ALBUQUERQUE SPOTLIGHT ON

LIVE THEATRE



A Letter from the President

Hello fellow theatre enthusiasts! The air is cooling, schools began new semesters, the state fair came and went, soon balloons will fill our skies, chile roasting will fill our senses, and we will begin enjoying the various holidays that are approaching.

During this season you will find many productions being mounted and waiting for the audiences to fill the seats and enjoy the amazing talent of our greater Albuquerque theatre companies.



It's not just those individuals you see on the stages that keep our extensive theatre scene thriving. It is also the hundreds of designers, technicians, crew members, volunteers, and audience participants that are an extremely important part of our community's theatres. Theatre would not be vibrant in our community without all of you.

The Albuquerque Theatre Guild is here to provide support as well. We have been honored once again to be awarded a grant from the Lineberry Foundation to continue our extensive youth programs. Our *Play-Dates* will be able to provide free tickets to groups of students to attend our members' productions. We will be opening applications for our *Youth Scholarships* in early Spring. (Just click the YOUTH tab on our website for information on these programs.) We have also been awarded a grant from New Mexico Arts that will help defer the cost of our *Spotlight on Live Theatre*, allowing us to provide it for free in print as well as a downloadable version on our website. ATG relies on grants, donations, sponsors, and memberships to keep our current programs active, create new programs, and continue to financially support all your favorite theatres.

Did you know YOU can become an individual member for only \$30 a year? Our 2nd annual Orley Awards ceremony is set for January 31, 2026 at the South Broadway Cultural Center. Ticketing will open to our ATG membership first. We recently established a committee to work on providing additional benefits to our individual members, and enhancements for our organizational members... more info coming soon!!!

—Vicki Singer, ATG president

ATG'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ALBUQUERQUE LITTLE THEATRE



ALBUQUERQUE LITTLE THEATRE EST. 1930

Albuquerque Little Theatre is thrilled to continue our 95th season with an exciting lineup of shows that highlight both powerful contemporary voices and beloved classics.

This fall, we present **MANAHATTA**, directed by Jay B. Muskett. A compelling story that interweaves the 2008 housing crisis with the displacement of the Lenape people from their ancestral homeland

Next, our stage lights up with Oliver Goldsmith's timeless comedy **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**, directed by Brent Whitted. A witty and charming tale filled with mistaken identities, romance, and laughter.

To close out the year, ALT presents **A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL** bringing audiences together for another unforgettable experience.

Don't miss the chance to celebrate the magic of live theatre with us this season!

Tickets and information available at AlbuquerqueLittleTheatre.org 224 San Pasquale Ave SW | 505-242-4750





THE ADOBE THEATER EST. 1957

The Adobe Theater's 68th year! Our mission is to present the finest, diverse plays and musicals; to provide educational guidance; to encourage the development of new theatrical works; to furnish an opportunity for theater enthusiasts of all ages with any degree of experience to grow in their ability on stage and behind the scenes.

October 19 – November 9: **SPIDER'S WEB** – directed by Nancy Sellin - Agatha Christie's most humorous play is about Clarissa, wife of a diplomat, who is adept at spinning tales of adventure, but when a murder takes place in her drawing room, she finds live drama much more cumbersome to deal with.

December 5 - 21: **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** by Oscar Wilde, directed by Mario Cabrera. A farcical comedy about Victorian social hypocrisy and emphasizes the importance of being true and intentional in one's words. Written with superb English wit and humor and bumbling physicality.

9813 Fourth Street NW 505-898-9222 | adobetheater.org

MUSICAL THEATRE SOUTHWEST



MUSICAL THEATRE SOUTHWEST EST. 1959

EVIL DEAD: THE MUSICAL

October 3 - 26, 2025

A horror cult classic comes to life in this bloody musical combining both Evil Dead movies. Five college students visit an abandoned cabin & accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them all into demons. Blood and limbs fly, demons tell bad jokes... and all to music. You don't need to be a fan of horror movies to love this show... as long as you like having fun. Is it scary? No! Is it gory? No. It is pure comedy start to finish. Plus it's the only show with a "VIP" and "Splash Zone." It is unlike any live show you've ever seen.

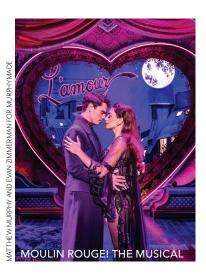
DISNEY'S FROZEN

November 28 - December 26 with 17 performances!

The spectacular stage adaptation expands on the story we all know and love. It is a dazzling spectacle and fun for the whole family!

mtsabq.org | info@mtsabq.org | 505-265-9119 6320 Domingo Road NE, Suite B

POPEJOY PRESENTS



POPEJOY HALL BUILT 1966

GET THE LED OUT – October 10. A powerhouse tribute band recreates the sound of Led Zeppelin.

THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF GEORGE MICHAEL – October 12. Celebrate the journey of this music icon with a concert-style tribute.

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL – October 21-26. Enter a world of splendor and romance, glitz, grandeur, and glory. A Tony Award-winning Broadway musical.

AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER IN CONCERT – THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR – November 2. A live orchestra accompanies excerpts from the beloved Nickelodeon television show

MOANA: LIVE-TO-FILM CONCERT – November 4. Disney's MOANA on screen with score performed live.

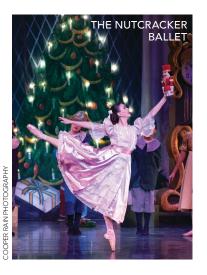
CHICAGO – November 13-16. Broadway's long-running musical about fame, fortune, and all that jazz!

MJ THE MUSICAL – December 10-14. We're startin' something with the electrifying Broadway celebration of Michael Jackson's music.

MARIACHI CHRISTMAS – December 19. Popejoy Hall's annual holiday tradition blends mariachi music and ballet folklorico.

Tickets: popejoypresents.com





NEW MEXICO BALLET COMPANY EST. 1972

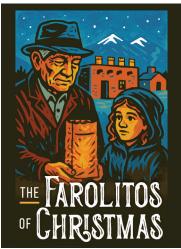
Voted Top Dance Company by the NM Entertainment Awards, the New Mexico Ballet Company embarks on its 53rd season, spreading the joy of dance throughout Albuquerque and surrounding communities via world class training and professional performances. The NMBC School offers classes for ages 3 to adult in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, lyrical, hip-hop, and more!

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET. Kick-off your holiday season with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince in this lavish production, featuring current stars from San Francisco Ballet and New York City Ballet and LIVE music by the New Mexico Philharmonic! Opening THANKSGIVING WEEKEND with tickets starting at \$11 through NutcrackerABQ.com.

AUDITION for **ALADDIN AND THE MAGIC LAMP**. Returning to Popejoy Hall this Spring with live music by the New Mexico Philharmonic, embark on the journey of a lifetime with Aladdin and the Magic Lamp. Auditions held at NMBC, Sunday, December 14th, 2025.

6207 Pan American Fwy NE | 505-659-8523 NMBCMarketing@gmail.com newmexicoballetcompany.com





OPERA SOUTHWEST EST. 1972

October 26 - November 2: **DOLORES**. Music by Nicolás Lell Benavides, libretto by Marella Martin Koch. DOLORES is a new opera that tells the story of labor leader and civil rights activist Dolores Huerta during the pivotal year of 1968.

November 23: Opera Southwest Presents the **NEW MEXICO SYMPHONIC CHORUS: MOZART** – **MASS IN C MINOR, K. 427 SYMPHONY NO. 40 IN G MINOR, K. 550.** Two pillars of Mozart's mature style: one sacred, one symphonic. Sung in Latin. 2 PM

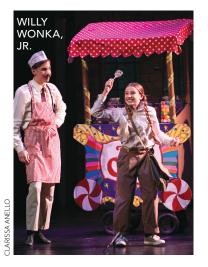
December 7 - 14: **THE FAROLITOS OF CHRISTMAS** A heartwarming holiday opera for all ages with music and libretto by Héctor Armienta (*Zorro, Bless Me, Ultima*).

Dec. 31: New Year's with the Opera!

NEW YEAR'S WITH THE OPERA! is a fun variety show featuring Opera Southwest's most beloved performers, the New Mexico Symphonic Chorus, the Albuquerque Youth Symphony, and the Opera Southwest Chamber Orchestra. 2:30 PM

National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th St NW | Tickets: operasouthwest.org

IEW MEXICO YOUNG ACTORS



NEW MEXICO YOUNG ACTORS, INC.

EST. 1979

Now in our 46th season, NMYA features youth ages 9 to 19 in all roles. Our mission is to develop an appreciation of theater in our community through performances by children and for children. We offer classes (ages 5-19), workshops, and productions and are always looking for new young actors to join our company.

FALL SHOWS:

ENCHANTED SLEEPING BEAUTY

at the KiMo Theatre, School shows Nov. 20 & 21. 10 am & 12:30 pm. Call to reserve your school's spot. Public Performances Nov. 22-23, 2:00 pm.

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW on tour to schools Dec. 1-5. Call to book a performance. Public Performances at South Broadway Cultural Center on Dec. 7 at 1:30 & 4:00.

THE THREE BULLY GOATS GRIFF on tour to schools Dec.11-12. Call to book a performance. Public Performances on Dec. 13.

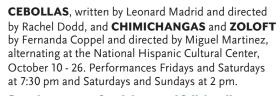
Tickets at nmyoungactors.org 505-821-8055 | info@nmyoungactors.org



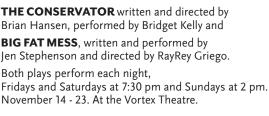
THE VORTEX THEATRE

FST 1976

The Vortex Theatre, New Mexico's longest continuously producing Black Box theater, presents:



See nhccnm.org for tickets and full details.



vortexabq.org | 505-247-8600 2900 Carlisle Blvd NE









ELITE DANCE & THEATRE

EST. 1993

elite Dance & Theatre is the leading Performing Arts Company in New Mexico for developing professional artists and creating unique and compelling theatre.

Coming this Holiday Season

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." — Ebenezer Scrooge

Celebrate the holiday season with us as we tell the beloved story by Charles Dickens of four ghosts that visit Ebeneezer Scrooge to teach him the true meaning of Christmas. This is the perfect family event full of beautiful storytelling, dance and singing, with traditional carols, hymns and music.

December 7th-21st, 2025

Tickets go on sale November 7th, 2025

elite Black Box Theatre 701 Osuna RD NE, Suite 1200 elitedancetheatre.com





CARDBOARD PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY EST. 2004

Cardboard Playhouse is proud to present **DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL.**

About the Show: Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney's Descendants: The Musical is a brand-new musical jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films! Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Auditions: Wednesday, October 15th, 6:00-8:00 pm, ages 13- Adult Performances: December 5th-21st, 2025 at the North 4th Arts Center

Details and more, including classes, projects, and clubs for youth ages 4-18, visit **cardboardplayhouse.org**

ANDMARK USICALS



LANDMARK MUSICALS

EST. 2008

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

November 21-30, 2025

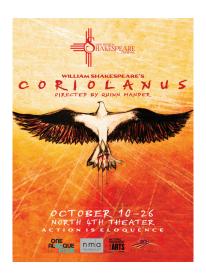
Rodey Theatre

Landmark Musicals is bringing to life one of the most beloved musicals of all time. Be a part of The Sound of Music's 60th anniversary, featuring some of Albuquerque's brightest talents! Based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trap and featuring classics like "Climb Every Mountain," "Do, Re, Mi," and "Edelweiss," the inspirational story follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit: landmarkmusicals.org

Email: landmarkmusicals@gmail.com





NEW MEXICO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

EST. 2010

The New Mexico Shakespeare Festival presents Shakespeare's **CORIOLANUS**, directed by Quinn Mander. Coriolanus tells the story of a Roman general driven from the battlefield into politics by his mother. When his pride clashes with the will of the people, he becomes caught between honor and glory—leading to the downfall of both. Featuring some of Albuquerque's best actors alongside a stunning production and design team, this production promises a thrilling, pulse-pounding experience that shows audiences the full force of Shakespeare's genius.

CORIOLANUS is The New Mexico Shakespeare Festival's first-ever Indoor, ticketed, fall production.

Performances: October 10–26 at the North 4th Arts Center (4904 4th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107). Show times are Thursdays–Saturdays at 7:30 pm, with Sunday matinees at 2 pm; doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time. Tickets are \$25 general admission, or \$22 for seniors (65+), students, military/veterans, and union members.

Tickets and more information can be found on our website: nmshakes.org/tickets





RIO RANCHO CREATIVE CROSSROADS

EST. 2013

We invite you to join us for an evening where art, activism, and teen voices unite on stage to confront the issue of gun violence in our community.

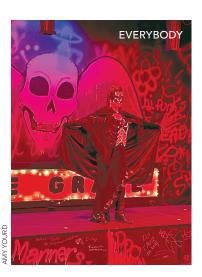
ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence (enoughplays.com) is a nationwide theatre initiative calling on teens to write short plays that spark conversation and inspire action on gun violence. This year's six selected plays come from writers across the country and were chosen by a panel of some of America's most celebrated playwrights.

Open Arts Studio, in partnership with Rio Rancho Creative Crossroads, is proud to bring this powerful event to Rio Rancho for the first time. Our staged reading will feature students from five local high schools, Central New Mexico Community College and the University of New Mexico, with directors from CNM, UNM and the local film and theater community.

Monday, October 6 • 6:00-8:00pm Rio Rancho Events Center

For information, visitrr-cc.org/rrenough.html
Sign up for our newsletter at rr-cc.org





CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE EST. 2014

MUD by María Irene Forné. Directed by Carly Preston Oct. 23-Nov. 2. Thur-Sat at 7:30pm; Sun at 2pm; Mae seeks to escape the basic life of poverty through education. She befriends Henry, who offers to teach her, but he has a stroke and is forced to remain in the care of Mae and Lloyd. Neither Henry nor Lloyd wants Mae to leave them. She is unable to attain the freedom for which she has fought. Rated Mature: Play contains foul language, sexually explicit themes, and gunshots.

Admission: CNM Students: FREE!

All Others: Donation of 1 Item Below:

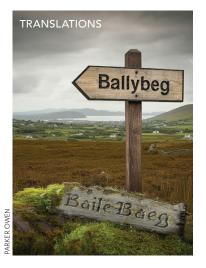
- Menstruation products Hair brushes and combs
- Adult hats, gloves, socks (supports Wellness CNM)

W/O Donation: General: \$5 / Faculty/Staff: BOGO

*Unclaimed tickets are released 10 minutes before showtime. All seats (including free) should be reserved in advance. Parking on CNM's campus is free on weekdays after 5pm and all day Sat/Sun.

Coal Avenue Theatre | 1977-2029 Coal Ave SE For more information: cnm.edu/CAT Contact Information: theatre@cnm.edu





WEST END PRODUCTIONS

EST. 2015

West End Productions was established in 2015 to create professional quality theatre, focusing on writers from the British Isles. We strive to reach and reflect our diverse audience by exposure to a genre of theatre not often presented in New Mexico, highlighting the commonality between all peoples and all cultures as so beautifully realized in our own New Mexican peoples and cultures, rich with diversity and strong ties that bind.

November 7 – 23: TRANSLATIONS by renowned Irish playwright, Brian Friel, directed by Joe Feldman.

Exploring the cultural and linguistic tensions in 19th-century Ireland, a group of Irish villagers grapple with the arrival of British soldiers and the imposition of English names and language on their landscape.

Performances at North Fourth Theatre 4094 4th Street NW | 505-460-4823 Info: westendproductions.org





FOOTLOOSE

HEARTSTRINGS THEATRE COMPANY

EST. 2015

...telling stories & tugging on heart strings

JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH

A magical peach! An imprisoned boy! Insect friends! An incredible journey! This amazing adventure of James Henry Trotter will fulfill the fantasy of anyone who has ever dreamed of escape. Roald Dahl's story comes hilariously to life in this delightful dramatization that reveals the wickedness of some, the goodness of others, and the indecision encountered by many when they are faced with crises.

October 24 @ 6:30pm | October 25 @ 2pm New City Church (4700 San Mateo Blvd NE)

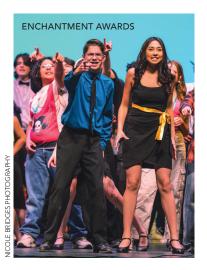
Auditions for

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER coming soon!

Our 2026 season is approaching! We have a great lineup, including: ALICE BY HEART, STUART LITTLE, and THE GREAT GATSBY. Stay tuned for more information on auditions!

505-376-8366 | heartstringstheatre.com heartstringstheatrecompany@gmail.com

ENCHANTMENT AWARDS *



THE ENCHANTMENT AWARDS

EST. 2015

We need YOU!

It takes a village to celebrate drama students from all over our state. We need:

Adjudicators

Editors and writers

Communicators

Computer/website experts

Logistics personnel

And more!

For more information, go to: www.enchantmentawards.org/volunteer

ENCHANTMENT AWARDS *

Come celebrate with us! Enchantment Awards

May 3, 2026

Popejoy Hall info@nmhsmta.org





BREAKING EVEN

EST. 2020

BreakingEven presents

SUCH UNKNOWN HORRORS: THE REVIVAL

January 23-25th, 2026

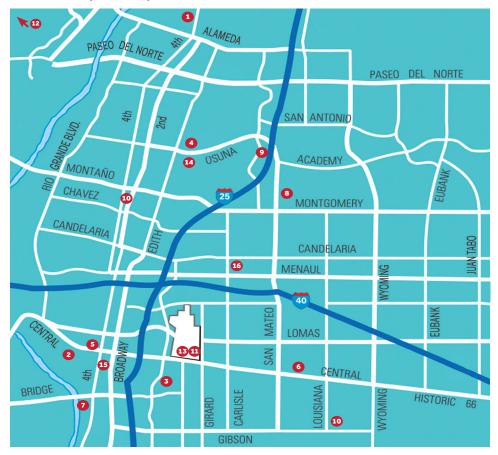
Give into the darkness. It's been waiting for you...

Such Unknown Horrors is an all-female retelling of classic vampire lore, inspired by the works of Bram Stoker and "Carmilla" by Sheridan Le Fanu. It weaves together multiple genres of dance with an original script written by BreakingEven's Artistic Director and Founder, Annmarie Garcia Sheahan, to create a powerful retelling of Dracula through a female lens.

BreakingEven is an Albuquerque-based, all-level adult dance troupe made up of lifelong friends who are passionate about movement, creativity, and connectivity.

Performances at:
North Fourth Art Center, 4904 4th St NW
breakingevenabq.com
breakingevenabg@gmail.com

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Albuquerque Theatre Guild celebrates and promotes the value of the performing arts community in the greater Albuquerque area.

HOW WE DO IT

We build engaged and sustainable audiences.

We mentor youth involvement in performing arts.

We promote collaboration among performing arts groups.

We embrace diversity and 'otherness.'

We promote the economic value of performing arts.

We educate best practices in theatre.

ATG is an umbrella organization of live theatre companies, theatre practitioners, and theatre lovers dedicated to making the Albuquerque area's rich live theatre scene better known to residents and visitors alike. We are happy to act as your guide to the wonderful wealth of entertainment possibilities that greater Albuquerque offers every weekend!

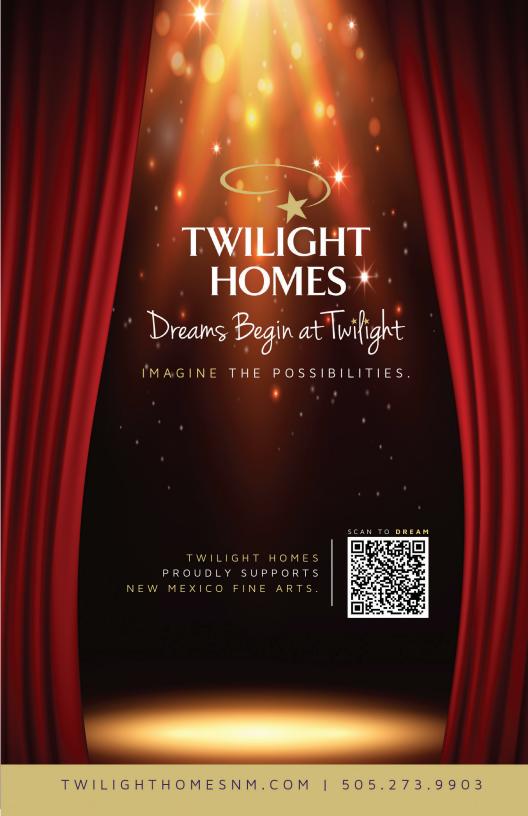
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ATG depends on grants, donations, and membership to continue our mission.

You can make a tax deductible contribution to the

Albuquerque Theatre Guild on our website: abqtheatre.org or mail your check to: ATG, P.O. Box 26395, Albg., NM 87125

We would love to have your help! Please consider joining one of our committees, so we may better serve our community with ideas and input that come directly from our member organizations and individual members. For more information on ATG and our committees please email: abququerquetheatreguild@gmail.com







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Proud participant and supporter of Albuquerque Community Theater since 1985.

"You have questions. I have answers."

