

## Aspen Nightlife - Theatre in the Park

Founded in 1983 by Kent Reed, Theatre in the Park has become an Aspen tradition that adds to the delight of Aspen nightlife. Theatre in the Park once actually was theatre that was performed in a tent in the park. Now, however, Theatre in the Park has changed its name to Theatre Aspen, and a new permanent structure is in development. This will allow Theatre in the Park to hold year-round performances, instead of summer-only performances.

Contemporary and classical plays are all presented by the theatre. If you are in Aspen around Christmas time, make sure that you see the theatre's presentation of "Its A Wonderful Life." As a summer-only venue, sixty shows are performed each year. Once the company has its permanent structure, we can expect many more each year.

The Theatre Aspen also has many training programs for adults and children. Currently, performances are held between June and August. The Theatre in the Park is located in the Rio Grande Park. Heat is provided on chilly nights, and there is an area to enjoy cocktails during intermissions, as well as before and after performances.

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