

“A Thousand Cranes” to Light at the Covey Center Proceeds Go Towards Annual Children’s Celebration

(PROVO, Utah) BYU Young Company will perform the play for young audiences, “A Thousand Cranes,” March 2-3 at the Covey Center for the Arts. In conjunction with the play, the Covey Center will also host an exhibition of 123,000 origami cranes, which represent all those who were in detained in the U.S. internment camps..

The Young Company presents an award-winning true story of hope and love. “A Thousand Cranes” tells the tale of Sadako who, ten years after Hiroshima was bombed in WWII, discovers that she has radiation sickness. While in the hospital she learns of the legend of 1000 paper cranes, and begins folding. She hopes that in completing 1000 cranes, the gods will grant her one wish: “This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.”

Proceeds from this event will go to help support the annual Children’s Celebration of the Arts. Now in its 28th year, Children’s Celebration is dealing with the common fiscal realities of shrinking budgets and higher costs. However, the benefits of this Provo City tradition make it important to continue.

“Children’s Celebration enables children to have a hands-on experience with many different types of art that helps develop both the left and right sides of the brain,” said Kathryn S. Allen, Covey Center community outreach director. “And more than that, Children’s Celebration is just plumb, plain fun—a great event for the whole family!”

Come support this community tradition, and enjoy a night of outstanding theatre for young audiences. "A Thousand Cranes" runs March 2-3 at 7 p.m. at the Covey Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Covey Center ticket office (open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) located at 425 W. Center St. in Provo, by calling 801-852-7007 or online at www.coveycenter.org.

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