

valley youth theatre

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Valley Youth Theatre Steps Up to Perform
Disney's High School Musical
June 8-24, 2007 at Herberger Theater Center

Valley Youth Theatre brings Disney's smash hit *High School Musical* to life on stage at the Herberger Theater Center Friday, June 8th through 24th. Based on the original Disney Channel musical, this wildly popular story follows basketball star Troy and brainy Gabriella - two teens who are worlds apart and meet during a karaoke contest while on vacation. They discover their love for singing, and an interest in each other. Gabriella turns up as the new girl at Troy's East High that fall, and inspired by their summer memories, they both decide to audition for the school musical. Fearing that by participating in the musical, they will each be jeopardizing the success of their respective basketball and academic decathlon teams, their teammates, along with the school's resident high school musical diva and her sidekick brother, plot to keep them from performing at the audition callbacks. Eventually, their friends see the error of their ways and end up rallying behind Troy and Gabriella in a grand finale which brings the school to discover "We're All in This Together".

"Valley Youth Theatre is thrilled to bring *High School Musical* to the Herberger this summer ." says Valley Youth Theatre Producing Artistic Director Bobb Cooper. "Young people have been begging me to do this show, and we booked it as soon as it became available. Over 200 young people auditioned for the show. It is truly a phenomenon."

High School Musical opens at the Herberger Theater Center Friday, June 8 and will run through Sunday, June 24. Performance times are Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30pm; Saturdays at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17.00; \$20.00 and \$23.00 per person (plus HTC fees), adults and children two and up, and can be ordered through the Herberger Theater box office at 602-252-8497. For more information about Valley Youth Theatre visit www.VYT.com.

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit organization that targets young people age 7 – 19 for participation in and attendance at quality live theatre productions. Its positive impact on youth provides them with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company most recently winning 32 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2005-2006 season. Valley Youth Theatre is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Partial funding also is provided by the Phoenix Arts Commission through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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