

Versatile theater space

We have produced two musical theater shows at the Florence Events Center and have found that the staff and volunteers at the center will work very hard to make your event a successful one.

Most notably, during the production of Last Resort Players' "Chicago: The Musical" in 2015, Kevin Rhodes allowed our team to replace the awning over the concession booth with a beaded, black one that evoked a "gin joint" look. They also allowed us to put three themed drinks on the menu during the run.

Thanks to their enthusiasm, we were able to put Brian Johnston's Model-T Ford inside the FEC for performances. Many people took pictures beside that automobile, including the cast members and production team.

"Chicago" was produced on the main stage but we have found that the flat

floor also makes an excellent performance venue. "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" was comfortably turned into a high school gymnasium and was performed to sell-out crowds during the summer of 2015.

In all, we have been involved with the events center for four years as part of the musical theater world and Friends of the FEC.

We are so lucky to have this venue in our city and it could not succeed without the very excellent staff and volunteers that keep the place running.

Now, we are very interested in working on obtaining new lighting for the main stage area. When we bring the facility up to date with LED lighting, anything performed at FEC will look first rate and professional.

Paula Burnette and Dave Hansen
Producers for "Chicago" and "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

Fulfilling involvement

The Florence Events Center has been like a second home to me for much of the past 20 years. It is more than a building where plays, musical entertainment and art are presented, it is the pulse of the community.

New ideas are welcomed, young people are encouraged to follow their dreams, seniors are given opportunities to take part in the arts and all learn how they can volunteer their time and talents.

I have been fortunate to have served in many capacities and worked with Kevin Rhodes and his staff for many years. They are always helpful, encouraging and willing to go the extra mile to make our use of the facilities a success.

As a performer and volunteer, I can't say enough of how personally fulfilling my involvement with this

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wonderful venue has been.

Some of the groups I have been involved with are:

- Past president of and performer with the Last Resort Players
- Past president of and performer with the Community Chorus of Florence
- Member of and performer with the FloTones
- Past board member of SEAcost Entertainment Association
- Member of Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors, who uses the FEC as a venue
- Current FEC volunteer, stage manager, spot operator and beverage server

Happy 20th Anniversary, Florence Events Center!

Jan Kinslow
Community Member



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