

FOX RIVERSIDE LIVE

FOX RIVERSIDE THEATER FOUNDATION E-NEWSLETTER

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Students at Broadway 2012-2013

This year's **Students at Broadway** program has reached new heights of success! To date, the Fox Foundation has hosted 17 schools from the Riverside, Alvord, and Jurupa Unified school districts, in addition to three local private schools. The Foundation has surpassed its initial goal of inviting 600 students and is on its way to reaching almost 1,000 students this year.

One of the biggest performances this year was the breathtaking **Dreamgirls**. The Foundation invited 85 students from Lincoln, Arlington, Martin Luther King, and North high schools. It was a beautiful performance.

Lisa Battin, teacher from Arlington High School, commented, "The Arlington Dance Team and All-Male Hip Hop Team had a GREAT time at the Fox. The singers/actors from **Dreamgirls** had fabulous voices and the set was beautiful, especially the lights. The staff at the Fox was very personable and professional... Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity."

Student John Campos noted that the performance "was absolutely fantastic and I, along with my fellow classmates, loved it. The dancing was amazing. Being a dancer myself, it was refreshing to see others dance on stage and perform with great technique and elegance. [I] really enjoyed everything."



Students at Broadway for "Fiddler on the Roof"

Don't miss the last show of the Fox Broadway series, *Elvis Lives!* on Saturday, May 10! We have already invited students and youth members from Riverside's Operation Safehouse, Riverside School for the Arts in the César Chávez Community Center, and Arlington, Poly and Lincoln High Schools to attend.

If you are a teacher or know a teacher who would like us to bring your school to a Broadway show, or if you'd like more information about becoming a **Students at Broadway** sponsor, please email us at info@riversidefoxfoundation.org.

Family Fun Day 2012-2013

This year's **First Sundays** program (known as **Family Fun Day** at the Fox Foundation) has shown an increase in family participation.

The Foundation recently moved its **Family Fun Day** location to the Main Street pedestrian mall adjacent to Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf to increase interaction with more families.

For April's event, families created clown masks to commemorate the comedy performance of Brian Regan, and our **Family Fun Day** partner, UCR's **Association for Women in Science**, used their chemistry skills to make fun "bouncy" balls for everyone to enjoy. The wonderful **Improv Anonymous** troupe from UCR also performed a hilarious comedy skit with many of the kids who were there to enjoy the activities.

For this month's **First Sundays** on May 5 from 1 to 4 pm, the Foundation will be celebrating the **Elvis Lives!** performance and the Cinco de Mayo holiday with homage to the world of music and dance.



Members of UCR's Katipunan teaching children a traditional Filipino folk dance

Join us in creating colorful maracas and don't miss the **Association for Women in Science's** fantastic science demonstration which everyone will enjoy. As a special bonus, a surprise guest performance group will make an appearance.

Fox Foundation Sponsors 500 Students

On March 14, more than 1,200 elementary school students and their teachers filled the Fox Performing Arts Center for a special performance of the classic tale, **Beauty and the Beast**. The Fox Foundation was proud to sponsor 500 of these students as part of our **Students at Broadway** program.

The Foundation invited Riverside Unified School District, Alvord Unified School District, and several local private schools to send groups of students. For many of the students, this was their first experience with live theater. When asked about the performance, students were ready with their reviews.

"I loved it when the light show came on and the Beast fell down," said Logan, from Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Academy. His classmate, Sienna, "liked it when Beauty and the Beast got married." "The Beast made me laugh," said



Cast members from the show visit with a pair of young theater goers

Cosme, from Beatty Elementary School in Riverside, while his classmate, Elena, said her favorite moment in the show was when... "Beauty said she loved the Beast."

The Fox Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Fox Foundation is proud to welcome five new members to its Board of Directors. These individuals have played unique and significant roles in the community and we look forward to their expertise in furthering the development of the Fox Riverside Theater Foundation.

Margie Haupt is the Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager for the City of Riverside. She started with the City in January of 2006, and she became the Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager in 2011. In her current position she has oversight of the City's arts plan, public art program, the Fox Foundation, the Fox Performing Arts Center and Entertainment Plaza, liaison and representative to and for the arts community as well as oversight of special events and sponsorship programs. Margie's past experience with local non-profit organizations has helped her establish relationships with various civic and arts organizations.

Claudia Luppino and her husband Bud own Bud's Tire and Wheel. Claudia recently retired as the Inland Empire Area Director of the Social Security Administration where she supervised more than 500 employees throughout Southern California and the state of Nevada. The Luppinos have been

strong supporters of many community organizations, including Community Connect and the American Diabetes Association.

Chris Manning serves as Field Representative for Assembly Member Jose Medina. He recently retired as a Riverside Police Department Lieutenant after three decades in law enforcement. Chris' civic involvement include the Boy Scouts, Mission Inn Foundation, Magnolia Exchange Club, Community Connect, and he was just appointed to the City of Riverside Planning Commission.

Dwight Tate is a wealth advisor with Waddell and Reed. Dwight's volunteer engagement includes the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, the Dickens Festival, Parkview Community Hospital Foundation, and University of California, Riverside. He and his wife, Kathy Wright, recently competed in the Janet Goeske Foundation's *Dancing with the Stars* fundraising event.

Mike Vanderpool is the President and Chief Operating Officer for Security Bank of California. He serves on the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Board and is a Past President. Additional volunteer leadership positions include United Way of the Inland Valleys, Western Independent Bankers, and the Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation.

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