

2014-2015 Young Actors Guild McKinney Arts Commission Grant Narrative

The Young Actors Guild is wrapping up another successful season, its sixth. We have maintained membership of about 70 youth since its inception.

The first production of our 2013-2014 season was *Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery* with four performances on November 7, 8, and 9, 2014. We had a youth cast and crew of 18 youth, with an audience of 158.

We performed our annual Shakespeare play with four performances on February 20, 21, and 22, 2015. This year's production was *Romeo and Juliet*, set in Las Vegas, Nevada. We had a cast and crew of 29, with an audience of 173.

YAG performed *The Laramie Project* on April 10, 11, and 12, 2015 with a cast and crew of 15 youth. Attendance for the four performances was 106.

In June, we held our 11th Children's Summer Music Theatre Camp. This is the second year as part of the Young Actors Guild, though it doesn't fit the criteria of a YAG production because participants do not have to be a member of YAG to participate. It is a youth production, though, and several YAG members participate every year. This year's production was *Disney's Shrek, Jr.* The camp ran from June 8-21, 2015, with 40 youth participating. Attendance for the four performances on June 19, 20, and 21 was 642.

We also had 10 youth travel to Bastrop, Texas in June to perform *The Bully Plays* at the Texas Nonprofit Theatre Association's annual Youth Conference. This is the fifth year YAG has participated and it's a great experience for the youth. They attend workshops on different aspects of theatre and interact with youth from other theatre companies from all over Texas. No McKinney Arts Commission money is spent on this activity. Each participant paid about \$300.00 to cover the cost of participating.

Our final production of the season was *The (Almost) Totally True Tale of Hansel and Gretel*, with four performances on July 24, 25, and 26, 2015. There was a cast and crew of 28, and a total attendance of 260.

YAG had several fundraisers this year. Our adult volunteers helped out at the City of McKinney's Oktoberfest earning \$1,200.00 for our organization. We participated in a fundraiser at Chipotle earning \$636.71. We also did a fundraiser at Mooyah earning \$71.76.

All performances were held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center, with the exception of *The Bully Plays*.