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***Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer-Dora's Pirate Adventure* announced**

The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts' Topeka Youth Players is pleased to announce the last youth musical production of 2010, ***Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer-Dora's Pirate Adventure***.

Auditions were held October 3. The cast, made up of talented area youth age 10-13, includes Jessica Moore, Morgan Long, Michael Duncan, Annie Simon, Lea Ramos, Claire Hartman, Darby Holroyd, Gabi Hunter, Payton Wettengel, Jessi Kennedy & TJ Wade. The show will be directed and choreographed by Widge Yager, with musical direction by Natalie McComas & stage management by Gracie Lindman.

The last Topeka Youth Players show of the season welcomes you to the world of Dora, her best buddy Boots the Monkey, and the rest of their friends, as they embark on an exciting trip to Treasure Island. They navigate over Dancing Mountain, through Silly Singing Bridge and confront the Pirate Piggies, all with the help of the audience. Along the way, the audience will use their map-reading, counting, musical and language skills to help Dora reach the treasure!

Performances dates for this youth musical will be December 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7pm, and December 5 & 12 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be \$9 all ages and will go on sale November 15 at 9am at the Helen Hocker Theater office in Gage Park.

For further information, call Helen Hocker Theater at 368-0191, 9-5, M-F, or go to our web page at www.topeka.org/parksrec/hocker.shtml.

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The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is an organization dedicated to enriching the cultural growth of our community. Quality family entertainment, positive learning experiences in a friendly atmosphere, an outlet for artistic expression for youth and adults, all are found in the Theater's year-round programming. Family and youth musical dramas and comedies are offered, along with music and dance events, performing arts classes and workshops. The primary goals of the Theater are to provide exciting and enjoyable challenges for our participants and quality in all our endeavors for our patrons. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please call the Theater box office for more information.