

Beyond the Stage Door

What's Next for TLP?



“The Wild Women of Winedale” ran September 11-27, 2020

We had a wonderful 2019-2020 Season planned. Then the Covid-19 virus caused chaos all over the world. Our country was hard hit and we're still reeling from sickness, death, job loss, and closures.

“Catfish Moon”, our 3rd play of the season, had been in rehearsal for 6 months, sets were built, costumes and props purchased, music chosen, and flyers printed. But schools, restaurants, and stores started closing. We took our cue from them and put our opening on hold, hoping the nightmare would end. Northern Arkansas was not showing many cases at first so we opened the show June, 21/2 months after the original opening date. We cleaned and sanitized everything, social-distanced, took names and phone numbers and asked the required questions to make sure it was safe. We

followed every requirement to open our doors. Unfortunately, the fear of contacting the virus was too great and audience attendance was low.

We weren't discouraged, however, and opened our next show in September, “The Wild Women of Winedale”, a show we had also rehearsed for 6 weeks. Again, the set was built and dressed, and we took all the required precautions. But, the virus raged on and few people came.

Now what? Our community theatre cannot afford to lose money on every show we produce so we had to think of something. And ... we did!

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity”.

-Albert Einstein

Our opportunity is to show our community we are fighters and survivors. So we are stepping back, taking a “pause”, and regrouping before we open our 2021 season. During that pause, we will be collaborating with other organizations and non-profits in the area, helping not only them but ourselves.

There are many businesses, churches, and groups that may need our help. We have lots of ideas, tons of talent, and we're going to put it to good use- for them and for us! We want to help them in any way we can by partnering with them, to help them raise funds for their business and for ours.

After all, **Our mission:** is to entertain, enrich, and educate through community involvement in live theatre.

Our vision: is to be recognized as a premier provider of quality entertainment and culture through live performing art.

If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the opportunity, or you are a business in need, please contact Deb Smith at:

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Look for us around the community! We will announce our collaborations here, on our website, and Facebook!

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