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## Heritage hits center stage

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Sailors, Buttercups and other crew members of the "H.M.S. Pinnafore" have been singing, dancing, practicing lines and tuning their instruments in preparation for the Nibley Heritage Days play this year.

Under the direction of veteran play producer Jessie Datwyler, nearly 100 Nibley children ages five to 17 have spent the last three weeks perfecting 16 songs, coordinating movements and memorizing lines from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. There is even a small orchestra made up of Nibley children playing violins, violas and cellos.

"This really is community theater," said Datwyler, who has produced the annual play for all but three of the 20 years of the week-long festival. "There is a scenery crew, people are sewing costumes, we're all working together."

The play, which will be performed on the evening of June 20 and 21 to help close out Nibley Heritage Days, is open to the public and Datwyler encourages people to come see the outcome of all the hard work.

"Kids can do plays and other kids should see that," she said. "It's going to be one of the best plays ever."

Although speaking parts were given only to the kids ages 10 and older, everyone who tried out got a part in the play. Some children have even been looking forward to the play since last year's production.

"We moved here last

Nibley fills week with activities

The Nibley Heritage Days celebration begins Tuesday. Events on Tuesday and Wednesday will occur at Nibley Elementary School and events scheduled for Thursday through Saturday will take place at the Old City Park, 3200 S. 300 West.

Additionally a classic car show and an arts and craft show will be held all day Saturday at the new city office building, 625 W. 3200 South.

For more information on any event contact Trudy Knight at 755-9675.

Schedule of events

Tuesday

Sidewalk Art

Three-on-three basketball tournaments

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - Baby pageant

7 p.m. - Keisini's Polynesian Revue

Thursday

7 p.m. - The Children's Play will be performed in the newly constructed amphitheater "H.M.S Pinnafore"

Friday

5 p.m. - Mayor's Dinner,

7 p.m. - Encore presentation of "H.M.S Pinnafore."

Saturday

7:30 to 9 a.m. - Pancake breakfast

7:45 a.m. - Fun run and walk

8 a.m. - Flag ceremony

10 a.m. - Parade beginning at Nibley Elementary school.

10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Carnival concessions

Noon - Talent show