



Live Theatre Production and Tour

Flagstaff, Arizona

Cost-Share Grant Project Spotlight

Route 66 has a powerful relationship with the arts. Through literature, film, song, and television, Route 66 has achieved iconic status around the world. For decades the arts have served to stimulate awareness of Route 66 as a symbol of America's unique qualities.

In recognition of this important relationship between the arts and Route 66, the National Park Service Route 66 Preservation Program awarded \$6,000 over a two year period to the Northern Arizona University Department of Theatre to help promote and support the touring dramatic production, *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*. The production is an interpretive and educational venue that celebrates the experience of travel during the heyday of Route 66, while telling the story of the highway and examining its historical and cultural significance to American history. The production is intended to increase awareness about the history, significance, and importance of preserving the route, in order stimulate further education, research, oral history, and preservation of historic Route 66 resources.

To date, the production has toured in many of the states through which Route 66 passes, and has been played to over 8,000 people. Cost-share grant funds from the National Park Service helped support the creation of a 120-minute film of the production, for distribution to potential hosts and likely venues. As well, the film has been distributed to over 100 libraries, museums, universities, and other educational institutions in or near Route 66 communities.



Top and bottom: Scenes from *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*

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