



Fair Oaks Theatre Festival – Fact Sheet

DID YOU KNOW??

- ☆ Since its inception in 1982, the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival has produced 75 shows in the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre.
- ☆ The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival is operated by an all-volunteer Board of Directors that takes pride in their “hands on” method of operation.
- ☆ Each season the Festival performs for over 12,500 theatre patrons.
- ☆ Approximately 57% of our audience is made up of seniors, students and children.
- ☆ In July, over 5,000 children attend our performances of the Children’s Traveling Show.
- ☆ The Children’s Traveling Show performs annually for the Pat Anderson Educational Center for at-risk children.
- ☆ The Festival produces the free show “Winnie the Pooh” in December of each year as a gift to the community.
- ☆ The show that brought in the most attendance was “*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*” produced in 2001.
- ☆ In 2005 the Festival produced an original show of the music of Donovan Leitch. “Great Songs of the Sky” premiered in Fair Oaks and was taken to the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland for a world premier in 2006.
- ☆ Our audience surveys show that over 84% prefer musical comedy productions.
- ☆ This survey also shows that a typical audience is made up of over 65 different zip code areas.
- ☆ All of our actors are enrolled in a class at American River College and receive college credits.
- ☆ The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival pays the tuition for the actors when performing in a production jointly with the American River College.
- ☆ Several of our young actors have gone on to New York University, Boston College and Los Angeles to major in theatre arts, and on to Broadway.
- ☆ Our casts are diversified and include actors of all races, gender and age groups. Many are seasoned community actors and others are on stage for the first time.
- ☆ The Festival receives an annual grant from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission to help defray production costs.
- ☆ The Festival has a twenty-one year lease on the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre that began in 2002.
- ☆ Funds from the State of California, Sacramento County TOT tax, Festival reserves and generous members and friends were used to build the improvements to the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre beginning in 2002.
- ☆ The Fair Oaks Recreation & Parks District contributes \$15,000 per year for capital improvements.
- ☆ The overhead light bridge is now being fabricated and is due to be installed in August of 2008.
- ☆ The Fair Oaks Theatre Festival Capital Campaign Committee plans to raise at least \$1.5 Million to make further improvements to the Veterans Memorial Amphitheatre.

**For more information, visit the Fair Oaks Theatre Festival web site:
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