

## AZ Insider: Will Celebs Be at Valley Youth Theatre Bash?

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on people who make a difference.



Kathy reports on VYT's famous alumni and the theatre's upcoming bash.

Will a popular TV star or American Idol winner show up at Valley Youth Theater's annual summer fundraiser? Well, although there are no celebrity's listed on the invitation, there are several stars whose careers started on VYT's stage. And those such as **Jordin Sparks** and **Emma Stone** have joined guests in the past for this annual bash. Not to mention that Disney and ABC -Family "*Baby Daddy*" star **Chelsea Kane** made a surprise appearance at the summer party.

Chelsea is pictured above at that past party with VYT's resident costume designer, **Karol Cooper**. Pictured below at a prior VYT event are **Dr. Martin Blume**, **Elizabeth Troutman-Lear**, **Hope Ozer**, **Greg Gnepper**, **Laura Stover**, **Joe Chandler**, **Colleen Gautam**, **Dustin Marshall**, **Amy Buchan** and **Lorna Pederson**



This year's VYTAL Affair at the Herberger Theatre Center features musical numbers from the theatre's upcoming production of *West Side Story*, flanked by a pre-cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception and a post coffee and champagne party at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel. Pictured below at a prior event are **Frank McCune** and Phoenix **Mayor Greg Stanton**.



**Tina Shafer** and **Justin Shafer** and the Bank of Arizona will be presented with the 2014 VYTALity Awards. VYTal Affair co-chairs are **Donna Catalfio** and **Michele Bax**, along with the help of the theater's Managing Director **Bridget Costello**. Tickets for the August 16 affair start at \$125 per person.



The Valley Youth Theatre's mission through its award-winning plays and musicals for children and family audience, (and summer and spring break camps) is to help young people achieve their full potential through meaningful engagement, education and excellence in the performing arts. It produces six main stage shows each season including two at the Herberger Theater Center.

So will one of its famous alumni show up? We will let you know.

Stay tuned.

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