

Telluride High School Drama

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The Telluride High School's theater program has a very experienced staff and a dedicated troupe that is active year-round. This fall, Angela Watkins will be directing the musical, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. When asked to speak about why she picked the show she said, "It is such a nice piece for actors because they all have a place to shine, they all have an incredible song, and the personality of the characters lend us a hilarious story about a spelling bee."



Director, Angela Watkins.

With Telluride's diverse group of students, this seemed like a good choice. "A spelling bee is all about school, so I think it's a great school play. Everybody's been there at least once, and I think it's very funny, touching, and outrageous at times."

What Angela is most excited for is her "girl power team." "Anna Robinson, the vocal director, is going to be pretty much in charge of the music, and E.K Bush is going to design the set and lighting."

Angela said this year would be different because, "The band will be a small combo that will be

onstage and visible, which is something that we've never done before. We're going into some new waters with the new team which I'm excited about."

Once the play was discussed, Angela described her past and what inspired her into theater. "Like many students, the theater is where I could fit in. I went to a small school, just like Telluride, and everyone did everything. But my passion really lied with performing arts, music theater, and dance, especially."

What drew her to theater was, "The great study in empathy and irony and I think that's what we all need more of in this time. To understand people and connect with people. Theater has always done that for me."

Telluride's Thespian Troupe President Dietz Woehle also answered a few questions. As the leader, he was asked what can be expected of the troupe this year. He responded, "Of course we have our fall musical, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*", which Angela had previously discussed, He continued to talk about the annual thespian meetup in December." This December we are heading back to Denver for the annual Thespian Convention where most of us will be competing." At Thescon, the participants can go to classes for dancing, singing, acting, or stagecraft, watch other Coloridians compete, and watch new plays and musicals. The competition is for qualifying for the National Thespian Conference where they try to win a national

title or a medal.

These trips can start to add up, so the thespians are busy fund-



Telluride Thespian Troupe President, Dietz Woehle.

raising year-round. Dietz described how they manage to do just that, "We have our large fund-

raisers. This October we will be throwing a haunted house in the BoB, and we will host a middle school dance this spring. We also love doing small performances and bake sales."

Through all the fundraising, they earn enough to send all troupe members to the convention. The trips and performances are yearly, so he was asked what would be new this year. "We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and performances that we can do, and hopefully we can do some really fun things in the spring."

Every year the thespians impress with their events, so they are excited to step out of their box and try some new things.

Cars and Colors

By DAVID ALMARAZ



Cars line up on the driving range in Mountain Village.

Cars and Colors, Telluride's premier annual car festival, is coming up and you do not want to miss out on what they have in store this year. Every year they showcase a series of different high-end cars. From classic cars to Supercars, this festival will feature three events throughout the three days.

The first event they will have is the Cool Cars on Colorado. This is when they have a display of some of their many unique cars placed downtown on Colorado Avenue.

Then on September 29, there are multiple events. From 10am to 9pm they will be displaying the Hypercars at the Telluride Airport

and it will include many different car makes including Pagani, Lamborghini, Ferrari, and McLaren.

Also, they will be holding both a Motorcycle Concours and Car Concours at the driving range of the Telluride Golf Course from 10am to 3pm on September 29th & 30th. Attendees and judges will be able to vote on their favorite vehicle and the winner will receive a handcrafted custom jewelry piece from Omi Prive.

Be sure to come on both the 29th and the 30th to vote for two different classes of cars, American and International. Ticket price for Saturday is \$75, Sunday is \$50, and two-day is \$100.



