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Allow Us to Introduce Ourselves

Hello and **welcome to Tuacahn Amphitheatre**. We are a breathtaking outdoor Amphitheatre near St. George, Utah surrounded by 1,500-foot red rock cliffs in the mouth of Padre Canyon. Tuacahn is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to edifying and inspiring the human spirit through professional, world-class, family entertainment and an **unparalleled** artistic and educational experience that matches the majesty of the canyon.

Our **42,000-square-foot facility** was completed in 1995 and includes a 2,500-seat outdoor Amphitheatre, 428-seat indoor Hafen Theatre, black-box theatre, dance studios, costume shop, scene shop, animal stables, rehearsal pad, gift gallery and café.

The name "Tuacahn" was inspired by the Mayan word "Teotihuacan" meaning "city of the gods" and was designated to represent the "**canyon of the gods.**" Built in the shadow of spectacular, red-rock cliffs, the Tuacahn Amphitheatre and Center for the Arts was created to awaken the nobility of the human soul and transmit light and hope to people everywhere through the arts and education.

Visiting the Amphitheatre feels like an **out-of-this-world experience**. Tuacahn gives guests an opportunity to enjoy both the scenery of Padre Canyon and the culture of theatre and the arts. Visitors never forget their first time visiting and experiencing Tuacahn. And once you've gone, you will crave the experience over and over again!



Tuacahn's Story

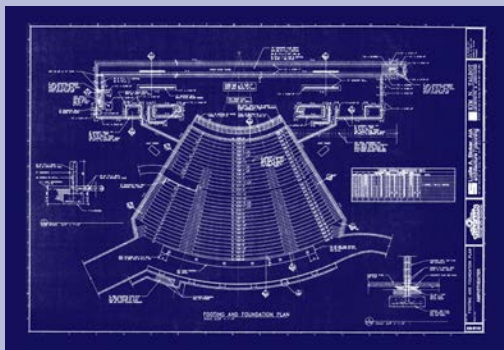
The idea of this incredible outdoor Amphitheatre began with Doug Stewart in 1991. Stewart was a renowned playwright and a St. George resident. From the beginning, Tuacahn Amphitheatre focused on both entertainment and performing as well as theatrical education. "The stunning beauty and perfect surroundings stopped me in my tracks," said Stewart "I was brought to tears when I first stood there, and after taking it in for some time - envisioning an Amphitheatre and a stage with an awesome backdrop of 1,500-foot red rock cliffs and hearing the sounds of music echoing from the canyon walls, I flew back to town to see who the land belonged to." Four years later, when Stewart walked into the Amphitheatre and heard the Mormon Tabernacle choir warming up for the dedication of the theater, it was like reliving the experience from years before. Through Doug's vision, the awe-inspiring Amphitheatre was completed in 1995.

The musical *Utah!* was the first performance at the theatre, and ran from 1995-1999. This show included live acting, living animals, pyrotechnics, and even a recreation of a flash flood! In 1999, Tuacahn decided they needed to expand their performances and include something new. This started what was called the "Summer Festival of Theater" and offered performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*.

For over 30 years, Tuacahn has enchanted audiences with hundreds of spectacular shows and countless unforgettable memories. In 2026, we are proud to present another Broadway season filled with Nights to Remember.



Gordon B. Hinckley, 15th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dedicating the Amphitheatre



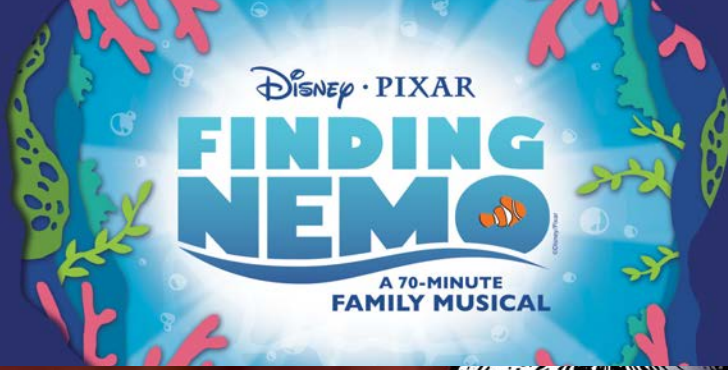
Blueprint of Tuacahn's Outdoor Amphitheatre



Christian Whelan and Peter Fitzke, Utah!



Back Stage near Entrance to Green Room



MAY 1
— TO —
OCT 24



MAY 15
— TO —
OCT 23



JUL 10
— TO —
OCT 22



NOV 20
— TO —
DEC 22



JAN 29
— TO —
MAR 12, 2027

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Fan Favorites Highlight Tuacahn's Anniversary Season

IVINS, Utah (Jan. 17, 2025) — When considering Tuacahn's 30th anniversary season, a few words and phrases come to mind: Favorites. Heart-warming. Spectacular. Definitely worth seeing again.

Amid the landscape of musicals available to produce during the 2025 season, Tuacahn is thrilled to present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Newsies*, *Elf* and *Million Dollar Quartet*, each of which offer timeless energy, broad appeal, and storylines that continue to engage and inspire whether you are seeing them for the first time, or you're back to enjoy them once more.

"No one will produce these shows like we produce these shows," said Shari Jordan, associate artistic producer for Tuacahn. "Even if you think you've seen them before, you haven't seen them like this."

Beginning with one of Tuacahn's most popular productions to date, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is ready to welcome another crop of little kids and their families who can't wait to see Ariel in all the magic of her underwater kingdom.

Crafted at the hands of Scott Anderson, Tuacahn's artistic director, with Mara Newbery Greer as choreographer, this production of *The Little Mermaid* will once again feature the 80-foot water curtain and all the special effects that make this a jaw-dropping live theater experience, with some new surprises too.

"We can't wait for people to see how we transport them from the Southern Utah desert to a beautiful world under the sea," Anderson said.

Then, coming on the heels of the wildly popular film release of *Wicked*, audiences can see how the story originally started, with Dorothy, Toto, and a green-faced witch back before anyone knew her name, in the timeless classic, *The Wizard of Oz*.

"This is a show that appeals to people of every age," Jordan said. "There's just something about the music, the story, and the iconic images like the yellow brick road and more that people just love."

Handling all those iconic images and telling the story through dance and song will be Director Michael Heitzman with Robbie Robie choreographer. This dynamic team is responsible for some of Tuacahn's most visually stunning shows in recent years, including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Joseph* and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, *Beauty and the Beast* and more.

"Their work is just exceptional," Anderson said. "They just know how to put on a big 'wow' show, and I think *Wizard* is definitely going to be that way."

Important Press Release

Closing out this season of Amphitheatre performances in Tuacahn's 30th anniversary year is everyone's favorite underdogs who will once again take the world by storm, seizing the day on the streets of New York City in Newsies.

This high-energy dance show unfolds with Director Sarah Hartmann at the helm, known for her previous work as the director for Anastasia at Tuacahn, with choreography by Mara Newbery Greer.

"This is such a great story," Jordan said. "The music and heart of this piece appeals to all ages, but it offers a little more meat in the storyline which makes it a wonderful fit for teens and adults. It really shows that no matter how old you are, you can make a difference."

Popping in just in time for the 2025 Christmas season, Buddy the Elf is back with his joy-inducing tale of family and friendship in Elf the Musical.

"It's just impossible not to love the characters in this show that has become a beloved Christmas tradition for so many people," Anderson said. "Seeing this popular film come alive on stage as a musical is the perfect addition to the holiday season."

And rounding out the 2025-2026 lineup is another show back by wildly popular demand: Million Dollar Quartet hits the Indoor Hafen Theater in spring 2026.

"The decision to offer Million Dollar Quartet in spring 2026, rather than during summer 2025, is a bit of a departure from how we've scheduled in the past, but ultimately it is moving us toward a more year-round season which is exciting," Anderson said.

Based on the dramatization of a 1956 recording session that included Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis, Million Dollar Quartet features musicians playing live on stage with an energy and talent that will absolutely rock the house.

"It's absolutely incredible," Anderson said. "If you've seen it before, you know what we're talking about, if you haven't seen it, you are not going to want to miss this chance."

With auditions for the 2025 summer season already underway, Jordan said they are seeing a lot of enthusiasm for this fantastic lineup.

"Everyone wants to be Ariel, or Dorothy, or Jack Kelly," Jordan said. "These are dream roles for many of these actors. It's going to be incredible to see what these talented professionals are able to do with these beautiful stories on the Tuacahn stage."

Season packages are on sale now for Tuacahn's 30th anniversary season. Buy now to get your chance to see these audience favorites like you've never seen them before. For details and purchasing, go online at www.tuacahn.org or call the box office at 435-652-3300.

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Fact Sheet

Founded: 1991 **Completed:** 1995

Facilities:

2,500-seat Outdoor Amphitheatre
428-seat Indoor Hafen Theatre

Address:

1100 Tuacahn Drive
Ivins, UT 84738

Phone Number:

(435) 652-3300

Website:

www.tuacahn.org

Days of Operation:

Monday - Saturday

Seasonal:

Open year-round

Box Office Hours:

On Season: 9 am – 9 pm
Off Season: 9 am – 7 pm
Closed on Sundays

Miles From SLC:

310 miles south of Salt Lake City

Miles From Las Vegas:

127 miles north of Las Vegas

Parking:

Free self-parking or paid valet parking
Wheelchair Accessible

Pricing:

Adult Pricing:
Outdoor Amphitheatre starts at: \$36
Indoor Hafen Theatre starts at: \$39

Discounts may be available for locals, children, seniors, military and groups. Get the greatest savings and the most benefits with a Season Package!

**Broadway in the Canyon
2025-2026 Show Dates:**

Outdoor Amphitheatre Shows:

Disney & Pixar’s Finding Nemo: A 70-minute Family Musical: May 1 – Oct 24, 2026
Les Misérables: May 15 – Oct 23, 2026
Grease: July 10 – Oct 22, 2026

Indoor Hafen Shows:

Holiday Inn: Nov 20 – Dec 22, 2026
The Play that Goes Wrong:
Jan 29 – Mar 12, 2027

Social Media Stats:

Facebook: 47.7K Followers
Instagram: 40K Followers
X: 2.2K Followers
TikTok: 45.5K Followers
Youtube: 3.8K Subscribers
Over 23 million impressions in 2024 and rising!

Interesting Facts

- **Largest professional theatre** in Utah.
- Second biggest economic driver in Washington County next to Zion National Park.
- Local government officials have acknowledged that Tuacahn brings an estimated economic impact of **over \$100 Million to Washington County**.
- Tuacahn Amphitheatre attracts an annual average of 350,000 guests from all over the world.
- In 2005, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* was the first Disney musical that Tuacahn received a license to produce.
- Tuacahn builds **its own scenery, props, costumes and wigs**.
- Every Tuacahn musical utilizes a full live orchestra.
- Over the years, **star performers** such as Willie Nelson, Martina McBride, Amy Grant, Vince Gill, Colbie Caillat, Air Supply, Foreigner, Odyssey Dance Theatre, Peter Cetera, Sheena Easton, Kenny Loggins, The Piano Guys, Brian Regan, Jay Leno, REO Speedwagon, and many more have performed at Tuacahn.
- **David Archuleta** made his Broadway musical debut playing the title role of Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Tuacahn Amphitheatre.



David Archuleta and the 2022 cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Noteworthy Press Coverage

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From flooded stages to camels: Tuacahn celebrates 30 years of entertainment in southern Utah

By Jessi Bang, St. George News | Posted - May 12, 2025 at 1:42 p.m.

The production of "Anastasia" is put on by Tuacahn-Center for the Arts in Ivins, circa 2024. The center is celebrating its 30th anniversary with unforgettable moments. (Levitt Wells, Tuacahn Center for the Arts, St. George News)

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video

Exclusive: Watch Highlights From Tuacahn's *Joseph...*, Starring *American Idol*'s David Archuleta

The Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical is playing the Utah venue through October 20.

BY ANDREW GANS
AUGUST 22, 2022

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Broadway's Original Tarzan Josh Strickland to Star in Tuacahn Production This Summer

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With roughly four weeks remaining in the 2022 Broadway season at Tuacahn, the wheels are already in motion behind the scenes to prepare for a fabulous ...

FIRST LOOK AT REGIONAL PREMIERE OF FROZEN AT TUACAHN AMPHITHEATRE

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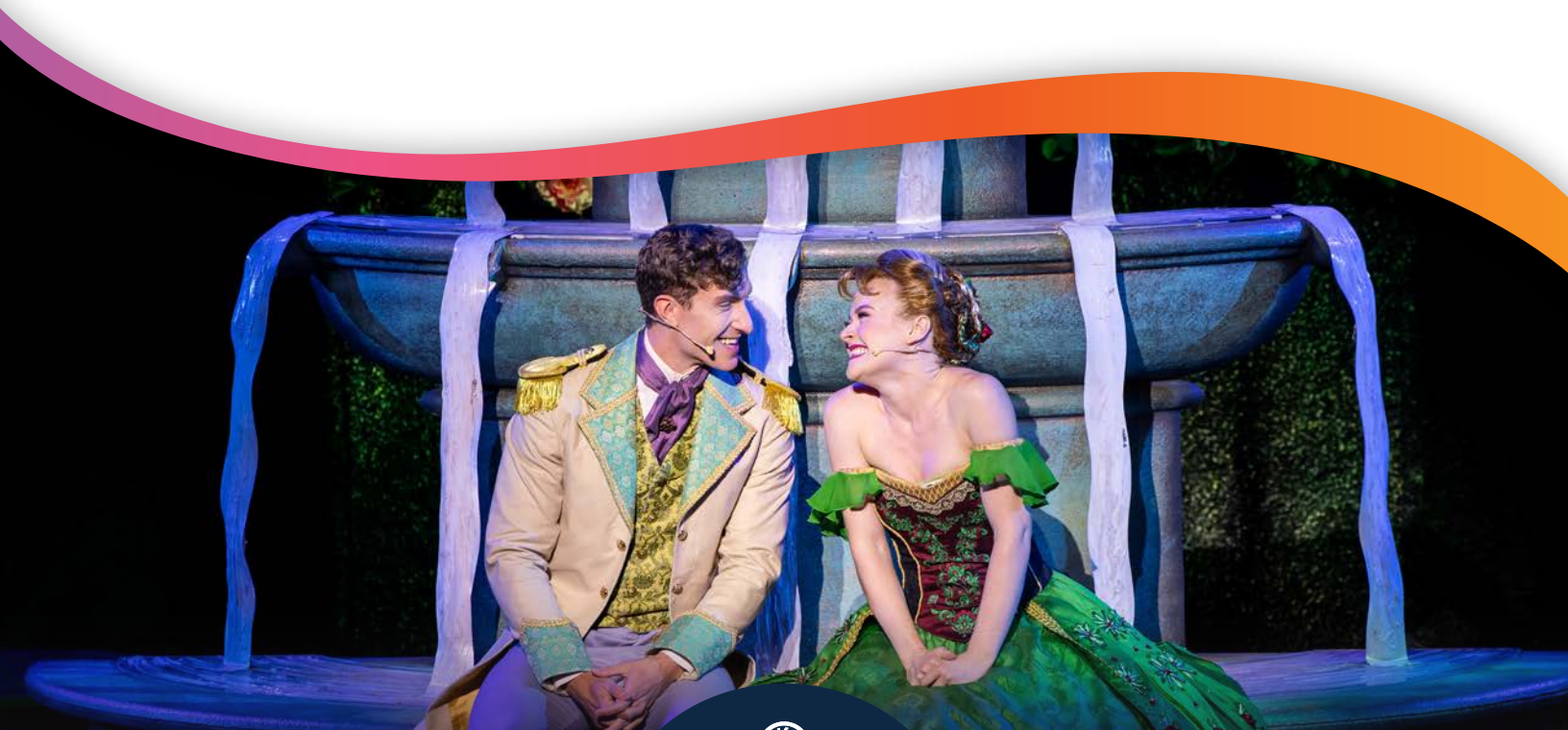
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Video: Abby Linderman Sings 'Watch What Happens' From NEWSIES at Tuacahn

'Just watch what happens' when Abby Linderman takes the stage as Katherine in Newsies at Tuacahn. Watch the video of her performance in the Disney musical now!...

Notable Achievements

- **In 2002**, productions of *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* broke all previous box office records. This occurred again in 2003 when *The Wizard of Oz* broke all box office records at Tuacahn. In 2005, Tuacahn decided to commemorate their tenth season with Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and a third production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. These two shows once again beat all previous ticket sales by a dramatic margin.
- **In 2008**, Music Theatre International selected Tuacahn as one of eight regional theaters in the United States to present the first post-Broadway professional productions of *Les Misérables*.
- **In June 2010**, Tuacahn was awarded rights to present the post-Broadway regional-theatre premiere of Disney's *Tarzan*. Due to this success, Disney awarded them the rights for the post-Broadway regional premiere of *The Little Mermaid* in 2011.
- **In 2012**, Tuacahn was awarded pre-Broadway production rights to Disney's *Aladdin*.
- **In 2015**, Tuacahn Amphitheatre performed the world premiere of Disney's *When You Wish*.
- **In 2017**, three shows broke records at Tuacahn. The venue showcased the regional premieres of *Mamma Mia!*, Disney's *Newsies* and *Fairy Tale Christmas*.
- **In 2018**, Tuacahn presented the world premiere of *The Prince of Egypt* and one of the first regional premiers of *Matilda*.
- **In 2023**, Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* made their regional premiers at Tuacahn.
- **In 2024**, Tuacahn Amphitheatre presented an all new lineup of shows: including the regional premiere of Disney's *Frozen*. This resulted in record-breaking ticket sales.
- **In 2026**, Tuacahn Amphitheatre will present the regional premiere of Disney & Pixar's *Finding Nemo: A 70-minute Family Musical* featuring a full professional cast.



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