

TAP 2016 Annual Report

Thanks to innovative productions and combined energies of Carol Cadby, students, volunteers and parents, 2015-2016 was a busy year for TAP. We felt the tragedy of lives cut short in the premiere performance of *The Girls Who Glow*; followed a puppet's odyssey in *The True Adventures of Pinocchio*, witnessed the original works of One Person Shows and escaped within *Darcy's Cinematic Life*, all within one school year.

TAP held one of its most successful fundraisers with January's gala performance of the Capitol Steps' *Mock the Vote*. Lynda Anderson spearheaded the performance and intermission raffle and Kemper Gay worked with students and local media to promote the show, resulting in a sell-out audience. Michael Scruggs helped us sample fine brews in November's Beer Tasting fundraiser at the Westover Beer Garden, as well as coordinated pre-performance cafés.

Thanks to your fundraising efforts, your support, and a grant from the Yorktown PTA, TAP has embarked upon a much-needed, comprehensive sound improvement plan, including the repair of auditorium wiring, a new sound mixing board, a set of new body microphones, and improved amplification. Kemper Gay wrote our grant and has shepherded the project, with Jon Roberts providing expert technical consulting.

We applaud the outstanding efforts of our students working alongside Carol and we are most grateful for the support of dedicated volunteers and parents. We can't wait see to what the Yorktown's Theatre program has in store for next year. It has been our pleasure to serve TAP and the Yorktown Theatre program this past year.

Sincerely,
Laura Gehrenbeck and Carla Lounsbury
TAP Co-Presidents 2015-16

Dine Outs/Other Fundraisers

Kathleen Geier organized our Dine Out evenings with local restaurants providing a bit of socializing while supporting Yorktown Theatre Arts. We earned more than \$ 2,300 from restaurant nights at Taqueria el Poblano, Pie-Tanza, Elevation Burger, Arlington Kabob, Chipotle, Backyard Barbeque, Cassatt's and Zynga. Marianne Schwanke organized a pre-holiday Trade Roots fundraiser in December.

One Person Shows - April 2016

One Person Shows represent the culmination of the four-year developmental Yorktown Theatre program. Students devise, develop and perform their own original, thirty-minute pieces. Many thanks to Cassatt's for hosting a photo exhibit and reception, and to Jim Coates for his photographs, which captured the feeling of each show.

International Thespian Society

Twenty students will be initiated as new members of the International Thespian Society on June 9, 2016. TAP funds these awards for qualifying Yorktown students. This prestigious theatre organization recognizes the achievements of high school theatre students, supporting theatre education and educators.

Supporting TAP

Your donation to Yorktown Theatre Arts Parents is tax deductible. Gifts of any size are appreciated more than you will ever know. We give many thanks to our 2015-16 donors

\$500 Producers

Chipotle
Denise Kellogg
District Taco

\$250 Sponsors:

Elisa & Steve Anders
Sydra Lynn May
Nina Ozlu-Tunceli
Peter Neal & Carolyn Smith
Beth & Ned Thomas
Taqueria el Poblano
Pie Tanza

\$100 Benefactors:

Backyard BBQ
Tracy Bushkoff
Alison & Bruce Butler
Hannah Craven
Elevation Burger
Greg & Joan Gaines
Kemper & John Gay
Catherine Guttman-McCabe
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Paul Redifer & Jennifer Reising
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Lori Huffman
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Jon Roberts
Kathy Scheimer
Beth Thomas
LeAnne Wilson & American Red Cross
Potomac Paint

Getting Involved

Outstanding make TAP the strong organization it is today. You can ensure TAP's future by volunteering to fill a leadership role, or even a small one-time role next year. Lots of hands-on support is needed to create a theatre production and Yorktown produces multiple shows a year. Get a glimpse behind the curtain by volunteering.

Many thanks to the TAP Board Volunteers of 2015-16

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