



Detour Company Theatre

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Fact Sheet

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ABOUT US

Who We Are

Detour Company Theatre is a performing arts organization that gives adults with cognitive and physical disabilities the opportunity to receive theatre training and performance experiences.

Our Mission

The goal of Detour Company Theatre is to provide aspiring thespians who are physically and intellectually challenged with the chance to showcase their talent. The performers will be able to grow their community, experience the joy of theatre, and build confidence in themselves while being in the program

OUR EVENTS

“Bye Bye Birdie”

Every June and January, the theatre holds a performance of a Broadway show at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. This January, Detour Company Theatre is performing “Bye Bye Birdie”. Attending the shows are a great way for the community to extend their support of performing arts and those with disabilities.

OUR PROGRAMS

Mainstage



Detour’s Mainstage troupe performs full-scale productions that involve acting, singing, and intricate sets.

Detour Academy



This program offers classes, workshops, and clubs that provide key tools to help a thespian expand their drama skills.

Detour On Tour



The tour troupe are more experienced Detour actors who travel for shows. This program requires extra dedication and passion for the performing arts.

VISIT OUR SPACE

7380 E 2nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251



Backgrounder/About Us



In 2002, the Detour Company Theatre was officially incorporated. The theatre believes that every one of their cast and crew members takes their own route throughout the program, however, they share the same destination of providing entertainment. Different programs within Detour include Mainstage, Detour Academy, and Detour on Tour. Each program has its own unique factors and caters to actors of different talent levels.

Over the last 23 years, the nonprofit organization has provided theatre training to hundreds of intellectually and physically challenged adults. From “Little Shop of Horrors” to “Mean Girls”, every Detour Company Theatre show strives to provide fun and well rehearsed entertainment for its audience. Each show consists of around 50 actors and 13 support professionals that provide onstage acting, set building, and costume designing.

While the theatre does suggest a \$15 donation for most of their shows, the tickets are free to the public. The goal of Detour is to show others that those with disabilities are just as capable of putting on a great performance as any other person. Furthermore, the organization hopes that their shows draw in audience members who also face intellectual and physical challenges.

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Detour Company Theatre Presents “Bye Bye Birdie”

Dec. 8, 2024 (PHOENIX) – In 1960, the musical “Bye Bye Birdie” made its debut on Broadway. Now, the show is making its way onto the stage of Detour Company Theatre, right here in Scottsdale. The performance will take place at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m., and Jan. 11 and 12 at 3 p.m.

Detour Company Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts organization whose cast consists of adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. The goal of the theatre is to introduce and grow the theatrical skills of these individuals in hopes to build their confidence and produce a stellar performance. Detour Company Theatre recognizes the importance of showcasing the talents of those who are mentally and physically challenged, which makes the organization stand out amongst other local theatres.

The cast and crew of “Bye Bye Birdie” asks that the community lend a helping hand to Detour Company Theatre by coming out to one of the three performances. Every ticket bought and seat filled makes a difference. For the cast members, this could be the first time someone looks at them like they would at any other person. The theatre encourages everyone in the Scottsdale area to support their local thespians and enjoy two hours of popular songs and great acting.

The suggested donation for tickets is \$15, and they can be bought online or at the door. For more information and to secure tickets, visit <https://scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/bye-bye-birdie/2025-01-10/>.

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Community Message

Show your support to aspiring thespians with cognitive and physical disabilities by coming out to the nonprofit's performance of "Bye Bye Birdie" Jan. 10-13!

Every Detour Company Theatre production is a way for family, friends, and community to come enjoy the often-overlooked talent of adults who are intellectually and physically challenged. While tickets to shows are free, donations are highly encouraged. The money donated to the organization ensures that cast and crew members will have access to the proper costumes, sets, and rehearsals for their next show. These details may seem small, but having intricate set designs and fun costumes encourages the actors at Detour to keep performing!

Detour Company Theatre believes that show attendance is vital to each cast member's performance and moral boost. When every seat is filled, they are encouraged and confident! After all, this could be the only time someone looks at them as a normal human being and not as a disabled person.

Since the theatre is a nonprofit, Detour relies on the community to keep the organization up and running. In the past, the community has yet to fail our cast and crew when it comes to production attendance- thank you! Remember, your generous donations go to providing top quality theatre training for Detour's performers so you can always expect a fabulous show!