

AZ Insider: Emma Stone Was Just in Phoenix!

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Why it's good for BUSINESS in Phoenix.



EXCLUSIVE: Emma's visit and how it can impact the coffers and success of Valley Youth Theatre.

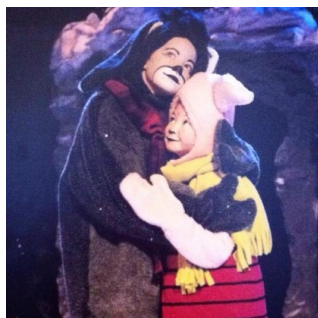
As Oscar buzz continues to surround **Emma Stone** and her most recent starring role in *La La Land*, **Emma's well respected career is suddenly good for business in Phoenix.**

Specifically for one Phoenix non-profit.

That's because Emma made a hush-hush visit to the Valley and is crediting Producing Artistic Director, **Bobb Cooper** and Valley Youth Theatre for some of her success. In fact, Emma, who also just won a Golden Globe and SAG award for *La La Land* (and it's her second Oscar nomination since *Birdman*) even gives a shoutout to VYT and **Bobb** in a recent *Vanity Fair* video.(**Bobb** is pictured above with **Emma** and his wife **Karol Cooper**, VYT's Resident Costume Designer,)



And here's the latest scoop - - Emma was just in Phoenix at the VYT to film an interview for CBS's *Sunday Morning*. The well respected journalist **Lee Cowan** flew in as well and interviewed **Bobb** along with **Emma** about her defining career moments at VYT. The interviews will be part of the bigger profile piece on **Emma** which airs Feb 12. "I feel humbled that she's sharing an incredible time in her life with a place that meant so much to her," adds **Bobb**.



Pictured above in this precious moment is **Emma** when she shared the stage at VYT's production of the classic *Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail*. She's hugging **Kimiko Glenn**, who by the way, just earned her second SAG Award for her starring role in *Orange is the New Black*! There are other famous alumni (and you can read more in one of my several past stories on VYT's alumni [here](#)) who appeared on VYT's stage. That list boasts **Jordin Sparks** and Disney and ABC-Family's Baby Daddy star, **Chelsea Kane**.

Thanks Emma.



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