



Muckenthaler Center's Facebook

A view of yesterday's damage

Apparently someone out there has a burning desire to fuck with the Muck. A fire was set at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center outdoor amphitheater in Fullerton on Monday, resulting in major damages and loss of historic property. The incident is under investigation.

This is actually the 7th suspicious fire at the Muck in the last month, according to Fullerton Battalion Chief John Stokes. Damages from the blaze include the loss of a newly refurbished Yamaha piano-- original to the Muckenthaler family (\$12,000 value), burned theater curtains, \$1,500 worth of damages to the stage dance floor, and over \$5,000 in damages to a donated passenger van that was used to transport art supplies. Approximately \$25,000 in damage total, according to a statement released by the center yesterday evening.

The suspected arsonist attacks are primarily targeted at the stage area, which is more remote in comparison to the main part of the house and park area. Recently installed cameras put up after the last set of fires reveal a suspect on video-- a White or Hispanic female with a red T-shirt, jeans, baseball cap on backwards and white backpack.

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It's hard to say what the motive could be at this point. A disgruntled actor? A bored firebug? Someone with a deep-seated hatred for community theater? Previous attacks have led to fires in garden carts, trash cans, props and scenery store behind the stage, a passenger van and now the piano storage shed. The Muck is asking that if you have any information please alert the police.

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