

Double the Melodrama in Butte Season

Cripple Creek's Butte Theater and Thin Air Theatre Company will bring four shows to the Butte, including two melodramas this season.

The season includes 2 summer shows, fall melodrama and the popular *Angel of the Christmas Mine* will return.

The summer shows starting in mid-June are *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and a new melodrama adapted for the Butte by Mickey Burdick *Gunslinger, The Legend of Billy the Kid*. Both will open in mid-June and run through Sept. 18 with an alternating schedule, providing a variety of times and days to meet any schedule.

The fall melodrama, *Werewolves of Poverty Gulch*, is an all-new script melodrama for the Butte stage by Chris Sorensen. The show will run Oct. 1-31 and will include a Halloween Olio sure to rock the spirits in the theater.

The popular *Angel of the Christmas Mine* returns to the stage. This show is an original script for the theater and is based on Cripple Creek 1890's gold mining days. A Christmas olio will follow the show featuring music in the spirit of the season.

The season-show schedule is:

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

June 18-Sept. 18

Tickets: \$15.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children; \$12.75 for groups of 20-plus.

This musical tells the story of an average day in the life of the famous comic strip child hero, Charlie Brown. Come take a nostalgic trip back with the whole Peanuts Gang! Your favorite comic strip brought to life, Charlie is joined by several of his classic friends, Snoopy (who talks and sings!), his sister Sally, his arch nemesis Lucy, the musical prodigy Schroeder, and the surprise academic Linus. They deal in their own special ways with such juvenile concerns as baseball, sibling rivalry, unrequited love, and school.

See butteroperahouse.com for schedule and to buy tickets.

Gunslinger, The Legend of Billy the Kid

June 25-Sept. 18

Tickets: \$15.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children; \$12.75 for groups of 20-plus.

The Cripple Creek tradition of Classic Summer Melodrama is alive and well! In this fast-paced play, we follow our hero, a 15-year-old Billy, as events (and villains) conspire against him, including the murder of his parents, and his own turn to outlaw. Three years pass before Billy returns home, and while much has changed in the world, two things have not – his need for vengeance, and his love for the beautiful Nell, the girl who had stolen his heart when he was just a boy. The play, originally written in 1906, is adapted for the Butte stage by Mickey Burdick. An all-new Summer Olio follows the show.

Werewolves of Cripple Creek

Oct. 1-31

Set in turn-of-the-century Cripple Creek, this all-new Melodrama tells the story of a timid physician who must summon the courage to finally become a hero. Set against the political turmoil of Gold Rush Colorado, Cripple Creek is being torn apart by a group of villainous highwaymen. As the good doctor and a local barman close in on the case, an even greater mystery appears; the doctor finds himself treating more and more patients who were victims of vicious wolf attacks. Are the two cases somehow mysteriously entwined? Have the outlaws struck again, or is it something much more sinister? With a tragic love story, songs, dance, murder and mayhem, *The Werewolves of Poverty Gulch* is a Halloween treat for the entire family written by Chris Sorensen. The fall Melodrama will be followed by an all-new Halloween Olio.

Tickets: \$15.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children; \$12.75 for groups of 20-plus.
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Angel of the Christmas Mine

Nov. 26-Dec. 31

A Cripple Creek favorite, written by Chris Sorensen, is back for the 2010 Christmas season. In the midst of a horrible mine collapse, three miners trapped below ground and their families above manage to find solace and hope in the face of tragedy. While their loved ones struggle to free the trapped men, the three miners tell each other Christmas stories to pass the time and keep their minds from worry - a poignant tale of love, hope, and the resilience of the human spirit. The show is followed by a Christmas Olio.

Tickets: \$12.75 Adult; \$13.75 Senior; \$9.75 Children ; Groups of 20+ \$12.75 each.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.butteoperahouse.com.