

*Henthorne Performing Arts Center*

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**Heller & Clark Theatres Announce their 2011-2012  
Season!**

Heller Theatre and Clark Youth Theatre are still going strong, bringing exciting contemporary shows to Tulsa for the best prices in town.

Clark Youth productions are shows for the whole family where all roles are played by students. Heller Theatre productions are shows for mature audiences, often with adult language and themes. **All evening shows are at 7:30pm and our Sunday matinees are at 2:00pm.**

**Ticket Prices** \$7 for students and seniors

\$10 for adults

**Or Buy a 6 ticket Flex Pass for any of our shows**

\$30 for a senior/student flex pass (*savings of \$12*)

\$42 for an adult six show flex pass (*savings of \$18*)

***Miss Witherspoon***

By Christopher Durang

**A Heller Theatre Production**

**Sept. 9-10, 13, 16-17 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:00pm**

Christopher Durang at his off-kilter, metaphysical, hysterical best. Veronica has committed suicide, but it's not that easy to get off the dharma train. She's reincarnated as a crack baby, a privileged child of perfect parents, and—her favorite—a blissful, ball-fetching dog. ". . . [E]asily New York's funniest show." —Bloomberg News.

*Auditions: Saturday, July 16 at 3pm*

***The Wizard of Oz***

By L. Frank Baum & adapted for the stage by John Kane, Music & Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

**A Clark Youth Theatre Production**

**Oct. 6-8, 13-15 at 7:30pm**

**Sundays Oct. 9 & 16 at 2pm**

Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Wizard and the rest of the gang come to the Henthorne stage in our first Clark youth production of the season. Based on the beloved MGM musical,

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and including “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” “If I Only Had a Brain,” and “Off to See the Wizard,” this adaptation contains a few surprises as well!

*Auditions: Saturday, August 6 at 3pm*

***Becky’s New Car***

By Steven Dietz

A Heller Theatre Production

**Oct. 28-29, Nov. 1, 4-5 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2:00pm**

Becky Foster is caught in middle age, middle management, and in a middling marriage. What she really needs is a new life, but she’ll settle for a car. When a newly widowed millionaire walks into the car dealership, a simple misunderstanding turns her life into a thrilling, supercharged ride she can barely keep from spinning out of control, with the audience riding shotgun in a way most plays wouldn’t dare. “A warmly humorous and nimble romantic farce . . . that derives as much power from its humanity as its fine-tuned craftsmanship.” —Seattle Times.

*Auditions: Saturday, Aug 27 at 3pm*

***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever***

By Barbara Robinson

A Clark Youth Theatre Production

**Dec. 2-3, 8-10 at 7:30pm**

**Sundays Dec. 4 & 11 at 2:00pm**

The Herdmans never go to church. So how did they end up with the lead roles in the Christmas play? Chance, intimidation, and maybe a little Christmas magic help bring the Herdmans, as well as the rest of the town, to a new understanding of the holiday season in this Clark Theatre Christmas tradition.

*Auditions: Saturday, Sept 24 at 3pm*

***Caucasian Chalk Circle***

By Bertolt Brecht

A Heller Theatre Production

**Jan. 27-28, 31 and Feb. 3-4 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2:00pm** (1st weekend)

Bertolt Brecht remains one of the most important and influential theatre artists of the last 100 years. A playwright and acting theorist, his ideas on theatre continue to provoke and inspire. A retelling of the Solomon tale of two mothers arguing over one baby, *Caucasian Chalk Circle* comes to the Henthorne stage updated to a postmodern urban setting with original music by Tulsa artist Damien Shade.

*Auditions: Saturday, Nov. 5 at 3pm*

***Animal Farm***

Adapted by Ian Wooldridge from the book by George Orwell

A Clark Youth Theatre Production

**Feb. 24-25, Mar. 2-3 at 7:30pm**

**Sundays Feb. 26 & Mar. 4 at 2:00pm**

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Clark Youth Theatre takes a serious turn with this adaptation of George Orwell's brilliant metaphor of utopia lost, *Animal Farm*. The farm animals have driven out their cruel master and taken over the running of the farm. They form a society where "all animals are equal." But the pigs, who have taken over leadership, twist that ideal more and more, until eventually, "some animals are more equal than others." *Animal Farm* moves us as it communicates a message we still need to hear.

*Auditions: Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3pm*

### ***Twelfth Night***

By William Shakespeare

**A Clark Youth Theatre Production**

**April 13-14, 20-21 at 7:30pm**

**Sundays April 15 & 22 at 2:00pm**

Shakespeare's funniest comedy caps Clark Youth Theatre's season. *Twelfth Night* celebrates the joys of misunderstanding—mistaken identities, forged letters, and gender-crossing disguise. Of course, everything is put right in the end as "true love" conquers all.

*Auditions: Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3pm*

### ***Banished Children of Eve***

By Kelly Younger, adapted from the novel by Peter Quinn

**A Heller Theatre Production**

**May 11-12, 15, 18-19 at 7:30pm**

**Sunday, May 20 at 2:00pm**

The New York draft riots of 1863 form the backdrop to this racially charged historical drama. Irish immigrant Jack Mulcahey makes his living playing scenes from *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in blackface, alongside his sweetheart Eliza, an actress who must keep her biracial roots a secret. An almost penniless Stephen Foster, writer of such classics as "Oh! Susanna", "Camptown Races", and "My Old Kentucky Home" plays piano for the company. They huddle for protection amidst the riots, in which largely Irish-American throngs erupted into violence on the streets of New York, much of it directed against African-Americans. This play had its world premiere at the Irish Repertory Theatre in New York in October 2010.

*Auditions: Saturday, March 3 at 3pm*

### ***The Emergence Project***

TBA June 2012

**A Clark Youth Theatre Partnership with Youth Services of Tulsa**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emergence Project will take the stage in June, 2012. This will be a festival of 4-8 short plays, all written, directed, and performed by Tulsa area students. Writers are encouraged to begin planning their submissions early. More information on The Emergence Project will be available soon.

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**Clark Teen Laughing Matter**

**Teen LM Shows: Nov 19, Dec 17, Mar 10, & May 5**

**All shows start at 7:30pm**

Clark's own comedy improvisation troupe enters its 6<sup>th</sup> year of hilarity. If you like "Who's Line Is It Anyway" you'll love Tulsa's teen version! All shows are family friendly and sure to provide plenty of laughs.

**Laughing Matters shows are Adult LM Shows:**

**Nov 18, Dec 16, Feb 14, March 9, May 4**

**All Shows at 7:30pm**

Laughing Matter is a live comedy show using suggestions from the audience to create a fun evening for the whole family. Tulsa's longest running comedy show is still going strong!

For more information, please visit our website at [www.cityoftulsa.org/henthornepac](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/henthornepac) or find us on Facebook. For reservations to any show or to speak to a staff member, call (918) 746-5065. Call early for reservations as most shows sell out. Clark Theatre also sponsors classes in acting, comic improvisation, and other subjects, for youth ages 8 to 18, usually on Saturdays. **Henthorne Performing Arts Center**, is home to Heller and Clark Theatres, which are part of the Park and Recreation Department of the City of Tulsa.

Heller Theatre is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> season of bringing contemporary theatre to Tulsa. It thanks Tulsa for all of the support it's received throughout the years. Heller and Clark Theatres together have won 6 TATE awards for theatrical excellence, more than any other theatre. Our seasons are again made possible in part through the generosity of the George Kaiser Family Foundation.