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2023-2024 Season



of SEVEN INCREASINGLY
EVENTFUL YEARS at a
CERTAIN SCHOOL OF MAGIC
and MAGIC

Radio Dramas

HELLO, DOLLY!

Dear supporters of the performing arts,

We are excited for another great season of live theatre at M-CHS Drama. Last season was a huge success with record audiences and community involvement throughout our productions, culminating in the exciting “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.” We were excited to receive four award nominations from the Bobby G Awards, a state high school musical theatre competition, and I was honored to receive a special achievement award for community leadership. We started our season with the exciting premiere of Jules Verne’s “Journey Through the Impossible,” performed for the first time in English, and we thank our collaborators at the North American Jules Verne Society for their support in this historic undertaking. Thank you to everyone who supported us last season. We will again be joining forces with Montezuma-Cortez Middle School Theatre by offering opportunities for patrons and sponsors to support both programs with our ULTIMATE packages.

M-CMS Theatre, under the direction of Angela Gabardi, is planning to perform the exciting musical “Footloose” in the fall and the murder mystery comedy “Curtains!” in the spring. They are very excited to take you on some unforgettable adventures.

M-CHS Drama is excited to present “Puffs,” a fantasy comedy about a certain young wizard and his adventures in school of magic—no, not Harry—Wayne. Experience the seven year story of the boy wizard from the perspective of the lesser-known, often unappreciated Hufflepuffs.

This spring, M-CHS Drama will take you to turn of the century New York to meet Dolly Levi, a woman-about-town who prides herself on matchmaking in “Hello, Dolly!” This classic musical is full of huge song and dance numbers that you’re sure to know and love.

We will continue to use our online ticketing service Booktix, so feel free to create your patron or sponsor account online or you can always use the paper method. We hope that you will join us and continue to support our work. We are excited to do our part to reconnect our community. As always, thank you for your support of the M-CHS Theatre!

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— or —

sign up as a **SPONSOR** if your business would like to support the MCHS Theater Program!

***Please fill out the attached form (Sponsor information on the back)
and send back with your support!***

Our Shows This Season

“Puffs”

*November 10, 11, 17, and 18 at
7pm
with matinees on November 11 &
18 at 2pm*

“Puffs” tells the story of the characters behind your favorite boy wizard and his adventures at a certain school of magic, the characters who most people don’t notice—the Puffs. This Potter spoof is full of loveable characters and references to the beloved fantasy stories, but it’s also great for those who know nothing about Mr. Potter.

Radio Dramas

Throughout the year

M-CHS Drama Radio will again produce our renditions of several classic radio shows. Follow our podcast channel on your favorite podcast provider, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts.

“Hello, Dolly!”

*March 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 7pm
with matinees on March 9 & 16
at 2pm*

This classic musical set in turn-of-the-century New York follows matchmaker Dolly Levi as she sets out to find a bride for the miserly half-millionaire Horace Vandergelder. Containing songs like “Put on Your Sunday Clothes,” “Before the Parade Passes By,” and “Hello, Dolly!” the show is full of large dance numbers and fun for the whole family.

Montezuma Cortez Middle School Theatre
Junior Thespian Troupe 89554
Our 12th season

Center Stage

November 3rd & 4th,
2023
Concord Theatricals



Curtains!

March 1st & 2nd,
2024
Pioneer Drama Service
A New Play!

Thespian Inductions and Awards
May 10th
Troupe 89554

M-CMS Theatre 450 West 2nd St. Cortez CO. 81321 (970) 565-7824
Director: Angela Gabardi agbardi@cortez.k12.co.us

Dear Theatre Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the 2022-2023 season, *Consider Yourself Family!* We loved bringing to life Lionel Barts' *Oliver Jr.* as well as Finegan Kruckemeyer's *This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing*. Each show brought on different challenges, joys, and adventures. Both shows brought us together to create unique, meaningful, and beautiful art.

Oliver Jr. allowed us to practice not only our singing skills, but our singing skills with accents. The students spent weeks designing and bringing to life our very own London, including a big bridge that brought on many obstacles. Our sound team reached new levels as they provided sound cues, mics, and accompaniment from our very own *Salty Sound Booth*. Our actors took on roles that were both emotional and comical providing a style of performance that was both rewarding and inspiring. *Oliver Jr.* had show stopping numbers, beautiful design elements, advanced acting and singing, epic tech (including our amazing tech Ninjas who rocked the set changes), and an outstanding company that really stood together to bring a classic to life.

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing was our chance to try all the things we have been dreaming about. We added puppets, we played with different styles of scenic design and prop construction, we built new platforms, we hand stitched costumes, we incorporated new lighting, and we worked intensely with movement and breath. Mr. Kruckemeyer's show was based heavily on narration. We had our moments when we were struggling to find the balance with narration, emotion, movement, and the responsibility of telling a story with a 20 year timeline. However, the little humans rocked it. They made a moving and beautiful story come to life in their own way and the audience loved it.

The 8th Grade Thespians attended Thescon in December. We had three students perform Individual Events. Those three students went on to attend the International Thespian Festival at the University of Indiana, Bloomington. This was a first for our troupe and we are forever grateful for the amazing amount of support we received from our Principal!

Our Colorado Junior Thespian Troupe 89554 inducted 40 new members into our Troupe. We had many students earn multiple Thespian Stars for their dedication to theatre and we got to celebrate a successful year full of memories and outstanding creativity!

The 12th season is sure to be a hit - **Center Stage!** Get your dancing shoes ready because we are joining forces once again with the Choral Department to bring to you *Footloose: Youth Edition*. All the classic characters like Ren and Willard and great hits like *Footloose, Let's Hear it For the Boy, Holding Out For A Hero, Heaven Help Me*, and more! In the spring, get ready to laugh as you witness the crazy antics of Charlie Leach and his plan to buy a theatre, produce a show, and make some money with a BOOM. His new bride, Cheri, an almost all-female cast of Frankenstein, a mobster named Tony Tenor, and some other quirky characters will all make you laugh out loud with their stage action and comical mishaps.

Thank you for your continued support! Theatre is best when it is shared and we love sharing it with you and this amazing community.

Musical

Footloose: Youth Edition

"One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory bursts onto the live stage with exhilarating results. To the rock-in' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated Top 40 score (the soundtrack album reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold over 17 million copies!) and augmented with dynamic new songs for the stage musical, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind."

Concord Theatricals

www.concordtheatricals.com

Play

Curtains!

"Sneaky Charlie Leach and his new bride, Cheri, have a week to pay off mobster Tony Tenor and his flowery accomplices or the final curtain will fall on poor Charlie. So the newlyweds use honeymoon money as down payment on an old theatre that Charlie secretly plans to blow up for the insurance settlement. There's just one caveat: they can only get a policy by staging a production. The show must go on! Your audience will explode with laughter at this *Bullets Over Broadway* nod with lots of over-the-top characters and fantastic stage action played for laughs." Pioneer Drama

www.pioneerdrama.com

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Patron

Q: What is a patron?

A: A patron is a supporter of our troupe, who purchases “season tickets” for our shows.

Q: Why should I become a patron?

A: You get discounted tickets, priority seating for the shows, your name or the name of your business listed in the programs for each show, *AND* the undying gratitude of the M-CMS Theatre & M-CHS Drama students.

Q: How much does it cost to be a patron?

A: Montezuma-Cortez Middle School and Montezuma-Cortez High School Drama Departments love to collaborate, so we have a few options available:

- If you are only interested in the 2 shows at M-CMS, the cost of a patron is \$35 for 2 tickets to each show.
- If you are only interested in the 2 shows at M-CHS, the cost of a patron is \$35 for 2 tickets to each show.
- If you’d like to see all 4 shows and support both M-CMS and M-CHS, you can become an Ultimate Patron for only \$60 and receive 2 tickets to each show!

Now Available Online!

M-CMS Patron	M-CHS Patron	Ultimate Patron
\$35	\$35	\$60

Q: What does my patron money help pay for?

A: Theater is expensive. Royalties have to be paid (the average musical costs \$2000-\$3000 for rental materials, fees, and royalties), sets must be built, costumes created and maintained—the list goes on and on. The more financial support we get from the community, the higher the quality of productions we can do in the future.

Q: Can I help M-CMS or M-CHS Theatre in other ways?

A: Definitely. If you’re interested in advertising, we have sponsorship options available. Just look on the back of this form for more information and sign up!

Sign Up to Become a Patron of the Performing Arts!
It’s the most affordable entertainment in town!

Name _____ Student to Credit _____
(as you’d like it to appear in the program)
Phone _____ Email (*required* for online ticketing) _____
Mailing Address (required) _____ City & State _____ Zip _____

Please check one!

____ I am interested in becoming an **ULTIMATE Patron** for the M-CMS & M-CHS Drama 2022-2023 Season. I have enclosed **\$60**, payable to “M-CHS Drama.” I will mail this form to M-CHS Drama, 418 S. Sligo St, Cortez, CO 81321 -or- I will drop it off at the front office of the High School -or- I will give it to a Drama student.

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____ Number of additional tickets, please add \$30 per ticket for Ultimate Patron, \$17.50 per ticket for M-CMS or M-CHS Patrons. Thank you!

Questions? Call Nicholas Sandner at (970)565-3722 ext. 2114. Thanks in advance!

CMS & M-CHS Theater Sponsorship Form

Thank you for your support of the performing arts!

Visit us online at www.mchs drama.org

Sponsor

If you are interested in supporting the drama programs at our schools through **advertising**, then becoming a sponsor may be for you. **Montezuma-Cortez Middle School** will produce **2 shows** this season, and **Montezuma-Cortez High School** will produce **2 shows**, for a total of 4 shows this season. You may choose to sponsor one school only or sponsor **both schools** with the **Ultimate Packages** for added savings. The following sponsorship options are available:

Bronze Sponsor

- Receive **two** tickets to each production this season, with priority seating
- A business card size (1/8 page) ad in the programs of each show
- Thank you in the program with acknowledgement of Bronze Sponsorship status

Silver Sponsor

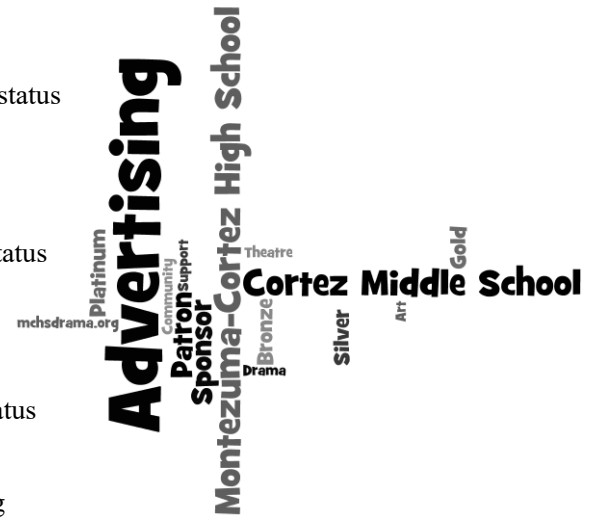
- Receive **four** tickets to each production this season, with priority seating
- A 1/4 page ad in the programs of each show
- Thank you in the program with acknowledgement of Silver Sponsorship status

Gold Sponsor

- Receive **eight** tickets to each production this season, with priority seating
- A 1/2 page ad in the programs of each show
- Thank you in the program with acknowledgement of Gold Sponsorship status

Platinum Sponsor

- Receive **twelve** tickets to each production this season, with priority seating
- A full page ad in the programs of each show
- Thank you in the program with acknowledgement of Platinum Sponsorship status



M-CMS Bronze Sponsor	M-CHS Bronze Sponsor	Ultimate Bronze Sponsor
\$55	\$55	\$100
M-CMS Silver Sponsor	M-CHS Silver Sponsor	Ultimate Silver Sponsor
\$105	\$105	\$200
M-CMS Gold Sponsor	M-CHS Gold Sponsor	Ultimate Gold Sponsor
\$210	\$210	\$400
M-CMS Platinum Sponsor	M-CHS Platinum Sponsor	Ultimate Platinum Sponsor
\$310	\$310	\$600

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Please fill in the following information:

Company / Family Name _____

Contact Name _____ Sponsorship Level _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email (**required** for online ticketing) _____

Student you'd like to credit with this sale _____

Please make checks to "M-CHS Drama." Thanks again for your support!

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