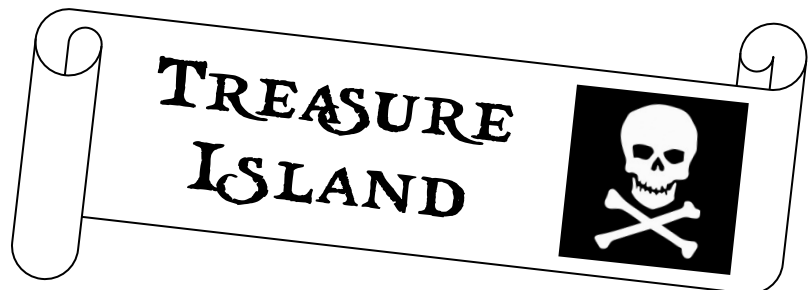


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Montezuma-Cortez High School Drama is  
Back for Another Exciting Season!  
2024—2025

2024-2025 Season



**Dear supporters of the performing arts,**

We are excited for another great season of live theatre at M-CHS Drama. Last season began with the Harry Potter spoof “Puffs,” which was tremendously popular. The students enjoyed designing the wizarding world with a twist and portraying some of their favorite characters. The tech challenges were huge, but we all learned so much by using the show’s immense sound cue list and programming hundreds of light cues to keep the action lively and the transitions short. Our spring musical was the classic “Hello, Dolly,” which was a fun turn-of-the-century romance. The dancing, singing, costumes, and sets were so much fun to tackle, and we loved including all the community members in our production. 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 heart-warming “One Stoplight Town” this fall and the classic musical “The Wizard of Oz” in the spring. They are very excited to take you on some unforgettable adventures.

M-CHS Drama is excited to present “Beauty and the Beast,” the classic Disney musical this fall. The show is about to return to Broadway, so we snagged the rights in the nick of time. The middle school and high school are rotating our show schedules to allow us to perform the show before the rights expire.

This spring, M-CHS Drama will take you on a grand pirate adventure in “Treasure Island.” The show is filled with swashbuckling adventure, sword fights, a talking parrot, mutineering pirates, castaways, and of course treasure.

The district is trying to unify all ticket sales for sporting and performance events through a vendor called Hometown Ticketing, so there’s a pretty good chance your ticketing experience will be different this year. At this time, I would encourage you to purchase your patrons and sponsors with the paper method, and once we get the new system figured out, we’ll advertise it out on our social media. 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!

Nicholaus Sandner—M-CHS Drama Dept  
nsandner@cortez.k12.co.us

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## **Our Shows This Season**

### **“Beauty and the Best”**

*November 7, 14, 15, and 16 at 7pm  
with matinees on November 8 & 16 at 2pm*

Disney’s “tale as old as time” is a fantasy musical classic for the whole family. After a prince and his castle staff are placed under a curse, he must find true love in spite of his beastly form. Filled with songs from the Disney animated film and several songs written for the musical, Beauty and the Beast brings magic to the stage. The show celebrated its 30th anniversary last year as the first production from Disney Theatricals, and it will be returning to Broadway for a revival in the coming years.

### **“Treasure Island”**

*March 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 7pm  
with matinees on March 8 & 15 at 2pm*

The classic novel from Robert Lewis Stevenson was instrumental in creating the images we all have in our minds of pirates. The play adaptation is filled with unforgettable characters like Long John Silver and an adventure that will take audiences aboard the sailing ship “The Hispaniola” and across the ocean to the infamous Treasure Island.



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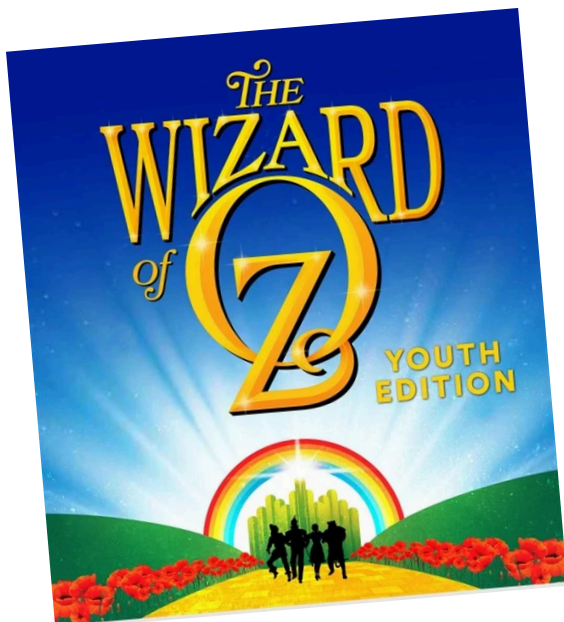
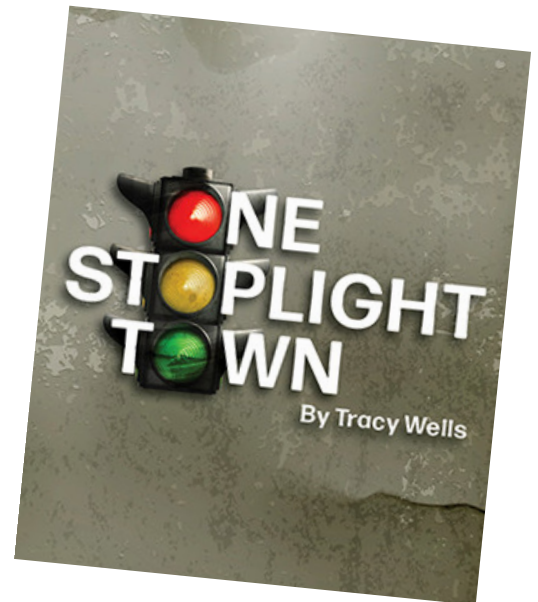
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## *One Stoplight Town*

October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

October 26th at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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## *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*

Collaboration with M-CMS Choral Department

February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

March 1st at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

With permission from Concord Theatricals

Dear Theatre Friends and Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the performing arts at Montezuma- Cortez Middle School.

The 2023-2024 Theatre season was wonderful. Our productions of *Footloose: Youth Edition* and *Curtains* were filled with memories, adventures, creativity, teamwork, and joy. Each of these productions allowed us to truly work together and make theatre magic happen. Many students noted the advancement in our organization, production time-frames, peer dedication, peer leadership, community support, and overall growth throughout the year. It is always a win when the students see the program continuing to grow and take pride in their success and theatre community. Sixteen 8th graders attended Thescon in December, and we were excited to have Marla Sitton as our chaperone. Seven of these students performed individual events at the state level. We inducted 30 junior Thespian members into our Colorado Thespian Troupe. We had one of our largest 8th grade classes and look forward to seeing that group of students shine at the high school. Montezuma- Cortez Middle School Theatre welcomed thirty 8th graders, twenty-eight 7th graders, and twenty-three 6th graders throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

This year is flip flopped. We will be producing our play in the fall and the musical in the spring. *One Stoplight Town* is a genuine, relatable, cheerful play by Tracy Wells. The play follows a collection of characters as they interact, grow, learn, and thrive in a small town. Some characters are stuck in their ways, some are yearning to leave, some are building families, some are marching to the beat of their own drum, but all of them must watch and wait for the stoplight. The musical is quite special to Sitton and Gabardi as *The Wizard of Oz* was the show they produced during Gabardi's senior year of high school. Dorothy, Toto, Lion, Tinman, Scarecrow, Glinda, and the Wicked Witch will sing and dance their way into our hearts. This beloved classic features iconic songs and characters that are sure to make us all want to follow the Yellow Brick Road. Both shows have a common theme: home. As a troupe, we continue to work together to build a mini family at school and I have no doubt that these two productions will give us experiences that will strengthen our family and showcase our creativity.

Thank you,  
Angela Gabardi  
[agabardi@cortez.k12.co.us](mailto:agabardi@cortez.k12.co.us)

***One Stoplight Town***  
By Tracy Wells

Synopsis from **Dramatic Publishing:**

"*One Stoplight Town* is a story about people from a town so small that you might drive through without taking a second look. But if you stopped for just a moment, you might see a young boy and girl fall in love, a cantankerous grocery store owner coping with change, a son returning home while a daughter thinks about leaving, a beauty queen and a drum major striking up a friendship, and a handyman taking it all in while he fixes what is broken. These stories and more are filled with fun characters, lots of humor, plenty of heart and the theme that change comes for us all, whether we are ready or not."

[www.dramaticpublishing.com](http://www.dramaticpublishing.com)

***The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition***  
By Tracy Wells

Synopsis from **Concord Theatricals:**

"Join Dorothy and her loyal companion Toto as they "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" through the Land of Oz, determined to reach the Emerald City, where the great and powerful Wizard of Oz will help them get home. Of course, along the way, Dorothy encounters witches (both good and bad), Munchkins, talking trees and winged monkeys. But most importantly, she befriends three unique characters: a Scarecrow with no brain, a Tin Man with no heart, and a Lion with no "nerve." Their journey to happiness – and self-awareness – is a glowing testament to friendship, understanding and hope in a world filled with both beauty and ugliness."

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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!

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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!

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

*Please check one!*

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming an **ULTIMATE Patron** for the M-CMS & M-CHS Drama 2024-2025 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](http://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**

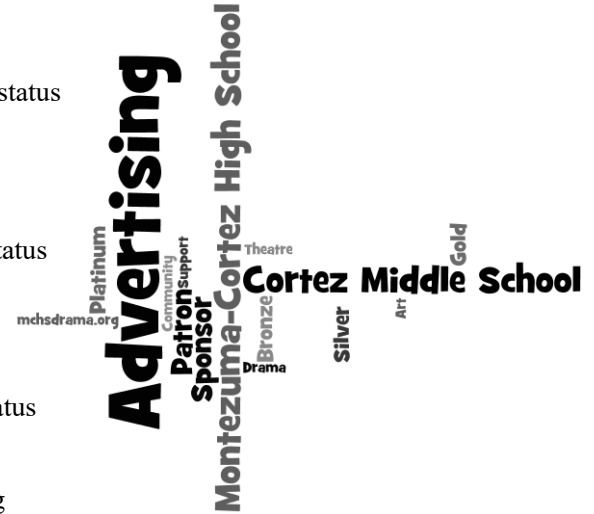
- Receive **four** tickets to each production this season, with priority seating
- A 1/4 page ad in the programs of each show
- Thank you in the program with acknowledgement of Silver Sponsorship status

**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
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\$55	\$55	\$100
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\$105	\$105	\$200
<b>M-CMS Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>M-CHS Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>Ultimate Gold Sponsor</b>
\$210	\$210	\$400
<b>M-CMS Platinum Sponsor</b>	<b>M-CHS Platinum Sponsor</b>	<b>Ultimate Platinum Sponsor</b>
\$310	\$310	\$600

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

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