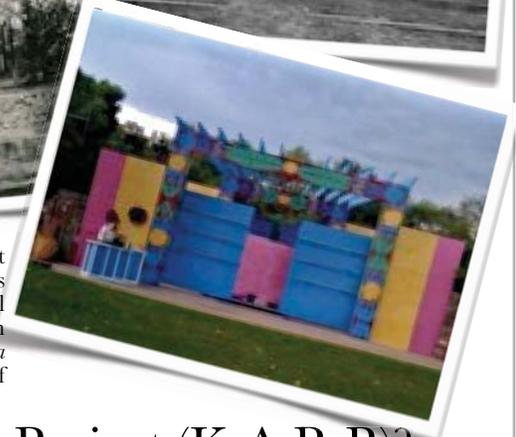


Save Kokernot Amphitheatre Renovation Project



Left to Right: Kokernot Amphitheatre in the 1930s (Photos courtesy of the Sul Ross Archives). Bottom Right: *Alicia in Wonder Tierra* set, 2010 (Photo courtesy of Theatre of the Big Bend).

What is Kokernot Amphitheatre Renovation Project (K.A.R.P.)?

ARTISTIC GOALS

Create Children's Theatre Program for the Summer.

Create a Fully Realized Outdoor Performance Venue for all Aspects of the Fine Arts.

1. Create Children's Theatre Camp
The SRSU Children's Theatre Project is expanding its reach with an annual Children's Theatre Camp and summer children's theatre production. The Kokernot Amphitheatre is the perfect venue for this endeavor. The 51st season of the Theatre of the Big Bend will feature Joseph Robinette's adaptation of the E.B. White classic, "Charlotte's Web".

The first annual Children's Theatre Camp was initiated in 2015, and ran for two weeks servicing children in the area aged 5-18. The second

annual camp is scheduled for July, 2016.

2. Raise funding to renovate our Amphitheatre facility.

This is the stage we are in now! We need to raise funds for renovation of the space to keep our Amphitheatre open as a public venue.

The space must be renovated to comply with all ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations to continue its use as a public performance venue.

3. Restore our Amphitheatre facility.

The overall project goals are to restore the facility to it's original look from the 1930's while utilizing the latest state-of-the art sound, lighting and projection equipment for the ultimate theatrical experience.

MORE THAN JUST A THEATRE

Theatre of the Big Bend is not alone in this endeavor. Other departments have joined forces to work on this project and bring awareness to the community of the need to restore this space. According to Kevin Urbanczyk, Professor of Geology and Director of the Rio Grande Research Center:

"The Geologists and Hydrologists working on the land and water that surrounds the theatre are in year five of their part of this project, which includes: finding the location of the source of the natural spring that once existed, finding the best route to re-navigate the creek bed that runs through the park, and rebuild/remove existing concrete barriers that effect water flow and create a new hiking path along the creek. Once that is completed, installation of panels explaining the project, and removal of vegetation that is not natural to the area along with renewing the naturally occurring vegetation is planned. These teams have already received grants for plan development, and a research team from Lamar will work the site with Ground Penetrating Radar to obtain more information on the rock underground and deduce more clearly where the water is actually coming from that once fed the spring."

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Become a member of Theatre of the Big Bend's Tiered Giving Program:

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