



2010 – 2011 Events

SPOTLITE and Missoula Children's Theatre January 3 - February 11, 2011



SPOTLITE (Special Project on Theater: Lessons in Theater Education) is a comprehensive educational program that teaches all facets of theater to local 4th grade students in a series of classroom workshops. This year we celebrated our 25th year of this program. Artist in Residence, Nick Sweet, provided five weeks of lessons ranging from stage directions, make-up, and lighting to character development and non-verbal communication. During the 6th week, students toured the Bartlesville Community Center learning about stagecraft, lighting, make-up, costumes and theater etiquette.

Each of these workshops was taught by an experienced theatre instructor, thanks to Ruthie Carrico, Phil Blender & Missoula Children's Theatre. This year we were only able to host four of the BPS schools due to a snow storm and school being canceled Wed—Friday of this week. Luckily, Nick was able to make it to all the classrooms to do his lessons.

The final week also included the arrival of Missoula Children's Theatre, a national touring company from Missoula, MT. Missoula provided two directors who upon their Monday arrival held auditions for the musical, **King Arthur's Quest**. Around 140 children, ages K – 8th grade, auditioned for the 55 spots in the musical. After just a week of evening rehearsals, this year's full of ice & snow, they were ready to perform on Friday. Two performances were scheduled, but the matinee for all the participating SPOT-LITE 4th graders (800 students) had to be canceled because school was canceled. There was only the evening performance for the parents, grandparents and entire community. This was again a very successful endeavor with an audience of 275. For these kids it was a performance to remember. For many of the performers, this was their first time to be a part of any musical performance. Thank you to all our sponsors for continuing to support the mission of Allied Arts.



What we do does make a difference!

