

# ALASKA JUNIOR THEATER



**ANNUAL**



**REPORT**



**2006 – 2007**



Dear Friends,

Alaska Junior Theater is healthy, growing and on the move! Having fully embraced administrative change over the past year, AJT continues to move along a well-charted course toward fulfillment of its vision “to bring the best performing arts from around the world to Alaska’s youth and family audiences.”

AJT continues to grow. Today, we offer subsidized tickets to age-appropriate school shows with direct ties to Alaska Content Standards, study guides and transportation for students. AJT reaches over 35,000 students and teachers and provides more than 3,300 full scholarships each year, ensuring each child has access to the wonderful world of live performance.

Our 25th year was remarkable! It was a year of continued reflection, continued progress and continued success. Through program development, we continue to make progress toward reaching our strategic goals. This fiscal year, AJT accomplished the following:

- A seamless staff transition of new Executive and Community Outreach Directors
- Increased the number of scholarships for low income students and Title I schools
- Increased the number of corporate volunteers for school shows
- Reestablished touring routes throughout Alaska with AJT visiting artists
- Celebrated 25 years of success!

AJT could not fulfill our mission without the valued support of you, our patrons, our volunteers, our sponsors and donors! Thank you for your continued support. By being involved with AJT, you enrich the lives of young people and families in our communities through performing arts.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Silverman**  
President, Board of Directors

**Lainie Dreas**  
Executive Director



# About Alaska Junior Theater

Alaska Junior Theater is a private, nonprofit organization that has been bringing the best in professional theater from around the world to Alaska's youth and family audiences for 25 years. Each year, more than 35,000 students attend a variety of live performances, which share the common educational goal of "bringing learning to life." For many students, AJT's school-time presentations are their only exposure to the performing arts.

Since our inception, we have presented the best in the performing arts to more than 750,000 children and parents. In recognition of our extensive educational and arts outreach activities, Alaska Junior Theater was awarded the Governor's Award for Arts Education.

## Education

Each show we present has a strong educational theme. Our shows often inspire many students who cannot be reached in a more traditional classroom setting.

## Community

AJT is committed to building a stronger community by presenting programs that offer different cultural perspectives to Alaska's children—thereby expanding insight into other cultures, and inspiring youths to work towards overcoming barriers.

## Accessibility

AJT is committed to keeping ticket prices low, allowing children of all financial levels to attend a professional theater experience. We actively fundraise and rely on the support of corporations, foundations and individuals with a strong community spirit to provide scholarship support to ensure all youth have access to the performing arts.

## 2006-2007 Board of Directors

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## Staff

Lainie Dreas, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lynn, Education Director  
Denise Brown Robinson, Community Outreach Director

# Achievements

**The mission of Alaska Junior Theater is to bring the best performing arts from around the world to Alaska's youth and family audiences.**

During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, Alaska Junior theater accomplished the following:

- Provided 3,363 student scholarships to school shows
- Raised the curtain on 49 performances
- Reached 40,578 students, teachers and family members through educational performances and outreach activities
- Partnered with 140 volunteers who gave approximately 650 hours to ensure all Alaskan youths have access to the performing arts
- Provided all performance attendees access to study guides via our website
- Conducted 13 master classes, lectures or outreach events
- Allocated 1,270 complimentary tickets to public shows, a majority of which were given to social service organizations
- Sent AJT visiting artists to Barrow, Kenai and block-booked our artists in Dillingham, Ketchikan, Valdez and Cordova

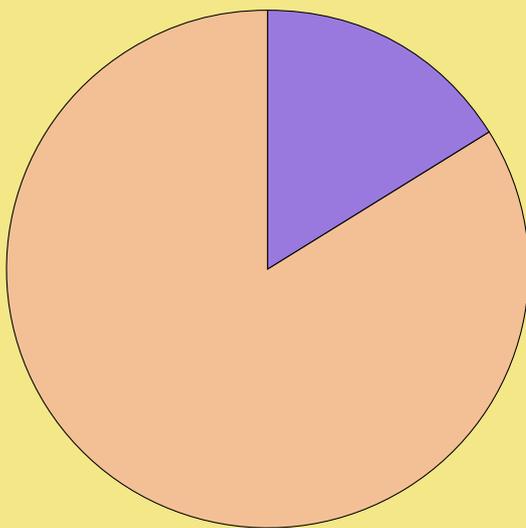
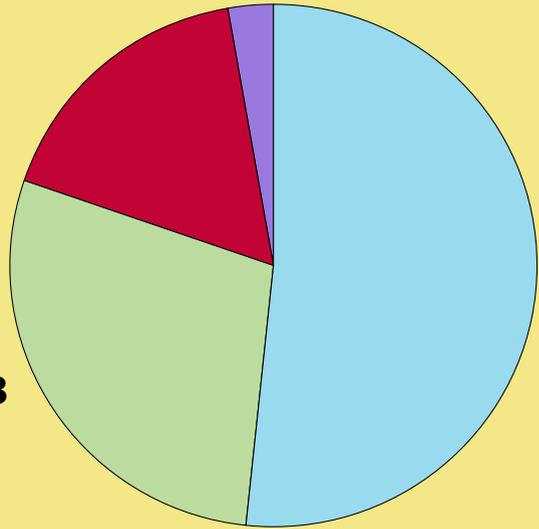
Teachers often tell us what a difference live theater makes in the lives of their students, particularly at low-income schools. One teacher wrote, "I have not been a classroom teacher in a Title I school before and I will never forget the excitement on their faces during this whole experience. This was my students' first time at a play or performance in a theater. They were in awe of the stage and the set, in awe of the performance, and are still talking about it today. I must find ways to give them more of this!"

Superintendent Carol Comeau recently wrote, "Alaska Junior Theater's offerings are considered a true supplement and enhancement to our reading, language arts, social studies, sciences and fine arts curriculum for elementary, middle and high school teachers."

# 2006–2007 Operating Budget

- Earned Income: \$249,472
- Contributions: \$136,897
- Grants: \$81,310
- Interest: \$13,334

**Total Revenue: \$481,013**



- Administrative Expenses: \$77,319
- Production Expenses: \$400,002

**Total Expenses: \$477,321**



# 2006–2007 Support from the Community



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