

Press Release

Get a Group Together and Plan an Outing to the Butte

Need a way to celebrate a family reunion, birthday, anniversary or just plain fun get-away? Get your friends and family together and book a show at the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek. Groups of 20 more people save \$3 per person on tickets.

Group bookings are available for all four 2009 Thin Air Theatre Company shows - two popular musicals, *The Fantasticks* and *Godspell*, an all new classic melodrama and a popular Butte original – *A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol*.

The musicals, *The Fantasticks* and *Godspell*, will open in early June and run through Sept. 26 with each show alternating daily, providing a variety of times and days to meet any schedule. The traditional classic melodrama, a long time Cripple Creek favorite outing, has moved to October, followed by a Halloween Olio sure to rock the spirits in the theater. This year melodrama will be geared toward the Halloween season and is sure to be a favorite with all those who attend – book early to be sure your choice of dates is available. *The Lost Soul of Cripple Creek* is a melodrama adapted from the 1867 Victorian melodrama *Lost in London* by Watts Phillips. This new adaptation tells the story of a poor Cripple Creek miner who journeys to Denver to reclaim his wife and to have his vengeance on the villain who stole her. It is a thrilling story of honor, revenge, and enduring love, even from beyond the grave. The show will be followed by an Halloween Olio.

The Christmas show tickets are again this year discounted in appreciation of all who support professional and community theater. Group tickets are also discounted to \$3 off per person for 20 or more - a perfect Christmas party for the office or family. This show fills up fast, so early bookings are encouraged.

Season and individual show tickets can be purchased through the secure online box office at ButteOperaHouse.com. Group reservations must be made at 719-689-6402; online group sales are not available.

The season show schedule is:

The Fantasticks

June 5-Sept. 26

Tickets: \$15.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children; \$12.75 for groups of 20-plus.

The Fantasticks, a 1960 musical with music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones, is the story of 2 fathers who use reverse psychology to ensure that their children fall in love. After the children fall in love, they discover their fathers' plot and they each go off to experience the world. They return to each other and the love they had, having learned from the world and made a sound decision.

The show's original production off-Broadway ran for 17,162 performances, becoming the world's longest-running musical, for 42 years. The book and score included such familiar songs such as *Try to Remember*.

Godspell

June 12-Sept. 26

Tickets: \$15.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children; \$12.75 for groups of 20-plus.

Godspell (an archaic spelling of the word gospel) is a 1970 musical by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak. It opened off-Broadway in 1971, and has played in various touring companies and revivals. Several cast albums have been released over the years and one of its songs, *Day By Day* from the original album, reached #13 on the Billboard pop singles chart in the summer of 1972. The musical is a series of parables, based on the Gospel of Matthew. These are interspersed with a variety of modern music set primarily to lyrics from traditional hymns.

The Lost Soul of Cripple Creek

Oct. 2-31

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A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol

Nov. 27-Dec. 31

Tickets: \$11.75 Adult; \$9.75 Senior; \$7.75 Children; \$9.75 for groups of 20-plus.

A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol, a favorite holiday happening in Cripple Creek, was originally written for the Butte stage by Chris Armbrister and Chris Sorensen. It first played in Cripple Creek in 2002 and is based on the classic by Charles Dickens. A combination of professional and community actors team up to present this long-time popular classic story. TACT bring this show back to the Butte stage this year, a great holiday outing for the entire family and one that will bolster your Christmas spirit. The night includes a holiday Olio filled with music of the season.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.butteoperahouse.com.