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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on the stories that make headlines.



Where you might catch Disney's next aspiring star.

Located just outside of Scottsdale Fashion Mall, Desert Stages Theatre is a hot ticket this summer. The non-profit performing arts theatre not only offers childrens and adult performaces (see below for productions), Zumba classes on Saturdays, but its summer acting camp is quite the popular choice for many kids and teens, ages 3-15 years old.

It's a place where youth can develop their creative acting and dance skills in hands-on, three week themed sessions. After three weeks they'll have the chance to perform *Disney's Aladdin,* Jr. or *Willy Wonka Jr.*, for family and friends. So now, through July 5th, or July 8-26 they can sing, dance and act the summer heat away! Will Disney's next aspiring star be among them?

The theatre's staff and its enthusiastic group of community volunteers have helped Desert Stages Theatre to grow into an award-winning performing arts theatre with three stages and an a year long actor's academy. For more information desertstages.org

Here's a quick list of its current summer productions the entire family can enjoy:

* Through July 28 in the Actor's Cafe is Agatha Christie's Mousetrap (\$25 per ticket, seniors \$22)

* July 28 is a special benefit performance of **Gerry Cullity's** <u>"In the Kingdom of Clouds"</u> performed by cast members past and present (\$40 per ticket)

* July 12- August 10th on the Main Stage is Rocky Horror Picture Show (\$25 per ticket and seniors \$22)



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