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-Bernard Havard

President and Producing Artistic Director

IRVING BERLIN'S
Holiday
INN
The Musical



"Shake away the blues and usher in blue skies."

- *Talkin' Broadway*

IRVING BERLIN'S
HOLIDAY INN

September 4 – October 21, 2018

Broadway veteran Jim leaves the bright lights of show business for the quiet of a country farm. But life just isn't the same without song and dance, so Jim turns his farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday, from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. But can Jim also work the same magic on his love life? Based on the classic film, Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* features a parade of hit Berlin standards, including "Blue Skies," "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Heat Wave," "Cheek to Cheek," and many more, along with laugh-out-loud comedy and thrilling dance numbers, all wrapped in a heartwarming story.

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ROALD DAHL'S
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**ROALD DAHL'S
MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

November 6, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Based on the beloved Roald Dahl novel, *Matilda The Musical* is the inspiring story of an extraordinary little girl with an unbounded imagination and incredible courage. She proves that despite the odds, you can do anything you put your mind to—and change your destiny. Packed with high-energy dance and catchy songs, children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by this captivating musical. Celebrate the holiday season with this stupendously fun winner of over 85 international awards, including 16 for Best Musical!

Book by DENNIS KELLY

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Ken Ludwig's **A COMEDY OF TENORS**



Pictured: Frank Ferrante. Artwork by Michael Voll ©2018

"Laugh after laugh greets one improbable scene after another."

- Broadway World

KEN LUDWIG'S A COMEDY OF TENORS

January 15 – March 3, 2019

One hotel suite, two wives, three girlfriends, four tenors, and a soccer stadium filled with screaming fans. What could possibly go wrong? It's 1930's Paris and just hours away from "The Concert of the Century!" But love affairs, bedroom hijinks, mistaken identities, and opening-night chaos have producer Henry Saunders desperate to try just about anything for the show to go on. From comic genius Ken Ludwig, and starring Walnut favorite Frank Ferrante, get ready for Ken Ludwig's *A Comedy of Tenors*, an uproarious comedy filled with slamming doors, unbridled passion, and madcap hilarity on an operatic scale!

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- *Time*

**THE CURIOUS
INCIDENT OF THE DOG
IN THE NIGHT-TIME**

March 12 – April 28, 2019

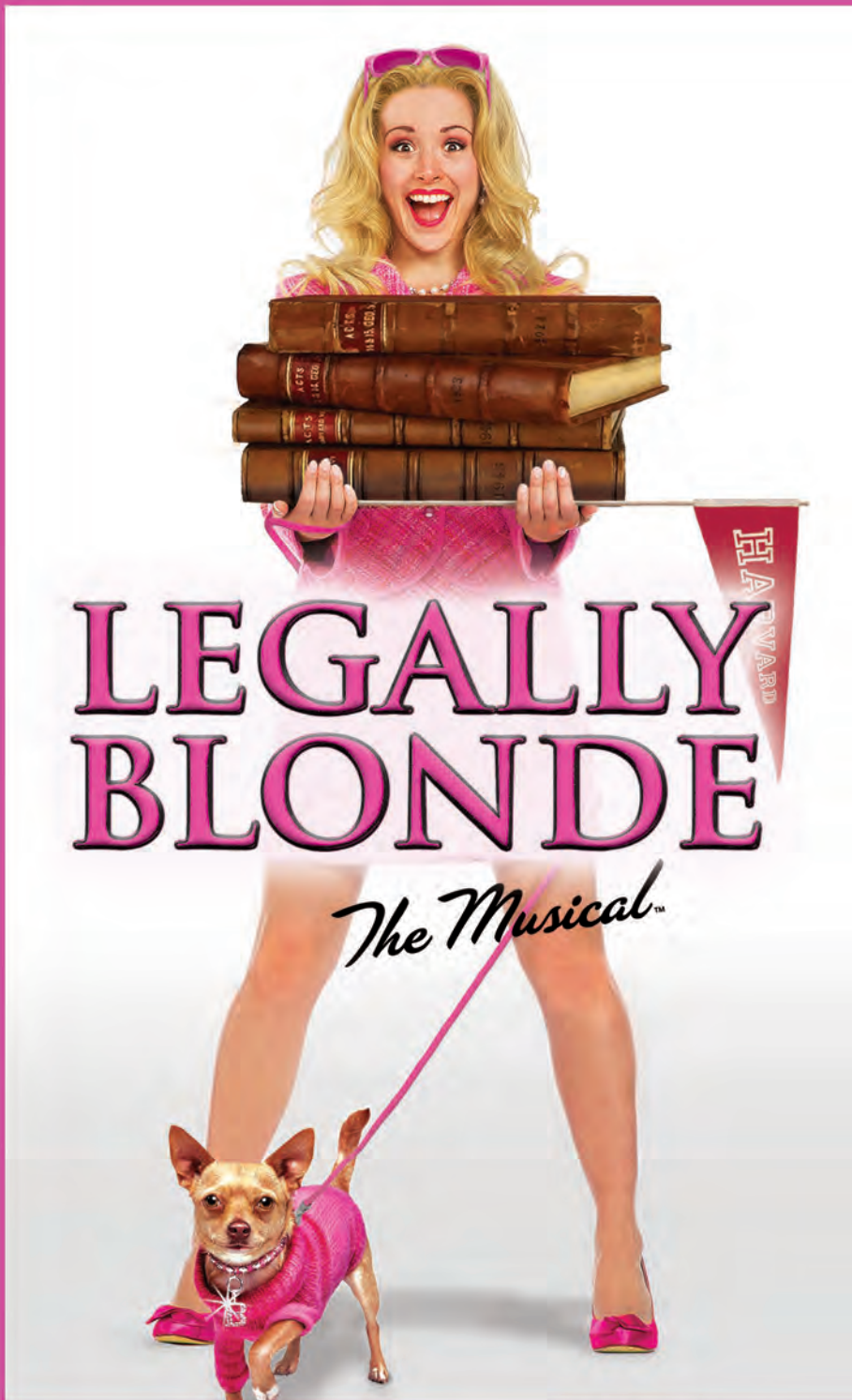
Fifteen-year-old Christopher is on a mission. After the untimely death of his neighbor's dog, the brilliant but unique boy is compelled to investigate the crime. See the world through Christopher's eyes as he embarks on an extraordinary journey where he challenges assumed truths and discovers life-changing secrets. Based on Mark Haddon's best-selling novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is a thrilling, heartwarming, and uplifting adventure story for every one of us. Winner of Broadway's Tony Award® for Best Play!

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Based on the novel by MARK HADDON

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Pictured: Alanna J. Smith. Original "Elle" artwork by Michael Voll ©2018

"Simply blows other musicals out of the water. Sensational!"

- *The Sun*

LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL

May 14 – July 14, 2019

Based on the smash hit movie, *Legally Blonde: The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods from a pink-loving SoCal sorority girl to a Harvard law student, all on her own terms. In this new production of the fabulously fun, award-winning Broadway musical, our blonde heroine tackles all obstacles, and educates us all on staying true to our dreams through rousing songs and dynamic show-stopping dance numbers. This feel-good musical comedy will be the most fashionable ticket in town and is so much fun, it should be illegal.

Music and Lyrics by LAURENCE O'KEEF and NELL BENJAMIN

Book by HEATHER HACH

Based on the novel by AMANDA BROWN and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

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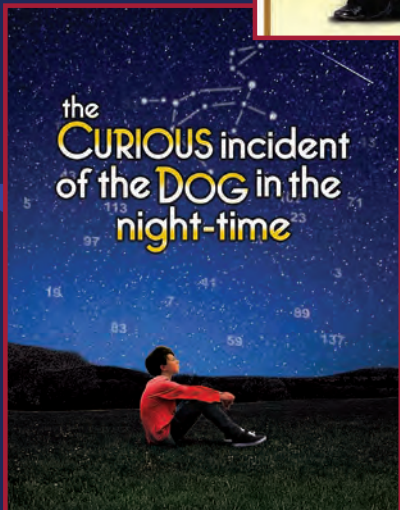
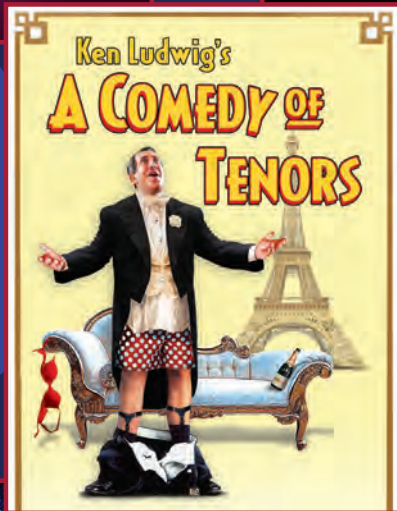
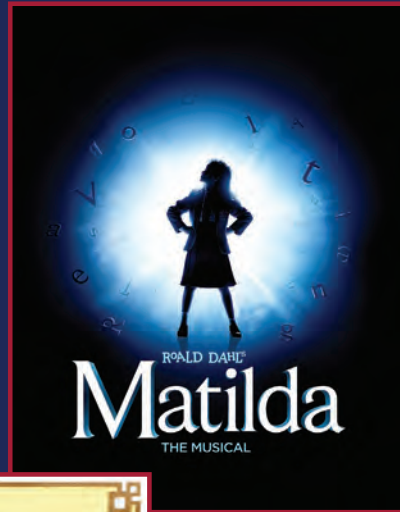
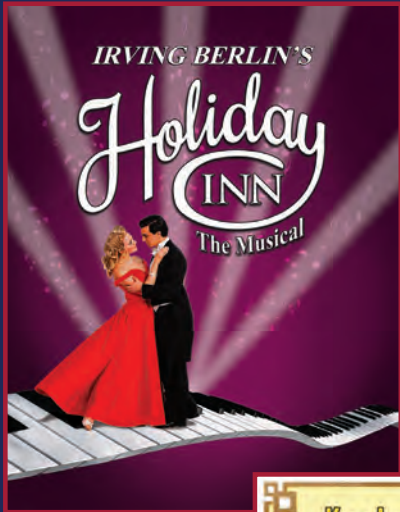
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Disney's **ALADDIN, JR.**

Music by ALAN MENKEN · Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN, TIM RICE, and CHAD BEGUELIN · Book by CHAD BEGUELIN · Based on the Disney film written by RON CLEMENTS, JOHN MUSKER, TED ELLIOT and TERRY ROSSIO
Directed and Produced by RON CLEMENTS and JOHN MUSKER

Based on the timeless animated film and hit Broadway show, *Disney's Aladdin, Jr.* is filled with magic and thrills the whole family will enjoy. When street urchin Aladdin falls for the strong-willed Princess Jasmine, he gets help from a fun-loving Genie to outsmart the wicked Jafar and win her hand. Get on your flying carpet and join us on a soaring musical adventure!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY MATINEES!
SEPTEMBER 22 – 30, 2018



R.L. Stine's **GOOSEBUMPS:** *Phantom of the Auditorium*

Adapted for the stage with Book and Lyrics by JOHN MACLAY, music and lyrics by DANNY ABOSCH. Orchestrations and Arrangements by DANNY ABOSCH. · Book, Lyrics, Songs, All Arrangements & All Orchestrations ©2016. · 2017 Scholastic Entertainment Inc. All Rights Reserved.

This frighteningly fun musical based on the beloved series from R. L. Stine investigates the strange things happening during rehearsals of Brooke and Zeke's school play. Is it a practical joke or is the school's theater really haunted? Follow the two on a silly and (only a little) spooky musical mystery.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY MATINEES!
FEBRUARY 2 – 10, 2019

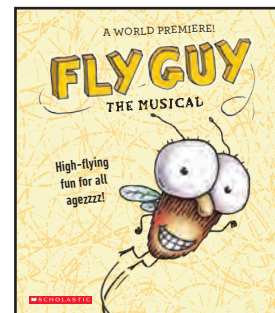


PINKALICIOUS: THE MUSICAL

Book by ELIZABETH KANN and VICTORIA KANN · Music by JOHN GREGOR
Lyrics by JOHN GREGOR, ELIZABETH KANN, and VICTORIA KANN
Based on the book *Pinkalicious* by VICTORIA KANN and ELIZABETH KANN

Despite warnings from her parents, Pinkalicious Pinkerton eats too many pink cupcakes—and ends up turning pink from head to toe! But when things really begin to go too far, it's up to Pinkalicious to find her true colors once again. This cupcake-tastic musical is a fun and charming story for kids of all ages.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY MATINEES!
MARCH 29 – APRIL 13, 2019



FLY GUY: THE MUSICAL

Book and Lyrics by AUSTIN ZUMBRO · Music by AUSTIN ZUMBRO ·
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Buzz thinks he has the best pet in the world: a fly named Fly Guy who even goes to school with him every day. But when Buzz and Fly Guy find themselves on a field trip to a flyswatter factory, their friendship is needed to outsmart the Super Swatter 6000! You'll be buzzing with songs and laughter as our favorite tiny pet saves the day with his fly movezzz!

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IN BETWEEN

By Ibrahim Miari

September 25 - October 28, 2018

On the precipice between two cultures stands Ibrahi Miari, son of a Palestinian Muslim father and Jewish Israeli mother. In this riveting and thought-provoking one-man show written and performed by Miari, he recalls his childhood in Israel and brings us into the complexities and contradictions that define his life "In Between" two worlds. With deftness, wit, and humor, Miari transcends today's political distractions and reminds us of the deeper inner struggles and bonds that link us all.

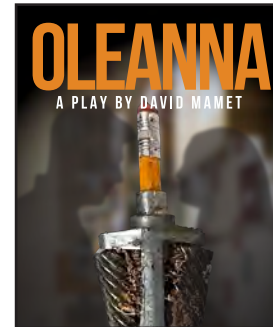


WINTER WONDERETTES

Written & Created by Roger Bean

November 13 - December 30, 2018

Welcome to the 1968 Harper's Hardware Christmas Party. Featured entertainment: The Winter Wonderettes, starring Missy, Suzy, Cindy Lou, and Betty Jean, each with her own unique personality—and color scheme. Sit back and enjoy as the ladies work out the kinks, and insert their own special humor into the holidays. Along the way you'll be treated to classic—and wacky—Wonderette versions of seasonal favorites like Jingle Bell Rock, Sleigh Ride, Santa Baby, Winter Wonderland, and over 20 more!

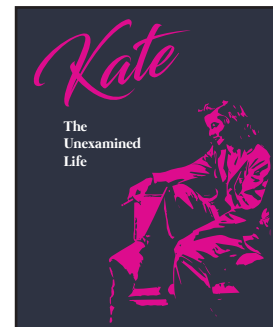


OLEANNA

By David Mamet

January 15 - February 17, 2019

Pulitzer Prize® Winner David Mamet pulls us into a fierce and fiery story that foreshadowed today's headlines. "He said, she said" reaches explosive new heights when a university professor and his student view their tutoring sessions from two drastically different perspectives. Miscommunication, manipulation, misogyny... or more? Decide for yourself in this tense and timely tale of gender politics, privilege, and power.

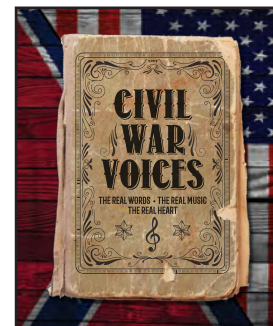


KATE THE UNEXAMINED LIFE

By Rick Foster

March 5 - April 7, 2019

From stunning ingénue who once graced the Walnut stage, to "box office poison," to silver screen royalty, no actress commanded the stage, screen, and the public's attention quite like Katharine Hepburn. Join Kate on New Year's Eve 1999 as she prepares for her next project, shares intimate details of her life and loves, and ponders—at age 92—what the future holds. A gracefully funny, witty, and poignant look at one of our nation's greatest stars.



CIVIL WAR VOICES

By James R. Harris

Original Music Arrangements by Mark Hayes

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