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A Letter From the Editor

By Hawke Taylore

Welcome to all! This is the first monthly edition of VOICES Magazine for Tucson. To those who are unsure what this is all about, VOICES is designed to focus on real people who do extraordinary things in the Tucson Area. This publication is designed for Tucson, about Tucson and by Tucson. One of the biggest goals of this publication is to keep everything about it in Tucson and surrounding areas and influence. This will include Pima County and the neighboring cities that make up a substantial contribution to the community. This will include Marana, Benson, Vail, Sahuarita, Green Valley,

Tubac, and Nogales just to name a few of our contributing neighbors. The intent of this magazine is to introduce you to people of the community that stand out in some way. In future issues we plan to include Teachers, Firefighters, community members and that person next door to you that always seems to be doing something for everyone. I hope you enjoy this and the forthcoming issues of VOICES Magazine. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

Hawke Taylore

Hawke Taylore



Into the Woods

A Family of Wild West Performers On a Dusty Trail

Left to right: Noah, Jerry, and Heather Woods
Performing westerns to audiences has become
a family tradition.



Live special effects like gunfire and explosions are just part of what makes the show unique.

Heather, Jerry and Noah are Wife, Husband, and Son who all work together at Trail Dust Town as performers with the Pinnacle Peak Pistoleros. This family along with other actors and support personnel make up the group. This “Wild West” comedy team offers Vaudeville and classic portrayal of the old west to dozens of families each night at Trail Dust Town. While the shows are performed, the actors will interact with the audience as well as encourage applause and boos for the appropriate characters in the show.

Heather Woods is celebrating her tenth year in the show, Jerry Woods has been an Actor and Director of the shows for the last 20 years as of April 2017.

Noah Woods has been acting in the shows for the last three years and he appears to love every minute of it, Just like Heather and Jerry. Jerry started the shows at Trail Dust Town by approaching the Management of TDT and performing a private show that the management was afterward confident Jerry was able to direct on his own.

Heather was reluctant in the beginning to continue working stunt shows since on her first show she broke her tailbone and had to take a year off. Heather has since had many other injuries that have not stopped her from continuing to give her audience many laughs and much entertainment. Heather is a woman who does not quit and always has a smile on her face.

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Noah having grown up around stunt shows and absolutely loves western and cowboy stories. “Cowboys are my thing; I love cowboys... so I decided that’s what I wanted to do.” Noah was practicing stunt shows for his family as early as eight years old. Jerry stated that, “He (Noah) scared us half to death with some of them.”

When Jerry writes and performs a show he makes every attempt to appeal to people who like westerns, even though there are not very many western movies

available in today’s theatres. “I want an opportunity for people to show their kids a western that they (parents) would like and appreciate.” Jerry also informs us that the shows are performed for adults and children that include sight gags and slapstick comedy. The intent is to perform a family friendly show that people can enjoy.

The shows are performed live on scheduled nights that include spectacles like gunfire, Special effects and loud explosions. The audience interaction





“There is a certain immediacy in theatre that it happens right here. We engage the audience, we talk to them, they talk back. We consider the audience the fourth or fifth character of the show. We expect them to participate. We build our shows around that participation, and they love it... This is a magical place”

Article and Photography by Hawke Taylore

is a must for these performers. The audience get to laugh, clap and scream at performers with things like, “The bad guy is hiding behind that box” and the audience gets to see how much chaos can ensue even with the warnings. Kids appear to enjoy the shows as much as the adults. Admittedly, some of the humorous remarks are meant for a mature audience. However there is enough comedy to keep the whole family entertained throughout the show.





Dillinger Days

The 1930's Roar Back to Tucson





Each year, all of downtown Tucson is enthralled with 1930's dress, classic cars, food, and spirits that emulate the days of yesteryear when gangsters and bank robbers were as famous as a Hollywood celebrity. The celebration is centered around the time when John Dillinger was captured by Tucson's finest Police force and hauled into jail.

It all started in January 1934 when the Dillinger gang came through Tucson. They all stopped at the Hotel Congress to lay low after a previous bank robbery in another state. Unbeknownst to the gang, the boiler in the hotel would explode during their stay, and cause a fire and force the gang to evacuate the hotel and be identified



by the local emergency crews. It wasn't long after the fire when the Tucson Police Department was able to round up John Dillinger and the whole gang that visited Tucson. It is worth mentioning that John Dillinger was not able to escape the Tucson Jail as he had been able to in previous cities.

Each year, Tucson celebrates this historic event with Dillinger days. An event that engulfs a major part of Downtown Tucson. People come from all over to experience the 1930's all over again the streets are full of classic cars from the era, People are dressed to the nines and at the center of it all is HOTEL CONGRESS The place it all started.

For two days the Hotel Congress has a group of actors that portray the events of the historical time while John Dillinger and his gang visited. The leader, John Dillinger, is portrayed by none other than Jon Mincks. For over 20 years Jon has brought a humorous view of the days of Dillinger to Tucson.

You can catch this year's show at Hotel Congress on January 22-23rd 2017. The event is worth visiting and you can bring the whole family along. The day is filled with local places to go, sights to see as well as entertainment that goes all day long. You can go here to get more information:
<http://hotelcongress.com/events>

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Karina Levine

Not the Average Girl Next Door

Karina is a woman that dedicates herself to helping people and animals alike. Her drive and compassion are inspiration to many people,



Local born Karina Levine tends to call herself “The Crazy Cat Lady” This is primarily due to the fact that she works at Hermitage No-kill Cat Shelter. Karina coordinates the volunteers and helps place cats in grateful foster homes for the Tucson area. You might be surprised to know that she has only two cats of her own. Karina also works at Arizona Lotus, KFMA and KLPX Where she is a promotions assistant as well as on air talent. But wait, there’s more... She is also a promoter of Tucson Maidens of Metal. A local group of musicians that play... You guessed it... Metal and Rock music. Just when you thought that was all she did, Karina is also a freelance local photo model.

In our interview with Karina, we discussed that she spent her college years in Las Cruces, NM where she also worked in the criminal justice field. Happily returning to Tucson, she was able to spend the last four years around her family.

Karina’s most rewarding career is working with Hermitage Cat Shelter and the animal rescue field. “I’m surrounded (at the shelter) by cats all day, so If I ever need to de-stress or have a time out, I’ll go pet a cat.”, Karina humorously told us. What might surprise our readers is that Karina only owns two cats. Her restraint is due to her realization that two was enough for her. Karina states, “Well, the two are crazy, my two cats, they keep me busy so, it’s like having four cats”. Karina realizes

that cats cost money and she refuses to care for more than she can afford.

Karina had the opportunity to live in a different city and state before returning to Tucson. In comparison Karina states that, Tucson is very diverse. I love that it is very diverse.” Karina did have the disadvantage of going through “Green Chile Withdrawal” which she states is a real thing. She tells us, “Tucson is like a small town city, I like that it’s so diverse and there is still stuff to do here.” Karina is a promoter of local metal shows with the “Tucson Maidens of Metal” “The local bands here are amazing, not just metal but all genres is really amazing. They have great local shows here... There is no complaints about what to do on a Friday or Saturday night.”

Modeling and acting is also a favorite activity for Karina. At least seven times she has an opportunity to be an actor for local artists. As you can imagine, her modeling and acting are only when she has the time for them. “Acting is a lot of fun because you get to be somebody else. It gets you out of your everyday personality.” Karina enjoys being a part of the community and volunteers within her interest.

When Karina finally settles down to unwind she hangs out with her boyfriend and/or her cats watching television or reading a good book. Drawing and coloring is also a favorite pastime for her. If that doesn’t work for her, getting outside and doing a nature walk is a way to relax.

Karina is definitely not just the girl next door for many reasons. She is a humanitarian that believes strongly that you should treat people as you want to be treated. "The world could be such a better place if people would just get... out of the boxes they put themselves in and look at someone else's life." "I believe in being kind".

Article and Photos by Hawke Taylore





Elizabeth Schlegel is the coordinator of several group participation photo sessions that involve talented models, fancy cars, and local photographers. Liz gets permission from local establishments to have an area to photograph models around beautiful cars with a pleasing backdrop. These group events are like a family reunion for some and a great place for others to meet new people from Tucson.

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Desert Roses Photoshoot 2017

Model: Elizabeth Schlegel



Photographer: Landon Scaife. Model: Andrea Luis Fragozo



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Photographer: Benjamin J. Vidal Jr. Model: Londie Alday





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The events are designed to be small and friendly. There are a lot of people getting together for these and having a great time for a couple of hours. When it is all over the photographers share their photos with the models and car owners via Facebook or Instagram and everyone gets the appropriate credit for their participation. Business owners even get free advertising and exposure for just a little parking space during the session.

Liz was happy to answer a few questions for Voices magazine about why she does this. Photographers and Models were even willing to include some photos for this article:

Q: When did you start setting up these photo sessions?

A: I started setting these up end of 2015 into 2016. I had an idea and went with it

Q: What was the reason for starting the photo sessions?

A: I started setting up photo shoots for us older women because all you see are the younger generation; I thought it was time for us older models to shine. After that I thought of the Tucson community

and a good way to bring the car club scene and models together, so I started inviting car clubs to my events. It's an excellent way include everyone while networking at the same time. My goal is for everyone to have a good time and come out of it as friends. Photographers also meet new clients so it works all the way around.

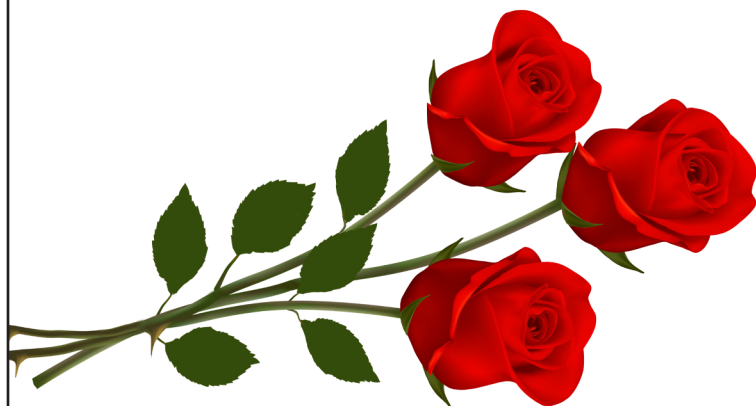
Q: How does everyone get along during the sessions?

A: Everyone loves it and gets along perfect! We make new friends and see old ones; it's a family coming together.

Q: When will you be doing more of these?

A: As long as people want it I will keep doing it. You never know what each day will bring but as long as I'm able to of course, I'll host more.

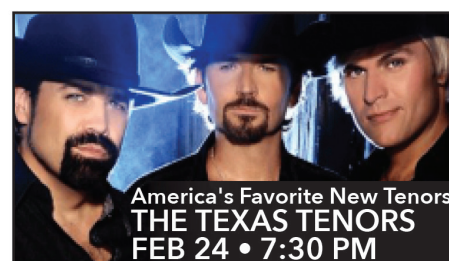
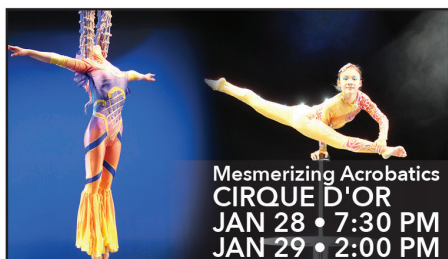
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Family Places:

www.traildusttown.com Always something for everyone.

<http://foxtucson.com/events/show-all> All kinds of things for all ages.

<http://oldtucson.com/events> Old West fun!

<https://reidparkzoo.org/events> Let's face it, Animals are cool to see.

www.desertmuseum.org in the desert without feeling deserted.

www.thewildlifemuseum.org All ages!

<http://speedway.tucson.com/calendar> New events posted daily

www.sabinocanyon.com Healthy hikes and great views.

<http://mtlemmon.com/summerhaven> Great getaway trips!

www.tucsonbotanical.org A garden in the middle of town.

Places for Couples and Friends:

www.rialtotheatre.com Music and concerts

<http://hotelcongress.com/events> Music and More

www.tsrdowntown.com Movies and Music

<https://loftcinema.org/showtimes> All kinds of Movies

www.fourthavenue.org/events Whole area of fun and excitement.

www.union.arizona.edu/involvement/gallagher Movies for \$3!

<http://rocktucson.com/calendar>

The Mixed Bag!

These places have events for everyone! Links are constantly updating

<http://tucsonconventioncenter.com/event-calendar>

<http://southernarizonaguide.com/find-event-tucson-southern-arizona>

www.kvoa.com/category/295118/events-calendar#/85701-tucson/all/today

www.visittucson.org/events/categories/events

www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm

<http://tucson.eventful.com/events>

www.wikido.com/us/az/tucson

<http://tucsonhappenings.com/today.asp>

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

www.tucsonmuseumofart.org

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