Emily Hink, Bailey Hitt, Matt Maharrey, Bailey Martin, Jeffery Orr, Melodie Sanchez

PIRATES

Starkey—Addison Murpree
Cecco—Justin Norris
Noodler—Heather Wiggington
Mullins—Kathryn Wynn
Jukes—Lauren Hester
PIRATES CHORUS—Mallorie Butler, Ben Childers, Jacob Gafford, Morgan Hadley, CJ Harrison, Corey Harrison, Matt Hink, Kelsey Maharrey, Amanda Nordin, Alex Reeves, Alix Robbins, Eric Soderstrom, Adam Stanford, Chase Stanford

INDIAN CHORUS—Alexandria Berry, Devon Emig, Abby Grace, Katie Grace, Tiffany Hill, Tabbetha Hajek, Mary Holliman Lanphere, Amanda Legge, Alyssa Miller, Katherine Montague, Emily Patterson, Elizabeth Stepp, Layla Taylor, Janet Ventura, Emily Weldon

ANIMALS

Lion—Miley Haire
Ostrich—Ann Sterling Mansour
Kangaroo—Kelly Robinson

ANIMAL CHORUS—Caitlin Allori, Brianna Barrett, Megan Campbell, Niki Cannon, Sarah Childers, Sarah Howell, Onnika Johnston, Ann Clark Luckett, Laine Alden Mansour, Miranda Miller, Erika Sherrill, Alex Soderstrom, Krista Stenmark, Jessica Vinson

Light Design—Bob Lence Production Manager—Tom Booth

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Three students have been named recipients of scholarships from Tupelo Community Theatre for the 2005-06 school year. Two of the scholarships are given in honor of charter board members Ruth Liveakos and Martha

Getty. The third is in memory of long time board member and theatre artist B. J. Huddleston. Whitney Merritt, a Tupelo High School senior received the Liveakos Scholarship. Whitney has been very active as an actress in THS and TCT productions, as well as a member of MS Thespian Hall of Fame and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the Theatre School at DePaul University in the fall.

THS senior Hunter Boerner received the Huddleston Scholarship. Hunter was active at TCT in *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Peter Pan*, *Cinderella*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Lil' Abner* and *Miracle on 34th Street*. Under the leadership of former TCT summer theatre camp instructors, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Baird, Hunter displayed some of her first art works at the Gum Tree Museum of Art. She served as president of the National Art Honor Society this year and plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in public relations.

Our third recipient is no stranger to the TCT stage. Brad

Gilmore was awarded the Getty Scholarship, given to a Mississippi student who is already attending college. At TCT Brad has been in *Oliver*, *The Hobbit*, *Pinocchio*, *Big River*, and *The Wizard of Oz*, as well as numerous THS productions. Brad has attended ICC for two years and plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi this fall.

TCT wishes all our winners the very best as they continue their educational journey. For more information about our scholarships check our web site at www.tct.ms or contact the TCT office at 844-1935.



Whitney Merritt and Brad Gilmore. Hunter Boerner was out of town.

Help Us Update Our Mailing List!

We are updating our mailing lists. If you have not purchased tickets in the last two years, but still wish to receive the newsletter, please call the TCT office at 662-844-1935. Also, if your mailing label is incorrect or you are receiving more than one copy of *The Lyric*, please give us a call. Thanks!

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It's not too late! TCT Theatre Camp Hear ye, hear ye!!



Imagine it is the year 1605 and **Queen Elizabeth is having a talent search.** Actors, minstrels, and artists flock from all over to have a chance to perform before the queen. Such is the setting for TCT's Summer Theatre Camp 2005. Over the course of a week your child can be versed in all things Shakespeare. The camp will be focusing on the **art, music, dances, theatre, and daily traditions of Elizabethan England.** Specific scenes will be staged from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*

So....put **Summer Theatre Camp** July 18-22 on your schedule! Camp for **rising first graders through third graders is 8-11:30 a.m.**, and camp for **rising fourth through eighth graders is 1-4:30 p.m.**

We believe that by holding two separate camps for the different age groups, we are better able to give all campers an exciting, fun-filled week of theatre arts experience.

A performance by the morning group will be at 12:00 noon on Friday and afternoon campers will perform at 5:00 p.m., and both will be free and open to the public.

We are pleased to introduce our instructors for this year's camp: Camp director and drama leadership comes from Tupelo High School drama instructor **Allana Austin**, with visual art direction by Shannon High School art instructor **Debbie Pickens**, with **Karen Sudduth**, returning as music director.

Cost is \$100

Make check payable to TCT and mail to
TCT, P. O. Box 1094, Tupelo, MS 38802.
For more information call the TCT office at 662-844-1935
or visit our web site at www.tct.ms

**TCT Theatre Camp
July 18-July 22, 2005**

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

M _____ F _____ Grade Next Fall _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Day Phone _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult S, M, L or XL) _____

Health related or other concerns regarding camper:

New Board Members

This year two long time board members resigned from our board—Shawn Brevard and Joanne Brown. Having been extremely active, they left terribly big shoes to fill. Two new members were elected to the Tupelo Community Theatre Board of Directors at the May meeting. David Hutson and Danny McKenzie will join the 21 member volunteer board at the June meeting.

David Hutson has been active on stage as an actor for many years and is sought after by many directors for his outstanding work as a production manager and for his technical work. He and his wife, Trudy, have three children and attend Harrisburg Baptist Church. David works for North Mississippi Medical Center in the Radiology Department.

Danny McKenzie has also been seen on the TCT stage many times through the years, but may be best known in northeast Mississippi as a former writer for the Daily Journal. Recently Danny has changed careers and is now Director of Publishing for JBHM Education Group. Danny has also

served as Chairman of the Board of the Mississippi Arts Commission. He and wife Lee have two children and attend First United Methodist Church.

TCT sincerely thanks Shawn and Joanne for their many years of service and wish them well in their new pursuits. They will be sorely missed, but we'll still see them around the Lyric. We welcome David and Danny and look forward to working with them.



Congratulations THS Theatre Department

We are very proud to announce that the Tupelo High School Theatre Department has been invited to participate in the American High School Theatre Festival in August 2006. AHSTF is a division of the Fringe Festival, an annual performing arts celebration in Edinburgh, Scotland. This honor is a culmination of years of fantastic student, parent, and community involvement. Congratulations to the students and faculty at THS. We know you'll be wonderful representatives of the arts community in Tupelo. *Scots wha' hae!!*





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Summer Workshop

The Mississippi Theatre Association proudly presents the Community Theatre Summer Workshop!!!

On Saturday, July 9 a series of workshops will be conducted by the MTA Community Theatre Division. The workshops will be held at Starkville Community Theatre. The goal is to bring community theatres from around the state together to learn, share ideas, and network to



assist in developing even better theatre programs. There will be something for everyone, for the novice and the expert alike, for the orderly board member and the artistic actor.

All TCT patrons are invited to attend. For more information, call Lynn Nelson at 844-2815. To see the agenda or to register online go to <http://www.mta-online.org>.