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## **Grant provides children with cultural theater experiences and workshops with professional artists**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — The Ross Ragland Theater received \$3,000 from the Pacific Power Foundation for its Outreach and Education Program that provides curriculum-based cultural experiences to schoolchildren. Through this program students attend matinees, lectures, workshops and residencies with professional artists, a four-week youth theater day camp and performance opportunities.

The program strives to promote learning, foster curiosity, encourage tolerance and empathy, enhance school arts programming and encourage positive youth development and academic success. Annually, more than 10,000 children from 42 schools benefit from educational programs at The Ragland.

“Exposure to performing arts is an essential part of education,” said Toby Freeman, Pacific Power regional community manager. “Through the program offered by The Ross Ragland Theater, Klamath Basin students have the opportunity to learn more about their creative side, which will benefit them in all aspects of their lives. The Pacific Power Foundation is proud to support this effort.”

“We appreciate the generous ongoing support that the Pacific Power Foundation gives Ragland youth programs,” said Kate Marquez, The Ross Ragland Theater’s interim executive director.

The funding from the Pacific Power Foundation will directly benefit the 2011 Ragland Youth Theater Day Camp and production of *A Pirate’s Life for Me*, scheduled for Saturday, July 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 at 2 p.m. The camp offers an intensive four-week session providing a complete immersion into the world of theater. Classes include acting, dance, voice, improvisation, monologues and more.

**About the Ross Ragland Theater**

The Ragland is a visual and performing arts center committed to providing quality, affordable, culturally diverse events and related educational opportunities to the people of Klamath and Lake counties. RRT strives to present a diverse mix of high-quality performances while remaining accessible to our unique population. It is the only year-round, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary arts center in Klamath and Lake counties. The theater also serves residents of Siskiyou and Modoc counties.

**About the Pacific Power Foundation**

The Pacific Power Foundation is part of the PacifiCorp Foundation, one of the largest utility-endowed foundations in the United States. The foundation was created in 1988 by PacifiCorp, an electric utility serving 1.7 million customers in six Western states as Pacific Power (Oregon, Washington and California) and Rocky Mountain Power (Utah, Wyoming and Idaho). The foundation's mission, through charitable investments, is to support the growth and vitality of the communities served by Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power. For more information, visit [www.pacificpower.net/ppfoundation](http://www.pacificpower.net/ppfoundation).