

Southwest (California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas)

Your advance materials are excellent - everything one needs to promote the show.
Raton, NM

People scheduled their vacations and summer plans based on the timing of this event. Every child who was part of it the first year wanted to do it again.
Albuquerque, NM

This is an outstanding experience for our children to enjoy. It includes fun, hard work, educational endeavors, memorization, discipline, routines, scheduling, interpersonal relations, sense of community and guaranteed success. Hooray! You did it again – surpassed our wildest dreams.
Las Vegas, NV

Our recent residency was outstanding...Carrie Farrand and Eric Day, besides being truly outstanding individuals, courteous guests, and real team players, are great ambassadors of your program and extremely competent at what they do. They also go way beyond what is expected, and always give their all to the kids and the program. Eric reached a boy I had never seen smile before, and charmed the entire school with his humor, graciousness, and ability. All the girls want to grow up to be Carrie, which is understandable, I would too! They were an absolute joy to have in our home and my family was truly sad to see them go. The musical theatre workshops were a huge success and a bargain at twice the price. The improv with Eric's mime and Carrie's straight man brought down the house, and the info part was good too! I can always trust MCT to send me the best, but these two even exceed your standards. They handled multiple asthma attacks, a poor stage setup, a skirt that fell down (and instant tears), a very late student arrival for a performance, all with aplomb, class, and humor. They are very cooperative and courteous to each other, and obviously love what they are doing. Concordia Elementary was awarded one of only 41 national Blue Ribbon School Awards...this year. MCT played a large part in our application and the award of achieving this prestigious award. Thank you!
San Clemente, CA

Dear Carrie and Eric, You are miracle workers!!!! It takes a real talent to choose fifty children out of a group of over one hundred and in only 18 hours of rehearsal, turn out a full-length performance. It has been a pleasure to watch and learn from you as you motivate and encourage the kids to give their best to this show. I especially appreciated the audition process. It was so fair...it didn't matter what was on anyone's resume, who they were related to, etc. Rather, you let each one show you on their own what they could do. It really encouraged my children to know that they got their parts by themselves, not because they were related and had previous acting experience. What a boost of self-confidence for them. I am so thrilled my children had the opportunity to work with you. I had heard of the MCT back in the "dark ages" when I was in college and what a quality program it was. I was very excited to hear you were nearby and my children would maybe have the opportunity to work with you. Then you cast both of them! I know this is an experience my children will never forget. Thanks again for such a fun week.
Poway, CA

I simply could not have been happier. The parents were impressed, thrilled and amazed. I can't wait to have them back next year. You simply cannot go wrong if you book an MCT residency.
North Richland Hills, TX

This was such an awesome experience for our school community. It was a great way to celebrate the arts.
Modesto, CA

This is my fourth year with Missoula and it's become the highlight of my life – all your instructors have been A1 – easy to work with – a terrific learning experience for us all especially the children. I hope you will always be available – what you offer is a child's opportunity to learn about themselves and all they can offer.
Pahrump, NV

On behalf of the students, staff, and parents of the Comanche Elementary School community, I am writing to express our sincere appreciation for the incredible work of Nellie Gelhaus and Mary Schmolke who directed our November 15 performance of *The Frog Prince*. These two women were truly extraordinary. Their exemplary theatric abilities combined with their amazing rapport with the students were only surpassed by their remarkable organizational and management skills. Our students literally bloomed before our eyes under Mary and Nellie's mentorship. There were several students who had never participated in any of our numerous fine arts offerings at school, but this drama experience drew them in and with Mary and Nellie's energetic direction, they shone! Our PTA Fine Arts Committee unanimously agreed that this was a marvelous experience for our youngsters and we definitely want to request a residency tour for next school year. Again, thanks to the many individuals back in Missoula whose creative genius goes into conceptualizing every little detail that makes the performance so captivating! Your work is a great gift to children!
Albuquerque, NM

Outstanding performance – beautiful costumes – children spoke clearly and knew their parts. The students loved the entire week. They worked, wasted no time and did not “goof off!” Bravo!
Clovis, NM

Our high school drama department is much stronger because of MCT.
Carlsbad, NM

Trish and Jennifer were very professional, great with you students, and a lot of fun! They brought positive energy and enthusiasm to our school and it showed in our performances. Thank you!
Junction City, CA

Scott and Philip were wonderful in every way. I really enjoyed watching them work with kids. They beat any veteran teacher in terms of crowd control and especially motivation. At the same time they took a few moments here and there to calm, relax and laugh with our students. They were heroes in everyone's book.
Yucca Valley, CA

Both Stephanie and Maurice were professional, competent and approachable. They presented a standard and expectation, but at the same time were engaging to the cast. This balance was critical to the success of the performance and the project.
Santa Rosa, CA

Janet and Kepler were fantastic. From the moment auditions started until they were striking the set, they were professional, kind, lively and represented MCT in an incredible manner. Everyone commented on how they interacted with the children. The parent and audience members were shocked with the outstanding musical theatre outcome! It was a pleasure having them here with us!
Napa, CA

This is a very beneficial program. I know of two youth in this community who have chosen the arts as a career because they loved participating in MCT.
Wells, NV

Our children, parents and church staff were very pleased with them as theater professionals, as teachers, as houseguests and as gracious people.
Fort Worth, TX

I have watched a young boy whose inability to listen and attend disqualified him from his first audition. The next year he auditioned again and received a critter part. The light in his eyes as he took the stage is an experience I will not forget. It strengthened my commitment to have MCT in this community. Every child should have this chance.

Wells, NV

As a parent of three boys at Pacific Beach Elementary, two of whom have participated in MCT performances and one who has just gone as an audience member (enthusiastically!), I think MCT helps the children to achieve several educational goals. Reading the script, cooperating with the MCT team leaders and fellow cast members, memorizing lines, learning in depth about some piece of literature through the play, completing the finished product and having the satisfaction of knowing the hard work involved, building self-esteem and confidence are some of the things that come to mind.

San Diego, CA