

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR



Jim Hyte has been involved in show business for the past 35 years. He has worked in film, television, and stage in Hollywood and locally and written and directed children's shows for Ice Capades. He is currently working as a professional actor with Arizona Performing Arts Theatre and also a director for the Westbrook Village Players. Mr. Hyte was also named as one of the best Arizona playwrights for the year 2002.

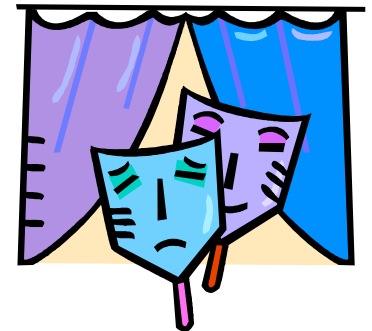


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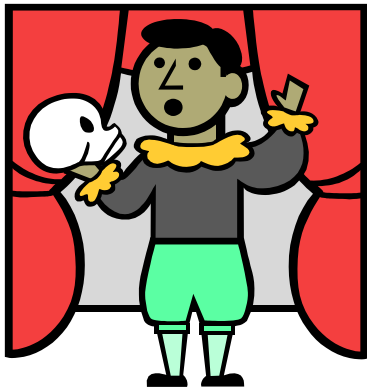


THEATRE PROGRAM



WHY THEATRE?

Taking part in theatre builds self confidence in young people. They learn how to face and take on the world around them, gain poise in the work place and relate with empathy to other people. Also, kids learn to memorize and focus.

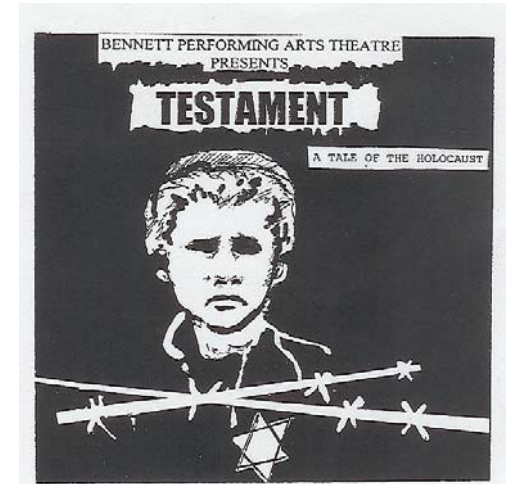
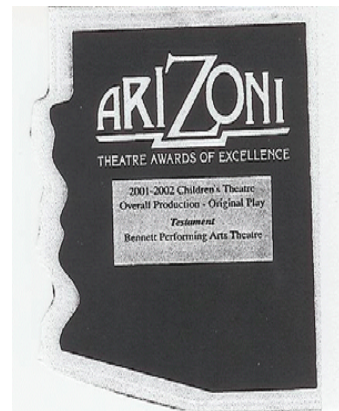


Bennett Academy has won numerous awards and been recognized on local, state, and national levels. This includes:

- ◆ NBC and the Keiser Foundation
- ◆ The AriZonie Theatre Awards
- ◆ ASU film and Public Affairs
- ◆ The Simon Wiesenthal Center
- ◆ The Museum of Tolerance in LA
- ◆ The Ford Motor Company
- ◆ The Governor of Arizona
- ◆ Antwone Fisher

Bennett Theatre addresses social issues.

Teen suicide, tolerance, bullying, child abuse, and teen pregnancy are all topics that have been covered in original works that bring the message home to young people.



Bennett Theatre was the first school to receive the AriZonie Theatre award for Best Original Children's show in 2002 for its production of "Testament." This powerful and moving story of the Holocaust has been seen by over 2000 people and praised by Holocaust survivors as an accurate depiction of what they endured. A copy of it is currently in The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.