El Morro Theatre to offer drama classes

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Jennifer Lazarz, manager at the El Morro Theatre and acting city tourism and marketing manager, recently announced Gallup's first-ever drama workshop, which will take place at the El Morro Theatre, 207 W. Coal Ave., and its accompanying Downtown Events Center, 210 S. Second St.

Lazarz, who's been the acting tourism manager for about a month, said a fall class is set to meet on Thursdays. The workshop will begin Oct. 20 and take place until the performances are held on Dec. 9 and 11.

The classes come as a result of community inquiries, Lazarz said.

"There will be additional Saturday or Sunday classes, but those classes will be set after the program begins and based on participant availability," she said.

The theatre is offering the classes in conjunction with the Tohatchi High School Drama Program and its instructors. Lazarz said the students at Tohatchi High will be responsible for all set and property construction.

The cost of the class is a flat $100 for participants spanning junior high schoolers to adults. There's also an auxiliary children's option, which will be determined by interest. The cost includes costume pieces and set appearances, as well as the instructor's time and facility costs.

Lazarz said the production will be a workshop re-writing — "A Theme and Variations of a Classic Tale", she said — of *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Andersen.

The class is called the El Morro Instructors Group and will meet in the Events Center.

Those interested can sign up at the El Morro concessions area, and payment is required at the time of enrollment.

Concession hours are 6 to 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Class instructors are Mariya Deykute and Leo Loginov-Katz.

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