

The Big Stage is Coming to Tulsa, Tickets on Sale Now for *Sister Act* and *Wicked*

Looking to give a theatrical splash to your summer agenda of fun? Consider taking in a show – and no, we aren't talking about a movie. *Sister Act*, the story of a wannabe diva turned fake nun due to a comedic witness



protection placement, makes its way from the hills of Hollywood to the Tulsa stage May 13 – 18. Then, June 18 – July 6, the Broadway blockbuster, *Wicked*, will make its way back to the Tulsa stage. If you haven't heard, *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz, and has been declared "A Cultural Phenomenon" by *Variety* and "The Best Musical of the Decade" by *Entertainment Weekly*. Tickets currently are on sale for both shows and are available at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center ticket office, located on the south side of the Performing Arts Center at 101 E. Third St., Tulsa. Tickets also can be purchased online through www.tulsapac.com. Pictured: Gina Beck and Alison Luff

Step Out Back in Time – 80 Years Back – at the Oklahoma Steam Threshing & Gas Engine Show



When you arrive at the 48th annual Oklahoma Steam Threshing & Gas Engine Show, you'll be transported back in time to an era dominated by rock-solid ingenuity and fearless imagination. You'll have the opportunity to experience the way things once were

done, in a way that demanded appreciation for the finished product. Exhibits will be on display, including some 20 steam traction engines – otherwise known as steam tractors – operating various era-correct machines. Other popular attractions include the steam-powered saw mill that operates almost nonstop during show hours, and the newest display, a 1920s rock crusher powered by a large, gasoline-fueled stationary engine. And before you make your way back to the modern era, be sure to visit and compare the operating blacksmith shop to the early twentieth century machine shop – both have machinery driven by flat belts. When you're ready, work your way into more modern eras and explore the numerous gasoline-powered tractors from the early 1900s through the mid-1960s. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the on-site flea market, arts and crafts area and hobby-related swap meet. But the excitement doesn't stop when the sun goes down! Stick around to watch the steam engines put on a much anticipated spark show, blowing burning cinders 50 to 60 feet into the air. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to after dark, May 2 – 4, at Steam Engine Park, located at 401 E. Beck Dr., Pawnee, Okla. Tickets cost \$10 per day, or you can get a multi-day pass for \$15. Kids 12 and under get in free. For more information, call (918) 762-2105.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Make Circus History, Presenting LEGENDS™: The Greatest Show On Earth!

As your grandkids celebrate their newfound freedom from scholastic pressures, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey are making it possible for you to sneak in some fun and quality time. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey have done it again with a show that features amazing performers from around the world whose gasp-inspiring tricks will summon the mythical and mysterious: a unicorn, a pegasus and a mammoth named Woolly. If that isn't enough to spark your intrigue, you may be enticed by the All-Access Pre-Show which allows circus-goers to learn juggling and balancing skills, meet the performers, get autographs, take photos and enter to win a one-of-a-kind pachyderm painting. Better still, the all-new Ringmaster Zone is an exclusive VIP area (available for an additional fee) that offers the opportunity to walk on the Ringling Red Carpet with Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson and the stars of the show, step inside the Globe of Steel, take photos on the ringmaster's float and have an up-close elephant encounter. The show begins at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., May 31, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., June 1, at the BOK Center in downtown Tulsa. Tickets start at \$20 and are on sale now. To get your tickets, call (866) 7-BOK-CTR or visit www.bokcenter.com.

2014 Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration to Honor Forgotten Victims

Stories of the Holocaust are most often told through a Jewish lens, leaving most people unaware that of the 11 million people who died in the Holocaust, five million were not Jewish. Among the five million targeted for extermination by the Nazis were disabled German children; Roma and Sinti gypsies; Polish and other Slavic peoples; homosexuals; "asocials" including alcoholics; the homeless and criminals, etc. Join the Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education, a committee of the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, in honoring these forgotten victims at the 17th annual Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. The event will take place at Temple Israel, 2004 E. 22nd Pl., Tulsa., and will feature a Holocaust scholarly lecture, an exhibit of projects created by Tulsa-area students and music performed by select members of the Trinity Episcopal Choir and Tulsa Symphony. In cooperation, Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis Ave., will show a screening of *Paragraph 175*, a documentary about the homosexual survivors of Nazi persecution, at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27. Ticket prices for the film showing are \$6 for Circle Cinema members, \$7 for nonmembers and free for those who teach about the Holocaust. For information regarding the commemoration, call the Jewish Federation of Tulsa at (918) 495-1100. For information regarding Holocaust resources, call the Tulsa City-County Library at (918) 549-7323. For information regarding the film showing, call Circle Cinema at (918) 585-3504.

LOOK Musical Theatre Puts a Song in Tulsa's Heart

The 2014 LOOK Festival will feature two vibrant, professional productions and several original cabaret performances. The season kicks off June 15 and run through June 29 at TCC's VanTrease Performing Arts Center for Education, located at 10300 E. 81st St., Tulsa. Light Opera Oklahoma's (LOOK) 2014 musical performances include:

The Gondoliers - This endearing, comic opera, by Gilbert and Sullivan, is a favorite among musical theatre and opera lovers alike. This love story has it all, including intrigue and mistaken identity, told through tuneful songs, festive dances and witty dialogue.

Sweeney Todd - This musical thriller, by Stephen Sondheim, tells the story of a half-mad 19th century English barber. Dark humor, suspense and Sondheim's complex musical score make for a memorable and macabre production you won't want to miss.

For ticket information, visit www.LOOKtheatre.org or call (918) 583-4267.



SHARE YOUR TIME and talent

Tulsa International Mayfest is looking for volunteers to serve on volunteer crews for the 41st annual celebration of arts, music, food, fun and more. Greet the public, secure art, support the artists' needs, have fun with hands-on activities for kids or sell souvenirs and beverages. Volunteers will receive a Mayfest collectors pin and a five dollar discount coupon for use at the souvenir tent. For more information, call Volunteer Tulsa at (918) 447-1888.

Neighbors Along the Line needs volunteers to serve as food pantry team members. Responsibilities include reading menu orders, bagging groceries, stocking shelves, filling client food orders or delivering orders to clients' vehicles. Flexible weekday early afternoon and early evening shifts are available. For more information, call Volunteer Tulsa at (918) 477-1888.

RSVP Grandfriends are needed to help three- and four-year-old children better prepare to succeed in elementary school through enhanced social skills, increased vocabulary and acceptance. Grandfriends are needed to serve one hour per week at the eight national award-winning CAP Early Childhood Center pre-school locations in the Tulsa area. For more information, call RSVP at (918) 280-8656.

Tulsa City-County Library's Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service is looking for volunteer tutors to help adults improve their reading and writing skills. Volunteers are provided with nine hours of initial training before being matched with an adult student. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring for their student once or twice a week and are asked to commit to tutoring for one year. For more information, call (918) 549-7400 or visit www.tulsalibrary.org/literacy.

Tulsa City-County Library has volunteer opportunities available. From shelving books at your local library to instructing an Internet training session, volunteering at the library strengthens the community. Volunteering is as flexible as your schedule. If you are patient and dependable, have a sense of humor, strong attention to detail and a genuine desire to help the community through volunteer service; if you love libraries, reading, books and learning plus enjoy meeting a wide variety of new people and communicate effectively with people of all ages and cultural backgrounds then check out volunteer opportunities at a library near you! To sign up as a volunteer, call (918) 549-7408 or visit www.tulsalibrary.org/support/volunteer.

Tulsa County Courthouse and RSVP are looking for volunteers to serve as courthouse information guides, providing courthouse information to the public and allowing Tulsa County Sheriff Deputies to focus on courthouse safety and security. Volunteers serve with a deputy for one half day per week, Monday through Friday. Shifts run from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 12 - 4 p.m. Training and secure, convenient parking is provided. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Animal Aid Thrift Store has an immediate opening for retail volunteers to assist with customer greeting and cash register operations. This shop sells items that benefit the rescue of cats and dogs, which are then placed up for adoption. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Laureate Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital (part of the Saint Francis Health System) is looking for volunteers to help at the Outpatient Clinic reception desk, located at 6655 S. Yale Ave., Tulsa. Duties include greeting patients, giving directions and helping with fund raising by selling greeting cards and candy bars. Computer skills are not necessary. Current openings are: Thursdays, noon - 4 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m. - noon, and Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 4 - 6 p.m. Additional openings are available at Laureate Institute of Brain Research (LIBR). For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Reentry One-Stop, a program of the Community Service Council, needs volunteers from 2 - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, to coach program participants on using the Internet to search and track job postings and applications and to schedule interviews. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Redemption Ministry and RSVP are looking for job coach volunteers to serve for one hour each week, Thursdays from 8 - 9 p.m., and on Sundays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to teach reintegrating ex-offenders how to search for employment on the Internet. Other tasks include connecting participants with local library branches and providing participants with a resume, a budget template and basic instructions about how to integrate these tools into their daily lives. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Oklahoma Blood Institute needs help in the reception area, Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are responsible for greeting donors, making cookies in the morning, filling the canteen area with snacks and beverages, keeping the waiting room neat and answering phones. There will be no strenuous activity and flexible scheduling is available. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

University Village is looking for a volunteer Spanish instructor to teach beginning-level Spanish to independent residents. These lessons would empower residents to communicate with Spanish-speaking employees, creating a more comfortable environment for both residents and staff. One lesson per week is preferred and scheduling is flexible. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

Oklahoma Commission for Children and Tulsa County Juvenile Center are looking for citizen volunteers to serve on the Post Adjudication Review Board (PARB). Volunteers will serve at Tulsa Juvenile Bureau Courts for one to three hours one time each month. Primary duties include reviewing case files to ensure accurate information and case summaries. Background check required. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.

OSU Medical Center needs volunteers for Wayfinder and information desk positions. Volunteers act as a welcoming presence in lobbies, greet visitors, provide directions and information, and escort patients and families to their destinations in the hospital. Various shifts are available. Volunteers receive a meal in the OSUMC Cafe on days they volunteer at least four hours, as well as free parking. For more information, call RSVP (918) 280-8656.