

## Parents Play a Role...

### Saturday, July 12, 2014 at the Opera House

The Fayette Summer Theater Program kicks off with a session for the whole family. You will meet the teaching artists, hear more about their plans, and participate in a recounting of local history at the Bean Creek Valley History Center. We will hear stories of recent history from the folks who lived it and historians will fill in some background on local history.

### Sunday, July 13, 2014, Fayette to Adrian College

### Saturday July 19, 2014 Adrian College to Fayette

A few parents will be needed to help carpool.

### Thursday, July 24, 2014

Tibbits Theatre performance, Coldwater, Michigan, carpool volunteers.

### Saturday, July 26, 2014

7 p.m. Community Hoedown at the Opera House with the Bean Creek Dancers

Observe or participate, but don't miss it.

### July 21 - August 1, 2014

Daily transportation to the program at the Opera House. Carpools will be arranged. For those outside commuting distance, host families in Fayette will be arranged.

### Sunday July 27, 2014

Carpool volunteers for *Trumpet in the Land*, an outdoor drama in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

### Friday & Saturday, August 1 & 2, 2014

Performance of *Up the Creek*.

## Program Cost

Participant fee: \$900.

Fee covers instruction, field trips, Week 1 accommodation and meals, Weeks 2 & 3 lunch and snacks, and play production expenses.

To accommodate family budgets, program fees may be paid as follows:

Deposit: \$100 with application

May 1: \$300      June 1: \$300      July 12: \$200

Scholarships are available. Contact [OperahouseFayette@gmail.com](mailto:OperahouseFayette@gmail.com) for scholarship application information.

Cancellation & Refunds: The Fayette Community Fine Arts Council reserves the right to cancel the program due to low enrollment no later than April 15, 2014 (Deposits fully refunded.) Participant cancellations are eligible for refunds as follows: before April 15, full deposit; April 16 - July 1, 75%; After July 1, 50%.

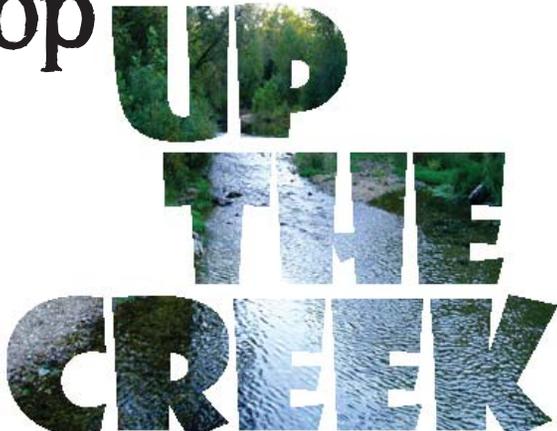
## Questions..

Please feel free to be in touch if you have questions or need additional information.

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# FAYETTE Summer Theater Workshop



## UP THE CREEK

July 12 - August 2, 2014

Ages 13 -18

No prior experience  
required

Study acting, singing,  
dance, and storytelling  
with award winning  
professional performers

Experience life on a  
college campus

Attend live theater  
performances, including  
the acclaimed outdoor  
drama, *Trumpet in the  
Land*

Perform *Up the Creek*  
at the Bull Thistle Arts  
Festival

Haven't we all found ourselves *Up the Creek* at one time or another?

Local teens will tell us what it means to be *Up the Creek*. Participants build performance skills while they write and produce a play about living, growing up, and finding their way in the Bean Creek Valley.

The Bean Creek Valley History Center provides stories from the past and not-so-distant past for perspective and local flavor. Workshop participants take it from there led by outstanding teaching artists to write and perform an original play that tells their story.

Adrian College and the Fayette Opera House provide work space.

The Bull Thistle Arts Festival provides a performance venue for the world premiere of *Up the Creek*.

Sponsored by the Fayette Community Fine Arts Council  
and the Fayette Opera House

## About the program...

The Fayette Community Fine Arts Council, the Opera House, and the Bean Creek Valley History Center are excited to introduce the Fayette Summer Theater Program. Through grants and community support, we are able to bring outstanding teaching artists to Fayette for three weeks to help a group of teenagers hone their skills in acting, singing and dance and put those skills to use as they create and perform an original play, *Up the Creek*.

We will hit the road for field trips as well. Both professional and community theater performances will inspire and challenge. The Croswell Opera House in Adrian and Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater are on the agenda. The outdoor drama, *Trumpet in the Land*, will be a highlight of the program -- it is Ohio's premier and longest running outdoor theatre production, telling one story of Ohio's early settlement.

Local history will come to life as told by some of the folks who lived it and through visits to historic sites and access to archives and artifacts. "The olden days" will be a contrast and catapult from which new stories can be told.

## About the people...

Terry Boyarsky is a performing musician and teaching artist selected for the Ohio Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster. She has spent her life singing, dancing, playing piano, teaching, and sharing her art with groups from preschool to seniors.

Robin Pease is a member of Kulture Kids, a performing arts collaborative in Cleveland, Ohio. She has performed and taught drama, music, and dance and is a noted storyteller.

Both Robin and Terry are Kennedy Center trained teaching artists with extensive experience developing original theater works with their students. They enjoy working together and are excited about creating this program.

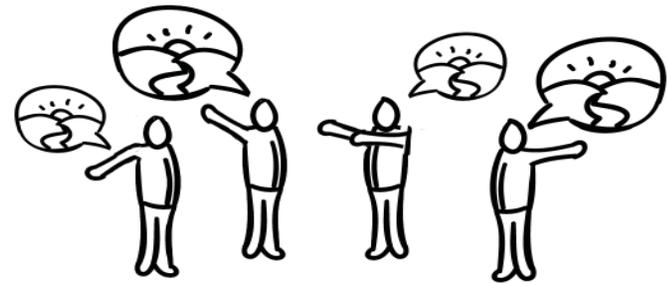
Susan (Sly) Burke created an international summer theatre program, that hosted teens from more than 30 countries over 14 summers. That program is now part of the International Schools Theatre Association and Susan has adapted the framework that was successful in the South of France to the Bean Creek Valley.



## About the places...

The Adrian College campus combines modern amenities with a traditional college campus feel. Locating the program on this campus for the first week allows everyone time to focus without the distractions of home. Participants will get the feel of a college campus from dormitory living and cafeterias (unlike anything you have seen in local high schools) to studios and stages at our disposal. After work sessions are done for the day, the gym, track, sand volleyball, and tennis courts are available.

Weeks 2 & 3 of the program are held at the Fayette Opera House. (Thanks to new air conditioning, the work space is actually workable in the summer.) Guest workshop leaders will help prepare all aspects of the production from set design to publicity.



## About the performance...

The Bull Thistle Arts Festival on August 2 is the occasion and the location for the world premiere of *Up the Creek*. The Festival is held at Fayette's Normal Grove. Attendees at this growing festival are the audience for the performance. *Up the Creek* fits into the Bull Thistle Festival, a celebration of local tradition, local talent, and tall tales.

## About the participants...

The most important component...you. If you are age 13 – 18 and ready to try something new and different, this is for you. No special skills are required to join the program. We have outstanding teaching artists who will teach you new skills, sharpen your existing skills and guide the creation of a compelling performance. Join us.

Perhaps you have a grandchild, niece or nephew who no longer lives in the area but would like to visit for the summer. Please encourage them to participate. This is a great opportunity for scattered family members to learn about the Bean Creek Valley and have a great summer experience.