

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre

2021-2022 Season



Broadway's greatest farce is fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from the 2000-year-old comedies of Roman playwright, Plautus, with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. Join us for this nonstop laughfest in which Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors and a showgirl or two. Rated PG

You're six years old. Your mother is in the hospital. Dad says she's "done something stupid." She finds it hard to be happy. So you start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world. Everything that's worth living for. 1. Ice cream. 2. Kung Fu movies. 3. Burning things. 4. Laughing so hard you shoot milk out your nose. 5. Construction cranes. 6. Me. You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. Soon, the list will take on a life of its own. This touching and funny one-man, interactive play is a look at depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. Todd Frymier has been cast in this one-man show. Rated PG-13



Take a ride on *The Christmas Schooner*! The whole family will enjoy this heart-warming story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the Christmas spirit. Based on the historic Great Lakes voyages during the late 1800's and early 1900's, *The Christmas Schooner* tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago. *The Christmas Schooner* reminds us of tradition, family and responsibility. This delightful holiday musical features a powerfully moving story and an exquisite score of both original music and traditional holiday favorites. Rated G

The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos. Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, ultimately the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community emerge triumphant. *Seussical* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that is fun for the entire family! Favorite Dr. Seuss characters come to life to a score that is a Seussian mash up of musical styles, ranging from Latin to pop, swing to gospel, and R&B to funk! So let your toes tap, your fingers snap, and your imagination run wild! Rated G



This long-running Off-Broadway hit musical revue pays hilarious and loving tribute to many of Broadway's greatest stars and beloved shows. *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits* includes hilarious satires on show stoppers from *Chicago*, *Annie*, *Mamma Mia*, *Wicked*, *Hairspray*, *A Chorus Line*, and more. Broadway's shining stars Barbra Streisand, Carol Channing, Liza Minelli, Mandy Patinkin and Chita Rivera all make "appearances" as well. Even the beloved *Les Misérables* receives loving attention with a medley spoofing the show's most iconic moments. Musical theatre lovers will love and laugh out loud at this compilation poking good natured fun at the Great White Way. Rated PG

In *Noises Off* the lights go up on the cast and crew of the fictional bedroom farce *Nothing On* the night before their opening. During the rehearsal the actors face the usual struggles with entrances, exits and getting props in the right place at the right time. However, as *Noises Off* unfolds, the challenges onstage are nothing compared to the drama offstage. Lines, props and pants are dropped as the company struggles with missed cues, fluffed lines, slamming doors, and romantic intrigue. We are pleased to be able to feature the actors who were cast for our cancelled 2020 production of *Noises Off*. Rated PG-13

