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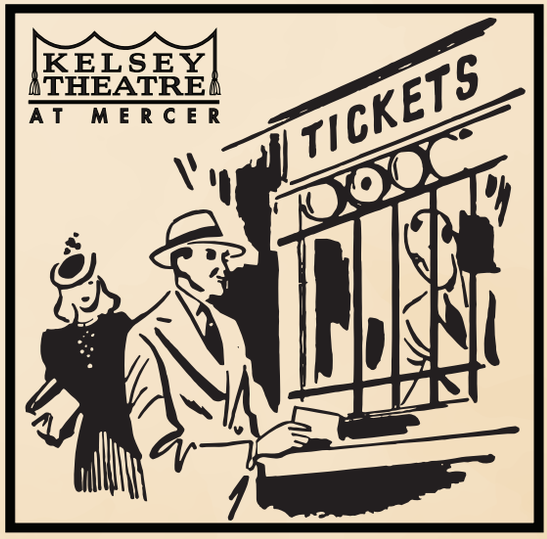
DISNEY'S NEWSIES, THE MUSICAL★

NEWSBOYS CHALLENGE PUBLISHING TITANS AND SIEZE THE DAY!

Thursdays, Sept. 6 & 13 at 7:30pm
Fridays, Sept. 7 & 14 at 8pm
Saturdays, Sept. 8 & 15 at 8pm
Sundays, Sept. 9 & 16 at 2pm
By PinnWorth Productions

NEW YORK, New York – Based on the Newsboy Strike of 1891, this adaptation of the stunning Disney movie is high-energy and non-stop thrills. A ragged band of teenaged "newsies" strike for what's right, going up against a corrupt establishment led by newspaper moguls Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst.

The universal themes of social injustice and exploitative labor practices, even David vs Goliath are highlighted by many of the beloved songs from the film, including "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," "King of New York" and "Santa Fe."



★ Special Event

FUN HOME

COMIC ARTIST SEES PARENTS THROUGH GROWN-UP EYES

Fridays, Sept. 21 & 28 at 8pm
Saturdays, Sept. 22 & 29 at 8pm
Sundays, Sept. 23 & 30 at 2pm
Friday, Sept. 28 Special Pride Night
By Pierrot Productions

LOCK HAVEN, Pennsylvania – A fresh and brilliantly told memoir delivered by a cult-favorite comic artist is marked by gothic twists, a family funeral home, homosexual angst, and great books. A refreshingly honest, wholly original musical, "Fun Home" is about seeing your parents through grown-up eyes.

This groundbreaking production introduces us to Alison at three different ages of her childhood, revealing memories of her uniquely dysfunctional family that connect with her adult self in surprising new ways. *PG-13*

GREEN DAY'S AMERICAN IDIOT★

POWERHOUSE ALBUM COMES TO LIFE IN ELECTRIC-ROCK MUSICAL OF YOUTHFUL DISILLUSION

Fridays, Oct. 5 & 12 at 8pm
Saturdays, Oct. 6 & 13 at 8pm
Sundays, Oct. 7 & 14 at 2pm
By The Pennington Players

SUBURBIA, United States – Bold, brash, and fun, this soul-searching musical brings Green Day's chart-topping 2005 punk rock album vibrantly to life.

The energy-fueled rock opera follows a young anti-hero, Johnny, the self-proclaimed "Jesus of Suburbia," and his two buddies, Will and Tunny, as they attempt to break out of their post-9/11, mind-numbing, aimless suburban existence.

PARENTAL ADVISORY: Rated R

A RAISIN IN THE SUN

LORRAINE HANSBERRY'S STUNNING CLASSIC WILL TOUCH YOUR HEART

Fridays, Oct. 19 & 26 at 8pm
Saturdays, Oct. 20 & 27 at 8pm
Sundays, Oct. 21 & 28 at 2pm
Special Daytime Show for Groups - Thurs. Oct. 25 at 10am
By Theater To Go

CHICAGO, Illinois – This searing drama tells the story of the Youngers, a black working class family struggling to achieve the American Dream in the face of racial tensions and economic disenfranchisement in 1950s Chicago.

When an unexpected financial windfall gives them the opportunity for a better life, conflicts both within and outside the family threaten to tear it apart. All hopes hinge on their next move.

Lorraine Hansberry's drama, the first Broadway play by an African-American woman, changed the face of American theater, and remains relevant six decades after its debut.

WE DELIVER Satisfaction

DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST

BE OUR GUEST FOR THIS TALE AS OLD AS TIME

Fridays, Nov. 2 & 9 at 8pm
Saturdays, Nov. 3 & 10 at 2pm & 8pm
Sundays, Nov. 4 & 11 at 2pm
Special Daytime Show for Groups - Mon. Nov. 5 at 10am
By The Yardley Players

CONQUES, France – One of Disney's very best family films comes to life in this romantic and beloved adaptation of the classic fairytale. A cold-hearted prince has been magically transformed into an unsightly creature who must earn the love of a young woman in order to revert back to human form.

The whole family will enjoy the enchanted world of this Disney classic featuring the wonderful and familiar songs by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Menken and Tim Rice.

A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL

EVEN THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION WARNS
"YOU'LL SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT!"

Friday, Nov. 16 at 8pm
Saturdays, Nov. 17, 24 & Dec 1 at 2pm & 8pm
Sundays, Nov. 18, 25 & Dec. 2 at 2pm
By M & M Stage Productions

HOHMAN, Indiana – In this clever musical adaptation of the 1983 film comedy, we follow the childhood dreams and schemes of little Ralphie, whose heart is set on getting one thing and one thing only for Christmas – the official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle.

Along the way, we discover the stuff of nightmares (think bunny suit), the power of fishnet-clad lamps (careful, it's fra-GEE-lay), and the wintry hazards of sticking a warm tongue on a cold metal pole. With its timeless scenes, quirky innocence and nostalgic warmth, this musical trip down memory lane will leave the whole family bright-eyed and buoyant.

NOISES OFF

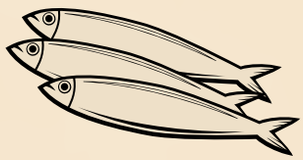
THE ORIGINAL "PLAY THAT GOES WRONG"
WILL TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE

Fridays, Jan. 11 & 18 at 8pm
Saturdays, Jan. 12 & 19 at 8pm
Sundays, Jan. 13 & 20 at 2pm
By Maurer Productions OnStage

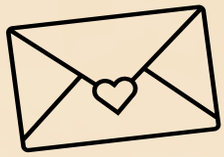
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, England – Prepare to meet a hilarious group of second-rate actors – the touring company of "Nothing On" (a play-within-the-play) – the night before opening at the (fictional) Grand Theatre. The actors struggle every which way – with entrances, exits and getting props in their right place at the right time. As tensions mount the actors leave us wondering…will they get it right before opening night?

A madcap tour of the run of the show follows, with missed cues, fluffed lines, slamming doors, on and offstage intrigue, and an errant herring all figuring in the plot of this riotous, uproarious comedy.

Note: Contains mildly adult themes



LOVE LETTERS



CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY WITH
A TOUCHING LOVE STORY

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Friday, Feb. 8 at 8pm
Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8pm
Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2pm
By M & M Stage Productions

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut – A touching story that is both witty and bittersweet, this 1988 play follows the "near misses" of a relationship through a lifetime of love letters.

From summer camps and boarding schools, through college, war, career and romance, audiences will watch the journey between a free-spirited but unstable artist, Melissa Gardner, and dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III as they write to each other about their dreams, ambitions, victories and defeats over the 50 years that they live out separately.

FOUR WEDDINGS AND AN ELVIS

TAKE MY HAND; TAKE MY WHOLE LIFE TOO...

Fridays, Feb. 15 & 22 at 8pm
Saturdays, Feb. 16 & 23 at 8pm
Sundays, Feb. 17 & 24 at 2pm

LAS VEGAS, Nevada – In this hilarious romantic comedy, three-times-divorced Sandy is the owner of a Las Vegas wedding chapel that is hosting four of the most memorable ceremonies you will ever see. Getting hitched is about to get a little bit crazy.

There's Bev and Stan, who are getting married by "The King" himself to exact revenge on their exes. There's Vanessa and Bryce, two arrogant aging stars who are tying the knot as a publicity stunt and are vexed that their Elvis doesn't even know who they are. And then there's Martin and Fiona, a gentle postal worker and a tough ex-con trying to finish the ceremony before the police arrive! But the final wedding is the best and funniest of them all. Don't miss this one – you just might catch the bouquet!

ZORRO, THE MUSICAL★

GIPSY KINGS LATIN MUSIC FLAVORS SPECTACULAR ROMANTIC DRAMA

Fridays, Jan. 25 & Feb. 1 at 8pm
Saturdays, Jan. 26 & Feb. 2 at 8pm
Sundays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 3 at 2pm
By PinnWorth Productions

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Ca. – This premiere performance retells the dramatic tale of Diego de la Vega, the mysterious man behind the mask fighting to restore order in Spanish colonial California. Featuring spectacular sword-fighting, flamenco dance and dazzling magic – enhanced by the red-hot music of the Gipsy Kings.

While the tale is set in 19th century California, the important influence of Latin and Spanish culture guarantees that its message remains relevant to today's audiences.

★ Special Event

CHICAGO II
BY REOCK & ROLL REVUE ★

PART CONCERT, PART HISTORY LESSON – ALL FANTASTIC!

Saturday, March 2 at 8pm
Sunday, March 3 at 2pm
By The Reock & Roll Revue

CHICAGO, Illinois – Featuring their largest lineup ever, The Revue will pay tribute to one of the biggest bands of all time, with the album bearing their name… CHICAGO.

The album CHICAGO is actually the second album from this incredible band. This double album will be performed in two acts and will feature a combination of music interspersed with history about the band and the featured album through video and narrative.

With a special love of the CHICAGO era's recording process, The Revue always strives to replicate the album as close to the original as possible.

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

FUNNY AND FANTASTICAL BACKSTORY OF PETER PAN AND CAPTAIN HOOK

Fridays, Mar. 8 & 15 at 8pm
Saturdays, Mar. 9 & 16 at 8pm
Sundays, Mar. 10 & 17 at 2pm
By The Pennington Players

NEVER-NEVERLAND, England – A young orphan and his mates are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains precious, otherworldly cargo.

At sea, the boys are discovered by the precocious Molly, a Starcatcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates led by the fearsome Black Stache, the journey quickly turns into a thrilling adventure.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

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KELSEY COMES ALIVE WITH THE WORLD'S MOST BELOVED MUSICAL

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Fridays, Mar. 22 & 29 at 8pm
Saturdays, Mar. 23 & 30 at 2pm & 8pm
Sundays, Mar. 24 & 31 at 2pm
By Pierrot Productions

SALZBURG, Austria – The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical.

Maria, a high-spirited postulant, is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry. Upon returning from their honeymoon, they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the Captain's immediate service in their navy.

The family's narrow escape from the Nazis provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theater. Bring the whole family to this delightful musical.

SUNSET BOULEVARD★

ALL RIGHT, MR. DEMILLE,
I'M READY FOR MY CLOSE UP

Fridays, Apr. 5 & 12 at 8pm
Saturdays, Apr. 6 & 13 at 8pm
Sundays, Apr. 7 & 14 at 2pm
By Playful Theatre Productions

HOLLYWOOD, California – Silent movie star Norma Desmond longs for a return to her glamorous heyday on the big screen, having been discarded by Tinseltown with the advent of "talkies."

When glamorous Norma meets struggling Hollywood screenwriter Joe Gillis, their passionate and volatile relationship is one of the greatest Hollywood tales ever told on the musical stage.

Based on the 1950s film noir, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical score includes such stunning songs as "With One Look," "As If We Never Said Goodbye" and "Perfect Year." It's a lush romantic tragedy of Hollywood proportions.

RETURN TO FORBIDDEN PLANET

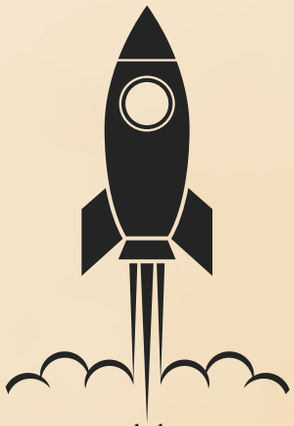
IAMBIC'S FUNCTIONING, PENTAMETER'S LOCKED IN, BLAST OFF BACK TO THE FUTURE!

Fridays, Apr. 26 & May 3 at 8pm
Saturdays, Apr. 27 & May 4 at 8pm
Sundays, Apr. 28 & May 5 at 2pm
By MCCC Academic Theater & Dance Programs

D'ILLYRIA, Outer Space – Fasten your seatbelts, return your tray tables to the upright position, and prepare to blast off and boldly go where no Shakespearian character has gone before!

Loosely based on Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and the 1956 sci-fi classic film "Forbidden Planet," this fun-filled, jiving-in-the-aisles musical finds a spaceship, helmed by Captain Tempest, making an emergency landing on the uncharted planet D'Illyria. The only residents are the mad scientist Doctor Prospero, his daughter, Miranda, and their robot Ariel. They were banished into hyperspace when Miranda was just a baby, and she has known no other world than this.

With Rock 'n Roll hits of the '50s and '60s ("Great Balls of Fire," "The Monster Mash," "Good Vibrations," among others). The show features a B-movie vibe, and dialogue in iambic pentameter. Throw in a retro robot, unrequited love, and a scary space monster, and you've got one groovy show!



★ Special Event

THE MERCER DANCE ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

TWO DAYS ONLY! SUPPORT THE ARTS

Saturday, May 11 at 8pm
Sunday, May 12 at 2pm
By MDE

WEST WINDSOR, New Jersey – Featuring a group of Mercer County Community College's most talented students, faculty and alumni, plus guest choreographers and dancers, this modern dance company will sway your emotions and weave a spell with their music and movement.

INHERIT THE WIND

ON ONE SIDE, TRADITIONAL VALUES; ON THE OTHER. HUMANITY'S RIGHT TO THINK FOR ITSELF.

Fridays, May 24 & 31 at 8pm
Saturdays, May 25 & June 1 at 8pm
Sundays, May 26 & June 2 at 2pm
By Forté Dramtic Productions

DAYTON, Tennessee – Inspired by the real-life 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial, an unassuming high school teacher finds himself at the center of a worldwide controversy.

On a scorching hot day in the small, Bible-belt town of Hillsboro, biology teacher Bertram Cates stands accused. His crime? Teaching Darwin's theory of evolution to his students.

A powerful confrontation is about the ensue between characters based on William Jennings Bryan, who believes only what he reads in the Bible, and Clarence Darrow, who defends science and open intellectual inquiry.

This classic American drama is as timely today as it was when it opened in 1955 on Broadway.

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

CAN WE HAVE ALL PARENTS IN THEIR SEATS, PLEASE? THIS ISN'T A SOCCER GAME!

Fridays, June 7 & 14 at 8pm
Saturdays, June 8 & 15 at 8pm
Sundays, June 9 & 16 at 2pm
By Maurer Productions OnStage

PUTNAM COUNTY, New York – An eclectic group of six students competes in the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words in hopes of winning the ultimate prize – attending the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

Six spellers enter, intent on never hearing the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Only one speller will leave with the prize. But at least the losers get a juice box!

This is a hilarious ride, complete with audience participation. Please note: ONLY the matinee performances are family friendly.

MACBETH

BY THE PRICKING OF MY THUMBS, SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

Fridays, June 21 & 28 at 8pm
Saturdays, June 22 & 29 at 8pm
Sundays, June 23 & 30 at 2pm
By Shakespeare '70

INVERNESS, Scotland When three witches tell Macbeth that he is destined to occupy the throne of Scotland, he and his wife choose to become the instruments of their fate and to kill the first man standing in their path, the virtuous King Duncan.

But to maintain his position, Macbeth must keep on killing – first Banquo, his former comrade, and then, anyone who seems to threaten his tyrant's crown.

"The Scottish Play" is a study in evil, filled with court intrigue, treachery, murder and mayhem. And, as if that were not enough, there's a ghost that comes to dinner, a wood that walks, a witch queen, her weird sisters and a drunken butler. Is this "a tale told by an idiot?" No! It's Shakespeare!

CRAZY FOR YOU

AN EXHILIRATING TAP DANCE SPECTACULAR!

Fridays, July 12 & 19 at 8pm
Saturdays, July 13 & 20 at 8pm
Sundays, July 14 & 21 at 2pm
By M & M Stage Productions

DEADROCK, Nevada – This high-energy comedy is classic Ken Ludwig – plot twists, physical farce and mistaken identities, plus classic George and Ira Gershwin music – "I've Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," and "Embraceable You."

Bobby Child, a stage-struck NYC banker heads to a sleepy, desolate Nevada town to foreclose a rundown theater. It's love at first sight when he runs into spunky Polly Baker, the theater owner's daughter, who doesn't realize he's the heartless businessman she's vowed to get even with. What follows is hilarity and lots of song and dance razzmatazz!

TOM SAWYER

THE GREATEST SUMMER ADVENTURE EVER TOLD

Fridays, July 26 & Aug. 2 at 8pm
Saturdays, July 27 & Aug. 3 at 8pm
Sundays, July 28 & Aug. 4 at 2pm
By The Yardley Players

ST. PETERSBURG, Missouri Don't miss this highly imaginative, highly theatrical adaptation of Mark Twain's incomparable classic.

The musical features the thrill of mischief-making, the fickleness of first love, the cold shivers that linger after an adventure gone very wrong, and the unbridled joy at discovering real buried treasure.

Perfect for the whole family, this story is for anyone who has ever been a kid and celebrates all that is grand and glorious about childhood.

COMICS - KELSEY KIDS SERIES

NUGGET & FANG

HOLY MACKEREL! LOOK WHAT IS SWIMMING OUR WAY!

Saturday, September 29
at 2pm & 4pm
By ArtsPower

This delightful new under-the-sea musical tells the story of Nugget, a minnow, and Fang, a shark, who get along swimmingly — until Nugget's first day of minnow school. There, Nugget learns that minnows are supposed to be afraid of sharks! To regain Nugget's trust, Fang takes desperate and hilarious measures. Nothing goes as planned. Fang is moping in deep waters when he notices that Nugget and his minnow schoolmates are caught up in some big trouble (and one very big net).

Holy mackerel! Can Fang save the day and prove he's a true friend?

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

DANCING REINDEER AND SANTA SIGHTED AT KELSEY THEATRE

Friday, Dec. 7 at 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1pm & 4pm
Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1pm & 4pm
Special Daytime Shows for Groups –
Fri. Dec. 7 & Mon. Dec. 10 at 9:45am
By The Kelsey Players

The excitement and wonder of the long-awaited midnight visit by Santa Claus, made famous in Clement Moore's beloved poem, is brought to the stage in a fun and enchanting musical perfect for even the littlest ones. Bring the whole family for this joyous Kelsey holiday tradition. Stay and take a photo with Santa!

THE NUTCRACKER ★

THE CLASSIC BALLET – ABRIDGED AND FULLY NARRATED

Friday, Dec. 14 at 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1pm & 4pm
Sunday, Dec. 16 at 1pm & 4pm
Special Daytime Shows for Groups –
Fri. Dec. 14 at 10am
By The Dance Connection

The young Clara sneaks downstairs on Christmas Eve to play with her favorite present from Uncle Drosselmeyer – a Nutcracker – when she is suddenly confronted by the menacing Mouse King! Saved by her sweet Nutcracker Prince, she is whisked away to the Land of The Sweets. Awaiting her are the Snow Queen and her king, along with snow fairies, dancing sugar plums and toy soldiers. It's a classic ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's magical score.

Families and friends of all ages can celebrate the holiday season together at this annual Dance Connection performance and have a chance to meet and greet the performers after the show.

SNOW DAY

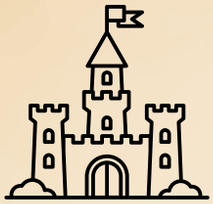
AN INTERACTIVE LIVE RADIO SHOW!

Saturday & Sunday,
December 22 & 23
at 2pm & 4pm
By MPOnStage

What happens when school is closed because of the weather? Lots of fun in the snow and hot chocolate afterward, of course! Join MPOnStage as they tell an entertaining winter story in this interactive original live radio show! Not only will you learn how a radio show is presented, but you'll also get to be a part of the action. Come prepared to laugh, reminisce, and have a great time!

RAPUNZEL

A TIMELESS AND TANGLED TALE



Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2pm & 4pm
By Kaleidoscope Theatre

This magical children's musical is based on the famous fairytale where a young girl is kept in a tower by a comical and bumbling witch. The only way in is by climbing Rapunzel's beautiful and extremely long hair. This charming adaptation closely follows the classic and timeless tale we all know and love. Lively songs create a mood of enchantment and romance as Rapunzel meets her true love and is rescued from her tower with help from the audience. It is a delightful experience the entire family will enjoy and remember.

A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCGEE

THE BEST SICK DAY EVER
COMES TO LIFE
ON STAGE IN A ROUSING
NEW MUSICAL
—

Saturday, March 16 at 2pm & 4pm
Special Daytime Shows for Groups – Friday, Mar. 15 at 9:45am & 11:30am
By Virginia Rep on Tour

Amos McGee is as kindly and conscientious a zookeeper as you will find. Day after day he demonstrates the perfect way to bond with each of his friends: running races with the tortoise, spending quiet time with the timid penguin, and being always there with a handkerchief when needed by the sniffling elephant.

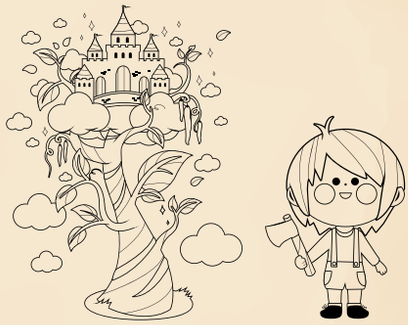
When one day Amos himself feels under the weather and must remain home in bed, the animals must decide together what they can do to return the kindness.

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

FEE, FI, FO, FUM,
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!

Saturday, April 13 at 2pm & 4pm
By Virginia Rep on Tour

This lively musical recounts the classic exploits of a young boy who trades the family cow for three magic beans. Tossed out the window by his disappointed mother, the beans grow into a giant beanstalk that leads to fabulous treasures, an ill-tempered giant, and more adventures than you can shake a stalk at.



THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS - *LOST IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM* ★

MS. FRIZZLE IS HERE!
YOUR FAVORITE TELEVISION SCHOOL TEACHER

Saturday, May 4 at 2pm & 4pm
By Theatreworks USA

When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But when rivalries threaten the peace, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system…

Hop on the Magic School Bus for a ride in Theatreworks USA's new musical adaptation based on the original book series published by Scholastic, and the classic animated series.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TICKET PRICES

Adult & Family Events:

Musicals: $20 adults; $18 seniors; $16 children/students; $9 MCCC faculty/staff/students w/ ID

Non-Musicals:
$18 adults; $16 seniors; $14 children/students; $9 MCCC faculty/staff/students w/ID

Special Events:
Newsies, American Idiot, Zorro & Sunset Boulevard $20, Reock & Roll $30, Kelsey Awards $16

Kelsey Kids Shows:
$12 adults, $10 seniors/students/children, $9 MCCC faculty/staff/students w/ID

Kelsey Kids Special Shows:
The Nutcracker & The Magic School Bus: $16 adults, $14 seniors/students/children, $9 MCCC faculty/staff/students w/ID

Note: a $1 per-ticket service charge applies for phone, mail, in-person orders; $2.50 and under per ticket for online ordering.

STUDIO THEATRE EVENTS

***Shakespeare's* The Tempest**
Nov. 16-18, 2018

Mercer Dance & Choreography Showcase
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2018

TBA- A Special Event
January 4-6, 2019

Tickets - $15 each or $30 for all 3

KELSEY THEATRE FREE CONCERTS

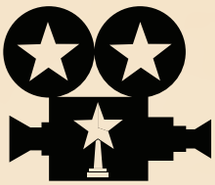
Free Winter Concert Series

Mercer County College Orchestra
Mon., Dec. 10, 2018 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Choral Concert
Tues., Dec. 11, 2018 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Jazz Band Concert
Wed., Dec. 12, 2018 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Symphonic Band
Wed., Dec. 19, 2018 at 7:30pm

Free Spring Concert Series

Mercer County College Orchestra
Mon., May 6, 2019 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Choral Concert
Tues., May 7, 2019 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Jazz Band Concert
Wed., May 8, 2019 at 7:30pm
Mercer County Symphonic Band
Wed., June 12, 2019 at 7:30pm

THE 2019 KELSEY AWARDS



CELEBRATE THE PREVIOUS AND UPCOMING KELSEY THEATRE SEASON WITH THE REST OF THE THEATRE COMMUNITY

Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 7pm

WEST WINDSOR, New Jersey – The Kelsey Awards celebrate the place, the performers, and the shows we all know and love.

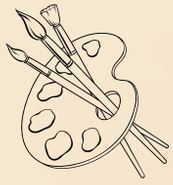
The live Kelsey Awards ceremony, which is a public event that anyone can attend, is a vehicle for the Kelsey Theatre theater community, audience members, performers and creative artists to relive the performances from the previous season and preview the upcoming season. And the best part? YOU vote for the winners! www.TheKelseyAwards.com.

EDUCATION

TOMATO PATCH WORKSHOPS

The longest-running, most successful multi-disciplinary summer arts workshops in Central New Jersey featuring Theater, Dance, Vocal Music, Visual Arts and Video for students in grades 4-12.

TOMATO PATCH 2019



Session I:
June 24–July 18 for grades 8-12
Session II:
July 22–August 8 for grades 4-7
Master Class:
July 22–August 9 for grades 8-12
Registration begins
January 28, 2019

KELSEY KIDS WORKSHOPS

New and exciting Saturday morning creative theater workshops for kids in grades K-5
Classes start in September and January
Register NOW!

Contact us at (609)570-3566 or projects@mccc.edu for more information and registration

FINANCE

DEAR KELSEY THEATRE FRIEND:
For the past 46 years, Kelsey Theatre has provided quality community and professional productions for a wide audience, from children to senior citizens. We are committed to keeping our production standards high and our ticket prices low so that everyone can enjoy live theater at an affordable price. Thanks to your generosity and that of Mercer County Community College we have been able to make some wonderful improvements in the facility. But there is more to be done! Upgrading our HVAC, and re-doing the seats is high on our list. Since the ticket revenues only cover a small portion of our operational costs we turn to you – our patrons and friends for help. Please consider adding a donation when you order your tickets or visit us at www.kelseyatmccc.org to make a contribution.
Or help us realize our dream – An atrium with more, accessible bathrooms, refreshment stand, reception area and free concerts. Or join our wall of fame! Make a tax-deductible contribution to Kelsey Theatre now and become a Kelsey Theatre Sponsor.

Thank you,

M. Kitty Hetht.

Kelsey Theatre Artistic Director

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Down:
1. A thought-provoking play
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14. Open tryouts for all our shows
16. The Scottish Play is the perfect example
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19. How an audience shows its appreciation
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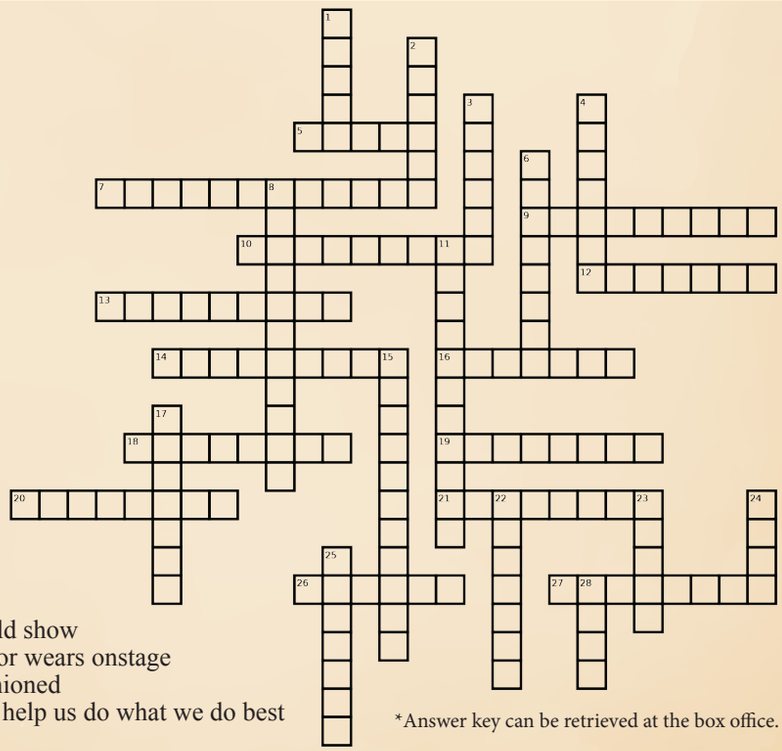

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TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED:

ONLINE

at www.kelseyatmccc.org
Choose your own seats (secure online ticket purchases with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express). Per-ticket service charge $2.50 or less applies. NOTE: Your credit card statement will say Vendini Tickets.

BY MAIL

make checks payable to: MCCC/Kelsey Theatre, PO Box 17202, Trenton, NJ 08690; $1.00 per ticket service charge applies.

BY PHONE

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(609) 570-3333 or (609) 570-3586
$1.00 per ticket service charge applies. NOTE: Your credit card statement will say Vendini Tickets.

IN PERSON

at the box office during box office hours; $1.00 per ticket service charge applies.

BOX OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon for phone and in-person purchases and one hour before show time for in-person purchases only.

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Save OVER 43%! 18 Blockbuster Shows for only – $199 Adult, $182 Senior, $165 Student (Some shows not recommended for children.)
Note: Includes Summer Shows!!

- o *Disney's* Newsies
- o Fun Home
- o *Green Day's* American Idiot
- o A Raisin in the Sun
- o *Disney's* Beauty and the Beast
- o A Christmas Story, the musical
- o Noises Off
- o Zorro, the musical
- o Four Weddings and an Elvis
- o Peter and the Starcatcher
- o The Sound of Music
- o Sunset Boulevard
- o Return to Forbidden Planet
- o Inherit the Wind
- o The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
- o Macbeth
- o Crazy for You
- o Tom Sawyer

*16 show Tribune Lite – without *Crazy For You* and *Tom Sawyer* $176 adult, $161 senior, $147 student.

THE VARIETY SERIES

Save OVER 40%! 13 Family Friendly Shows for only – $151 adult, $138 senior, $124 student

- o *Disney's* Newsies
- o A Raisin in the Sun
- o *Disney's* Beauty and the Beast
- o A Christmas Story, the Musical
- o Zorro, the Musical
- o Four Weddings and an Elvis
- o Peter and the Starcatcher
- o The Sound of Music
- o Return To Forbidden Planet
- o Inherit the Wind
- o Macbeth
- o Crazy For You
- o Tom Sawyer

*11 show Variety Lite – without Crazy For You and Tom Sawyer – $127 adult, $116 senior, $105 student

ADD A SHOW RATES

- Add any show to The TRIBUNE or VARIETY Series and Save 20% off the regular ticket price

THE COMIC STRIP SERIES

(For our youngest subscribers)
Purchase all 7 Shows and Save over 35%!
$62 Adult, $53 Senior, $52 Child/Student

- Nugget and Fang
- *Disney's* Beauty & the Beast!
- Snow Day
- Rapunzel
- A Sick Day for Amos McGee
- Jack & The Beanstalk
- The Magic School Bus

ADD A SHOW RATES

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CREATE YOUR OWN

Create your own series and still save $$$
Choose any 4 events and take 10% off.
Choose any 5 events and take 15% off.
Choose any 6 or more events and take 20% off.

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DONATIONS

Help us upgrade our facility. Please join us and be a sponsor. Send in your tax-deductible donation with your order; or, if you have a matching donation program at your work, please think of us!

VOLUNTEERS

We always need help doing everything from handing out programs to sewing costumes, running the light and sound board, putting up posters, building scenery – you name it and we need it. You'll have a good time, see some shows for free and make some new friends. Call (609) 570-3566 or email projects@mccc.edu to sign up.

OPEN AUDITIONS

Most of our shows have open auditions; check online for details at www.kelseyatmccc.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on - Facebook: "Kelsey Theatre at Mercer" and on Twitter – @MCCCKelsey and on Instagram – @kelseytheatre

THEATRE INFORMATION

- Seats are assigned according to the date orders are received at the box office. We do our best to accommodate seating requests. You must specify in advance if you need handicapped seating – limited wheelchair accomodations available.
- Current subscribers must renew by August 15, 2018 to receive priority seating. New subscriber orders will be filled after August 16.
- Single tickets for all shows will be on sale August 20, 2018 and orders will be filled at that time in the order they are received.
- Tickets will be mailed to you only if we receive the order two weeks before the performance date. Otherwise, tickets can be e-mailed to you or held for pickup at the box office.
- Please note that tickets are NOT refundable Sales are FINAL.
- Exchanges are allowed only for subscribers, and only for the same show. You MUST notify us of the exchange prior to your scheduled show time.
- All patrons older than 24 months must purchase a ticket.
- Dates, times, and events are subject to change.
- A senior citizen qualifies at age 60 and up.
- Children and students receive the student rate at any age as long as they are students somewhere.
- MCCC faculty, staff, and students with ID ticket price only $9 per show.
- Kelsey Theatre is handicapped accessible Large-print programs are available on request.

CONTACT US

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Or e-Ticket at www.kelseyatmccc.org

Full-Length Shows	Dates	Times	Adults	Senior	Child/Student
★Disney's Newsies	9/6 & 9/13	7:30pm	$20	$20	$20
	9/7, 9/8, 9/14, 9/15	8pm	$20	$20	$20
	9/9 & 9/16	2pm	$20	$20	$20
Fun Home	9/21, 9/22, 9/28. 9/29	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	9/23 & 9/30	2pm	$20	$18	$16
★Green Day's American Idiot	10/5, 10/6, 10/12, 10/13	8pm	$20	$20	$20
	10/7, 10/14	2pm	$20	$20	$20
A Raisin in the Sun	10/19, 10/20, 10/26,10/27	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	10/21 & 10/28	2pm	$18	$16	$14
Disney's Beauty & the Beast	11/2 & 11/9	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	11/3 & 11/10	2pm & 8pm	$20	$18	$16
	11/4 & 11/11	2pm	$20	$18	$16
A Christmas Story, The Musical	11/16	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	11/17, 11/24, 12/1	2pm & 8pm	$20	$18	$16
	11/18, 11/25, 12/2	2pm	$20	$18	$16
Noises Off	1/11, 1/12, 1/18, 1/19	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	1/13 & 1/20	2pm	$18	$16	$14
★Zorro The Musical	1/25, 1/26, 2/1, 2/2	8pm	$20	$20	$20
	1/27 & 2/3	2pm	$20	$20	$20
Love Letters	2/8 & 2/9	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	2/10	2pm	$18	$16	$14
Four Weddings and an Elvis	2/15, 2/16, 2/22, 2/23	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	2/17 & 2/24	2pm	$18	$16	$14
★Reock & Roll Chicago II	3/2	8pm	$30	$30	$30
	3/3	2pm	$30	$30	$30
Peter and The Starcatcher	3/8, 3/9, 3/15, 3/16	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	3/10 & 3/17	2pm	$20	$18	$16
The Sound of Music	3/22 & 3/29	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	3/23 & 3/30	2pm & 8pm	$20	$18	$16
	3/24 & 3/31	2pm	$20	$18	$16
★Sunset Boulevard	4/5, 4/6, 4/12, 4/13	8pm	$20	$20	$20
	4/7 & 4/14	2pm	$20	$20	$20
Return To Forbidden Planet	4/26, 4/27, 5/3, 5/4	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	4/28 & 5/5	2pm	$20	$18	$16
Mercer Dance Ensemble	5/11	8pm	$16	$14	$12
	5/12	2pm	$16	$14	$12
Inherit the Wind	5/24, 5/25, 5/31, 6/1	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	5/26 & 6/2	2pm	$18	$16	$14
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	6/7, 6/8, 6/14, 6/15	8pm	$20	$18	$16
	6/9 & 6/16	2pm	$20	$18	$16
Macbeth	6/21, 6/22, 6/28, 6/29	8pm	$18	$16	$14
	6/23 & 6/30	2pm	$18	$16	$14
Crazy for You	7/12, 7/13, 7/19, 7/20	8pm	$20	$18	$14
	7/14 & 7/21	2pm	$20	$18	$14
Tom Sawyer	7/26, 7/27, 8/2, 8/3	8pm	$20	$18	$14
	7/28 & 8/4	2pm	$20	$18	$14
2019 Kelsey Awards	8/17	7pm	$16	$16	$16

1-Hour KIDS Shows	Dates	Times	Adults	Senior	Child/Student
Nugget and Fang	9/29	2pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
'Twas The Night Before Christmas...	12/7	7pm	$12	$10	$10
	12/8 & 12/9	1pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
★The Nutcracker	12/14	7pm	$16	$14	$14
	12/15 & 12/16	1pm & 4pm	$16	$14	$14
Snow Day	12/22 & 12/23	2pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
Rapunzel	2/23	2pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	3/16	2pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
Jack & The Beanstalk	4/13	2pm & 4pm	$12	$10	$10
★The Magic School Bus	5/4	2pm & 4pm	$16	$14	$14

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THE TRIBUNE SERIES
____ Adults @ $199
____ Seniors @ $182
____ Students @ $165

THE TRIBUNE LITE
____ Adults @ $176
____ Seniors @ $161
____ Students @ $147

THE VARIETY SERIES
____ Adults @ $151
____ Seniors@ $138
____ Students/Children @ $124

THE VARIETY LITE
____ Adults @ $127
____ Seniors @ $116
____ Students/Children @ $105

THE COMIC STRIP SERIES
____ Adults @ $62
____ Seniors@ $53
____ Students/Children @ $52

Series Subtotal = $_____

Add-A-Show to your Tribune, Variety, or Comic Strip Series

Event	# Tix	@ Price =	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Add-A-Show Subtotal = $_____

- 20% $_____

CREATE YOUR OWN AMAZING SERIES

Event	# Tix	@ Price =	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If you chose 4 events, subtract 10% $_____
If you chose 5 events, subtract 15% $_____
If you chose 6 events, subtract 20% $_____

Create Your Own Series Subtotal $_____

ORDER SINGLE SHOWS

Event	# Tix	@ Price =	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Single Ticket Price Subtotal $_____

NOTE: FOR ALL ORDERS YOU MUST CIRCLE PERFORMANCE DATES AND TIME CHOICES TO THE LEFT.

Add the Subtotals above $_____
Note: for the Tribune Series add $17 per person; for Variety add $14, Comic Strip Series add $7
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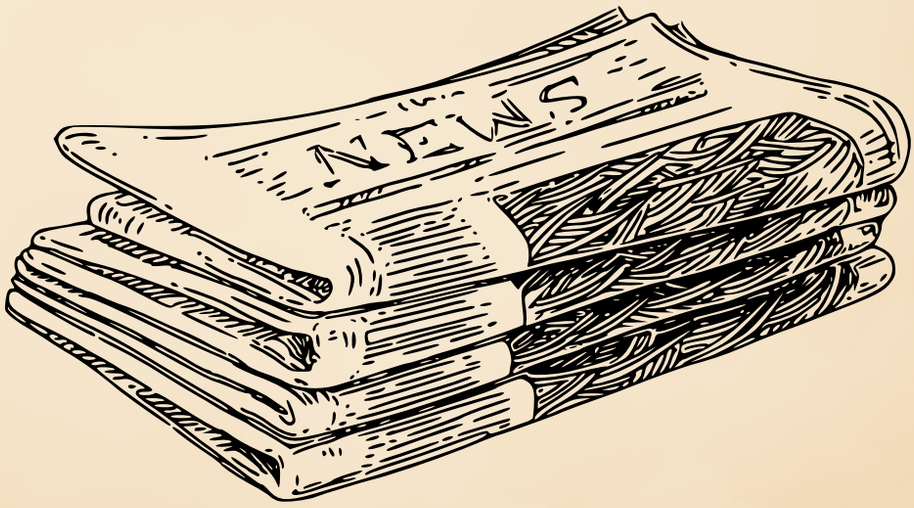
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