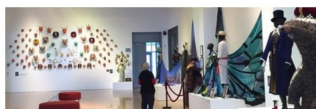


Goodnight Moon, Merely Players and more at Tempe Center for the Arts

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Tempe Center for the Arts *Merely Players* Get lost in the world of the stage while exploring beautiful ethereal fairies, stunning flapper dresses, the classics of little red riding hood and an incredible collection of masks from Zarco Guerrero in *Merely Players*.



Exquisite costumes and accessories are on loan from some of the valleys most celebrated theater, ballet and opera companies and this exhibition examines “the costume” and the important roles they play in helping the performer bring the character to life. *Merely Players* examines the idea that “the stage” is a place where performers create a persona transporting audiences to another time and place, while “exploring the vision, process and culminating role that costumes play in creating altered egos on and off the stage.”



This exhibition showcases “the artistic talents of local costume makers, the creative diversity of Arizona performing arts organizations and the increasing popularity of cultural events where costumes play an important role”, states TCA Curator, Michelle Dock. The centerpiece of the exhibition is a dramatic display of about 100 masks sprawling the massive gallery created by the talented artist Zarco Guerrero.



Do you love costumes and creating them, then be sure to take a wonderful workshop inspired by the "Merely Players" theatrical costumes exhibition including “Starter Corsets” with Local costume designer, Cynthia Randall on April 16, 1-4 pm (with tickets for just \$35 each), create your own pattern for a period style or cosplay corset at home with basic materials (previous sewing experience required). Also create your own masterpiece during TCA’s “Art After Work Series” with classes lead by local artist and educator Laura Hukill. Make art while enjoying a complimentary drink with tickets for these events are \$35 and take place 6-8:30 pm in the Gallery, next class will take place On April 15th create a “Steampunk Hat” combining the Victorian era, Rock N’Roll and the Steampunk movement.

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Plus don't miss the final weekend of the childhood classic book come to life "Goodnight Moon" from the wonderful local theater company Childsplay theater. A fantastic way to introduce your young children to the theater in an engaging play with a wonderful set and great characters! In its final weekend performances this Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th at 1pm and 4pm with affordable ticket options, prices ranging from \$18-26 per person.



The Merely Players exhibition will be on display through May 14, 2016 in the TCA Gallery. Admission to the TCA Gallery is free with viewing hours Tuesday- Friday 10-6 pm and on Saturday 11-6 pm. Come and explore the wonderful 3,500 square-foot visual arts space showcasing a variety of artwork by local and internationally recognized artists. Visit the TCA Gallery online for more information regarding this exhibition, the gallery, or special events (<http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/tempe-center-for-the-arts/gallery-at-tca>) and be sure to follow them on Twitter and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/tempearts>. *All images are courtesy and copyright of TCA and gallery shots are by Nicole Royse.

