

FOOTLIGHTERS



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<http://www.redlandsfootlighters.org>

IT'S TIME TO BECOME A MEMBER!

YES! I want to become involved in the exciting world of community theater! Please sign me up as an *active member*. I understand that I will be expected to serve on a committee or work on various project during the year. I also understand that in return for my volunteer efforts I will receive a complimentary ticket to each of the productions. Enclosed are my dues (check one): Single - \$15 Couple - \$25

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

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Complete and send with dues payment to:

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AN INVITATION

We invite you to become a member of Footlighters.

Redlands Footlighters is a nonprofit corporation whose members have contributed 60 years of entertainment for the Inland Empire community. Behind each production are literally thousands of hours of volunteer labor. This requires an active membership.

Being part of an active membership requires that you participate in theater activities either as an actor or as a behind the scenes worker in some capacity. There are many opportunities to use your talents. Here are a few examples:

- Props
- Usher
- Costumer
- Door person
- Prompter
- Coffee host
- Set construction
- Concessions worker
- Set dresser
- Social event organizer
- Painter
- Cleaner
- Light or sound technician
- A member of one of several committees

In return for your volunteer effort and active member dues, you will receive a complimentary ticket to each production, an invitation to all cast parties, and the opportunity to attend membership meetings including potlucks in the Green Room.

Come enjoy the camaraderie and the magic of being part of live theater! Use the form on the reverse to apply for membership now.

For additional information, stop by the theater at 1810 Barton Road in Redlands. You can also contact us at 909-793-0155 or visit our Web site at <http://www.redlandsfootlighters.org>.

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OUR MISSION

It is the object of the Redlands Footlighters, Inc., to provide rewarding entertainment, creative productions of live theatre, a cradle for community theatre, growth for actors and directors, presentations of our dramatic heritage and mutually satisfying and varied theatre experiences for both the Footlighters and its audiences.

OUR HISTORY

For 60 years, Redlands Footlighters has been an active member of the community.

It began with four women in 1945 – Mary Armstrong, Marianne Finley, Lucille Crews Marsh and Ruth Welch – and became Redlands Footlighters. The first production, *Mr. and Mrs. North*, directed by Bernard Craven, was presented in Clock Auditorium at Redlands High School. For several years Footlighters traveled like gypsies presenting shows in the Contemporary Club, the Y.W.C.A., the Redlands Bowl, as well as in Yucaipa and Banning.

In 1952 Merl Williams proposed that the vacant Grove Theater would be an ideal location for a permanent Footlighters home. Robert Sherrod, Joe Camp, Howard Avery, and Stuart Campbell contributed leadership and expertise. Footlighters' members went to work fashioning a center stage utilizing the unique sloping floor.

Footlighters incorporated in 1955 and acquired non-profit status. They began saving for a theater. In 1969 Merl & Peggy Williams led some far-sighted members in negotiating the purchase of the land on Barton Road. The new theater opened in 1980. Construction was supervised by Joe Camp, Nick Salpas, and many volunteer members. Stuart Campbell, who directed the first play at the Grove, also directed that same first play, *The Curious Savage*, at the new theater. There was much to be done in the building, but shows were presented while work continued.

We continue to devote time and talent to our dream; we believe in and support Footlighters.