

MTS NEWS



Prioritizing the **community** in Community Theatre

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MTS to Hold Parking Lot Fundraiser

With its location just one block south of NM Expo, Musical Theatre Southwest will open its parking area around the theater to raise money for its #SaveMTS fundraising Campaign during the two weekends of the New Mexico State Fair. The Board of Directors based the decision on a suggestion made at the July Town Hall.

MTS will sell parking access on 6 days over the two weekends of the Fair. The allotted times for parking will be based around rehearsal and workshop schedules for *Hair* and *Elf*, respectively.



The schedule for parking will be the following days and times:

- Friday, September 7th: 10 am-10:30 pm - All Day for \$20
- Saturday, September 8th: 12:30-10:30 pm - All Day for \$20
- Sunday, September 9th: 12 pm-5 pm - \$15
- Friday, September 14th: 10 am-10:30 pm All Day for \$20
- Saturday, September 15th: 10 am-10:30 pm - All Day for \$20
- Sunday, September 16th: 12 pm-5 pm - \$15

A call for volunteers to act as attendants during those six days has gone out through social media campaigns. Volunteers are being asked to sign up for overlapping two-hour shifts, with at least two volunteers always present to ensure safety and security during that time. Members of the Board have already volunteered to open and close the building each day and to assist with instructions to the first volunteers on the job. **Shade will be provided.** We recommend that you bring your own water bottle to stay hydrated as you will have access to the building to keep it filled up throughout your shift. We will also sell bottles of water and sunscreen for our parking customers.

As an incentive, MTS will be giving away 10 pairs of tickets that can be used at any MTS show during the remainder of this season or any show of the 2019 Season. The more slots for which volunteers sign up, the more chances they have to win the tickets.

If you are interested in volunteering, a signup form has been created at https://www.musicaltheatresw.com/amigos/?sheet_id=24. Remember, the more time you volunteer, the better your chances of winning two free tickets to the MTS show of your choice!

Announcing Our 2019 Season

The May and July Town Hall meetings provided the Board of Directors with many excellent choices for the 60th Anniversary Season. Our 60th Anniversary Gala will take the place of our usual February show and, after a poll was taken at the July meeting and research into availability, we are proud to announce the following shows:



Stay tuned for additional exciting information regarding our 2019 Season!

MTS Amigos Meeting Location for September Changed

Attention, Amigos! Because of the State Fair, the location for the September 11 meeting location will NOT be at the Center for Theatre. Please check the Amigos home page at musicaltheatresw.com/Amigos as well as the Amigo's Facebook page for the location of the meeting. An email regarding location will also be sent to all Amigos.

Flex Pass Holders

Are you a Flex Pass holder with tickets to *Newsies*? We want you to know your options in regards to your tickets. You can choose to use your tickets to attend the productions of *Hair*, or you can hang on to them and use them next season for *Newsies*. Your choice! If you have questions or need more information, please call the office at 505-265-9119, or email us at boxoffice@musicaltheatresw.com



#SaveMTS Shirt Sale Continues

The #SaveMTS Shirts are still available for anyone who wants to show their MTS pride! They come in a variety of styles and colors and the proceeds go to the #SaveMTS fundraising event. Please show us your support by wearing your support! You can still order them at <https://www.bonfire.com/savemts/>.



Elf Workshop & Auditions

The audition workshop for *Elf* will be on Saturday, September 8 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at MTS. This is your chance to get a heads up on the music and choreography as well as meet the creative team behind the show and learn some audition tips. If you can't make it to the workshop, don't worry! You can still audition. Make sure to sign up online ASAP. Auditions for *Elf* will be the weekend of September 21-23. You can sign up for auditions at: <https://www.musicaltheatresw.com/2018-season/elf-the-musical/>

Hope Ruiz, & Jenni Hipolito Join MTS Board.



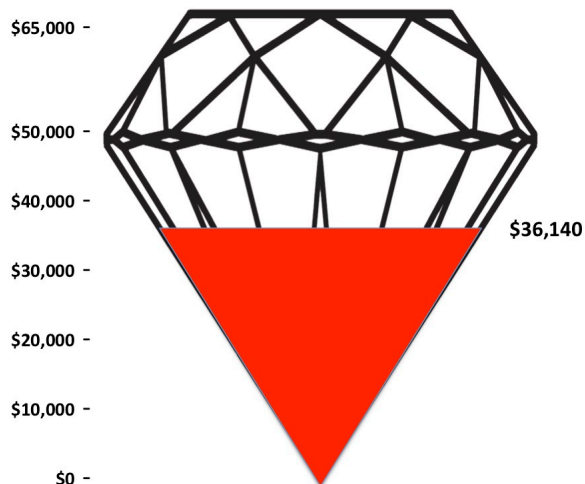
Welcome to Hope Ruiz, who has been our outstanding Box Office Manager for the last two years and has also been invaluable to recent updates to our volunteer training and standardization. We can't wait to see all of the amazing things that she will continue to help us with!



We also welcome Jenni Hipolito as the newest member of our Board of Directors team, Jenni has been involved in a number of our productions both onstage and off for the last couple of years. She has also been an integral part of a number of our committees this year. We are very excited for the wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm that she will be bringing to the board.

#SaveMTS Reaches 50% of Goal

As of August 31, Musical Theatre Southwest has approached the 50% mark of its needed \$65,000 goal. Two months still remain in the fundraising campaign to help MTS remain operational through the current year.



We are still accepting donations at <https://www.musicaltheatresw.com/diamond/> where anyone can provide a one-time donation or you can set up a recurring monthly donation.



Office Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to work in our office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-3 PM. Please contact info@musicaltheatresw.com if you are interested!

Save the Dates:

Sept 7-Sept 9	State Fair Parking Fundraiser
Sept 8	<i>Elf</i> Workshop
Sept 11	Monthly Amigos Board Meeting (Location TBD)
Sept 14-16	State Fair Parking Fundraiser
Sept 21-23	<i>Elf</i> Auditions

*Save the Date:
February 2, 2019*



60th Anniversary Gala

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*You are cordially invited to join us for this marvelous event. Please send us your current information today at:
www.musicaltheatresw.com/gala and don't forget to follow us on Facebook for updates!*