



**DeltaARTS' new home:
The Glenn P. Schoettle Arts Education Center**

ArtBeat

Winter Edition

DeltaARTS has moved from our longtime home at the mall to our own beautiful, state-of-the-art, multi-purpose building, the Glenn P. Schoettle Arts Education Center! We're so thankful to be here and look forward to the many opportunities our new facility presents!

DeltaARTS awarded \$100K Grant from Assisi

DeltaARTS is very excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$100,000 Challenge Grant from the Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc., which will be used for program enhancement and renovation of the Glenn P. Schoettle Arts Education Center.



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OF MEMPHIS, INC.

In order to receive this funding, DeltaARTS must raise \$300,000 by February 2018. We have already raised \$125,000 through our Capital Campaign, "Building Together a Better Community," which kicked off in September 2016.

"We thank the Assisi Foundation and those who have contributed to our Campaign, and feel confident that we will succeed in raising the matching funds, which will enable us to provide so many arts opportunities for our community in our state-of-the-art building," says Amelia Barton, DeltaARTS Executive Director.

If you are interested in contributing to the Capital Campaign, please call 870-732-6260.

DeltaARTS welcomes Kelly Pouncey as new Finance Director

The new year brings bittersweet news for DeltaARTS staff. While we welcomed new Finance Director, Kelly Pouncey, to our

team in January, we also had to say farewell to our outgoing Finance Director, Brier Turner, who retired after five years of dedicated service. (We miss you, Brier!)

Kelly is already a familiar face to DeltaARTS and the community, as she is a CYT parent and a very active community member! She is currently the President of the Crittenden County Library Board, and also serves as Children's Director at Community Bible Study. She and her husband, Michael, are members of Trinity in the Fields Anglican Church. She is also a tutor with the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.



Kelly Pouncey, DeltaARTS' new Finance Director and return CYT parent

"I have been impressed with the scope of the work DeltaARTS performs in Crittenden County, and I look forward to working here as we promote the arts to local citizens," Kelly says. "The arts are important for building confidence, encouraging creativity, and stimulating brainpower, which are traits welcome in any career field."

Originally from Macon, Ga., Kelly has lived in Crittenden County for 19 years. She graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., where she earned a BA in English Literature and History. Kelly has been the bookkeeper for Pouncey Planters since 2001, and is the former Education Specialist and Capital Campaign Assistant for The Children's Museum of Memphis.

Kelly and Michael are the proud parents of three beautiful children and two "fur babies": 16-year-old Lee, an Academies of West Memphis sophomore, 12-year-old Claudia, a West Jr. High seventh-grader (and CYT actor); 2-year-old Jack, an enthusiastic attendee of First Presbyterian Daycare; Rolo, a 4-year-old yellow lab; and Husher, an 11-year-old off-the-track Thoroughbred horse.

Welcome to the DeltaARTS family, Kelly!



Chasity "Chat" Adaway, Stage Manager, and Erica Richardson, Asst. Stage Manager, for CYT's "Peter Pan"

CYT applauds new directors, stage managers for 'Peter Pan'

DeltaARTS has brought a fantastic new creative team to the Crittenden Youth Theatre stage!

Chasity "Chat" Adaway, an ASU Mid-South freshman, Marion High School graduate, and former CYT participant, is the Stage Manager for "Peter Pan." Erica Richardson, Marion High School sophomore and current CYT participant, is the Asst. Stage Manager.

Meredith Melville and Ashley Rogers are the Co-Directors for "Peter Pan," and are brand new to the Crittenden Youth Theatre family.

"We love to see CYT alumni come back to help teach the new and

upcoming throng of young actors, and Chat and Erica are doing a great job serving as role models for our kids," said CYT Coordinator, Alex Waddell Smith. "We are always calling for new directors who can provide a truly educational, yet fun, experience, and Meredith and Ashley have answered that call with enthusiasm and grace!"

Meredith, a theatre instructor at Arkansas State University and judge for the Orpheum Theatre's High School Musical Theatre Awards, has a BA in Theatre from the University of North Texas and an MFA in Theatre (Directing) from the University of Memphis. Ashley, a current costume designer for several Memphis-area schools and a former junior high theatre teacher, has worked with the Orpheum Theatre's High School Technical Intensive, and has a BFA in Theatre Education from East Carolina University and an MFA in Theatrical Design and Technical Production (Costume) from University of Memphis.



Ashley Rogers and Meredith Melville, Co-Directors for "Peter Pan"

"The support from the CYT staff and production team make this process smooth," Meredith says. "Their organization is wonderful! Looking forward to how the actors' hard work is reflected in the production! Great team - great work!"

"The parent committees are fantastic and much appreciated!" Ashley says. "We definitely couldn't do this without them. Their creativity and support is bringing the show to life. Also, the CYT staff really makes our jobs a breeze. We're very happy to be here!"

"Peter Pan" lands on the West Memphis Civic Auditorium stage Feb. 23-25. See the story below for more details!

CYT presents K-8 show 'Peter Pan' Feb. 23-25

Crittenden Youth Theatre actors, parent volunteers, and production staff have been hard at work since early January preparing for the spring MainStage K-8 show, "Peter Pan," sponsored by Trent Pierce, M.D., Family Practice Center of West Memphis.

More than 60 local children have spent the last five weeks memorizing, learning, blocking, creating, and collaborating, while parent volunteers were behind the scenes developing costumes and scenery for the magical world of Neverland, the Darlings' home, and Captain Hook's hideout - it's no easy task! Please come out, and bring some friends to support one of the most collaborative and inclusive programs in our community!

Audiences will enjoy the timeless tale of Neverland and its most famous child who never grows up in the original, non-musical version written by J.M. Barrie.



Performances are Thursday, Feb. 23, at 12:30 p.m. (\$5 on Thursday ONLY) and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, at 7 p.m. (\$12 adults/\$6 youth 12 and under) at the West Memphis Civic Auditorium.

Thank you, Trent Pierce, M.D., Family Practice Center of West Memphis, for sponsoring this show and making theatre possible for the children of Crittenden County!

DeltaARTS Spotlight Volunteer: Kate Stall

Kate Stall has served as head seamstress for the past four Crittenden Youth Theatre shows, and has even volunteered for Carnival by assisting with Display. For CYT's current show, "Peter Pan," Kate sewed more than 20 costumes in less than five weeks!



Kate in her sewing room, working on a mermaid costume for CYT's 'Peter Pan'

"I come from a long line of seamstresses," Kate tells us. (Her family legend is that one of her great-great-grandparents was a seamstress for Queen Victoria.) "I feel like I am blessed to have this ability, and I am so thankful for many who took the time to teach me. I feel called to give of my time to such a worthwhile organization as DeltaARTS. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. So thankful to have the time to serve!"

We are so grateful for all of Kate's amazing work and patience in taking measurements, meeting many creative challenges head-on, and making adjustments after fittings. She is a top-notch volunteer - if you see her, please tell her you appreciate her community service!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter/Spring 2017

February 16

Matinee Series: Stone Soup

Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre on Tour presents *Stone Soup*.

West Memphis Rotary Club, Producing Sponsor.

Academies of West Memphis Performing Arts Center

February 23-25

Crittenden Youth Theatre's *Peter Pan*

Starring 60 local children, the everlasting classic tale of two boys and a girl who follow Peter Pan and the invisible fairy, Tinker Bell, into Neverland, where children never grow old and where Captain Hook and his pirates are outwitted.

West Memphis Civic Auditorium (228 West Polk)

February 27

Patrons' Party 2017

A beautiful evening with live music, food, and spirits, thanking our major sponsors & donors, and \$100+ individual members.

Bourbon Street Steakhouse & Grill, Southland Park Gaming & Racing

February 28

Auditions for CYT's Rep Troupe production, *Hello, Shakespeare!*

Auditions 8th-12th grade Repertory Troupe, which tours to local schools in April. Public performance on Friday, April 21.

DeltaARTS Glenn P. Schoettle Arts Education Center (301 South Rhodes)

March 16

West Memphis Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at DeltaARTS

DeltaARTS is hosting this monthly gathering with refreshments for Chamber of Commerce members.

DeltaARTS Glenn P. Schoettle Arts Education Center (301 South Rhodes)

April 7

***Kathy Sorrels Daniel: Earth, Wind, and Fire* Art Exhibit**

An opening reception for the exciting new body of work that celebrates the Delta region and its beautiful relationship with nature by West Memphis artist and Art Therapist for Mid-South Health Systems, Kathy Sorrels Daniel.

ASU Mid-South Donald W. Reynolds Center (2000 West Broadway)

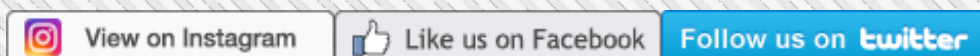
April 29

Art on the Levee at Waverly

Our popular annual pARTy that benefits the arts education programs of DeltaARTS while offering Southern-fried hospitality at the beautiful home and grounds of Jerri and Pat Crase at Waverly Plantation in Proctor, Arkansas. Also features live music, Gus's Fried Chicken with all the trimmings, a silent auction of artwork from more than 30 area artists, and tours of the historic plantation.

Waverly Plantation (7250 Waverly Road, Proctor, Arkansas)

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