



Then and Now

DownTown and Gown

Town and Gown Community Theatre and the Stillwater Community Center are old partners, having worked together several times.

Their first experience was “Camelot” in the early 90s with Director Jane Price leading the charge. Renovations had begun to convert “North High” from a school into a community center.

Town and Gown members pitched in, helping to create a good space for theatrical shows to take place. We did everything from general cleaning up the theater to making sure the lights and curtains were operational.

Camelot was such a success that Town and Gown could donate funds to purchase the main drape still in use today.

Among other Town and Gown productions held at the community center are You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown, Best Christmas Pageant Ever, and Westside Story.

Stillwater Community Center’s theater has proven beneficial to Town and Gown performers, directors and audiences over the years.

Town and Gown is a theater in the round. The community center is a proscenium theater. Most theaters are proscenium, so producing shows at the community center gives the T&G directors and actors the opportunity to work with this very popular style of stage.

The community center has also served as a rehearsal space for shows Town and Gown takes to

theater festivals where community theaters from around the state of Oklahoma gather to perform for each other, compete and share ideas. Workshops are presented from acting and direction to grant writing and fund raising.

We found another benefit of performing in the community center’s theater is the seating capacity. Summer musicals often have a large cast with friends and family members who want to see the show. Larger seating capacity provides the opportunity for more people to be able to enjoy these musical productions.

I hope that Town and Gown and the Stillwater Community Center can continue this healthy relationship in the years to come.



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