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**Who:** Thin Air Theater Company at the Butte Theater

**What:** 2011 Summer season opens with *Calamity Jane*, the popular western musical.

**When:** Friday, June 24 7 p.m.

Shows run Wednesday through Sunday June 24-Sept. 4

**Where:** Butte Theater, 139 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, CO

**Tickets:** \$15.75 adults, \$13.75 seniors (62 and over), \$9.75 children (12 and under)

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**New Butte Season Full of Music and Melodrama**

The Thin Air Theatre Company opens its fifth season of professional theatre at the Butte June 24 with *Calamity Jane*. The popular western musical kicks off the season and runs in rotating rep (alternating show days and times) with the Classic Melodrama *Hazel Kirke* beginning July 6.

An all-new 2011 season of professional theatre brings western musical and melodrama action to the stage, courtesy of Thin Air Theatre Company.

Based on the 1953 movie starring Doris Day, *Calamity Jane* is an energetic musical about the unlikely romance of famed Western tomboy Calamity Jane and gunfighter Wild Bill Hickok. In an attempt to lure a handsome Army lieutenant away from another woman, Jane trades in her gun slinging and buckskins for housekeeping and dresses, and wins the affections of Wild Bill instead.

The 1953 movie won the Academy Award for Best Original Song (*Secret Love*), and was also nominated for Scoring of a Musical Picture and Best Sound, Recording.

The 2011 TATC summer season features an all-star cast with talent from across the country, and several perennial favorites, including Mel Moser (entering his 12th season at the Butte,) Rebecca Myers (Sally in "*Charlie Brown*," the Angel from "*Angel of the Christmas Mine*," and Hermia in "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*,") Kevin Pierce (Felix in "*The Odd Couple*," and Renfield in "*Vampire of Cripple Creek*,") and Ali Schondel (Snoopy in "*Charlie Brown*.".) Music director and pianist Katie Holmes will be back for her third season as well.

The show runs June 24-Sept. 4. Tickets: Adult \$15.75; Senior (62 and over) \$13.75; Children (12 and under) \$9.75; Groups of 20+ \$11.75 each.

The classic 1880 melodrama, *Hazel Kirke*, directed and adapted by TATC veteran Mickey Burdick, will open July 1. *Hazel Kirke* tells the story of a young girl who is disowned by her father after following her heart and marrying a man against her father's wishes. In her shame and exile, Hazel must defend herself from the blows of a cruel world set to destroy her, as she tries to reconcile with her family and the man she loves. The show is followed by an all new Olio. The new summer Olio will be *A Tribute to Classic Movie Music* featuring popular tunes from the Silver Screen. The melodrama runs July 1-Sept. 3 and begins running in rotating rep with the western musical *Calamity Jane* on July 6. Adult \$15.75; Senior (62 and over) \$13.75; Children (12 and under) \$9.75; Groups of 20+ \$11.75 each.

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