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The Rose Theater's 2023-24 Season *Synopses of upcoming shows at Omaha's Rose Theater*

(OMAHA, NE) The Rose Theater is excited to bring Omaha families on a journey of imagination during the 2023-24 season. The following productions will be a part of The Rose experience in the upcoming year:

Arthur & Friends Make a Musical

Sept 8-24, 2023

Based on the "Arthur" book series created by Marc Brown, adapted for stage
Book & Lyrics by John Maclay. Music & Lyrics by Brett Ryback.
Production developed and World Premiere presented in 2022 by First Stage.
Jeff Frank, Artistic Director



From books to screen and now to the stage! Arthur is confronted with the biggest challenge of his life: writing a story about what makes you special. While Buster, Muffy, and Francine have no problem completing the assignment, Arthur wonders, "What makes me special?" Come along with Arthur and friends through this musical exploration of what makes us awesome, just as we are.

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WORLD PREMIERE

Life Doesn't Frighten Me

Oct 6 - 22, 2023

By Paige Hernandez with Music by Kris Funn

Based on "Life Doesn't Frighten Me" by Dr. Maya Angelou from the book *And Still I Rise*

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**LIFE DOESN'T
FRIGHTEN ME**

The inspiring poem written by Dr. Maya Angelou is adapted for the stage by renowned hip-hop theater artist Paige Hernandez (the dynamic performer of the show "Havana Hop" from The Rose's 2022-23 season), with original music by Grammy-nominated Kris Funn. Join us on a musical journey of facing our fears, embracing our individuality and turning to our community in times of need. As this play reminds us, "Life doesn't frighten me, I am fearless Royalty!"

PREMIUM EVENT

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Dec 1 - 23, 2023

Based on the animated television special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" adapted from the story by Robert L. May and the song by Johnny Marks.

Music and Lyrics by Johnny Marks

Script Adaptation by Robert Penola

Developed by Character Arts Creations, LLC

Originally produced, directed and conceived by Jeff Frank

and First Stage with scenic and puppet designs by Brandon Kirkham

Arrangements by Timothy Splain

Orchestrations by William C. White

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com.



The beloved TV classic, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," soars off-screen and onto the stage! Join Santa, Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph in this puppet-filled musical spectacular that speaks to the misfit in all of us. Have a "Holly Jolly Christmas" at The Rose!

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WORLD PREMIERE

Night at the Farm: A Bedtime Party

Jan 19 - Feb 4, 2024

Adapted by Jackie Kappes

Based on "A Night at the Farm: A Bedtime Party"

Conceived by C+C Mini Factory

Published by Running Press Kids



Join the night-time party on the farm! A young goat named Kid finally gets to attend his first bedtime party. From baking giant pies with Uncle Horse to having a dress up party with Sheep, experience all the musical fun alongside Kid. Based on the work of Omaha-connected miniature artists C+C Mini Factory with original music that will have you dancing in your seat, this world premiere promises to bring out the young party animal in you!

Bob Marley's Three Little Birds

Feb 23 - Mar 10, 2024

Based on a story by Cedella Marley

Music & Lyrics by Bob Marley

Adapted for the stage by Michael J. Bobbitt

Arrangements, Orchestrations, Additional Music & Lyrics by John L. Cornelius, II

BOB MARLEY'S THREE LITTLE BIRDS is produced by arrangement with Concord Theatricals, www.Concordtheatricals.com



Featuring such Bob Marley classics as "One Love" and "Jammin", "Three Little Birds" transports you to a tropical paradise for this modern musical folktale. Ziggy is afraid to leave the house because of tropical storms, evil spirits, and the sneaky, hair-grabbing trickster, Duppy. But with the help of a few feathered friends, Ziggy will learn that "every little thing is gonna be alright!"

Red Riding Hood

Mar 22 - Apr 7, 2024

By Allison Gregory

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, Woodstock, Illinois



Wolfgang, the world's greatest actor, is getting ready to act out the tale of Red Riding Hood, playing all the roles himself of course. Except Wolfgang is interrupted by a Delivery Person who decides to join the fun. Two actors take on all the roles in this furiously fast, funny and surprising adaptation that asks what it means to bravely write your own story. Like an unexpected package, when you open up a fairytale, you never know what you're going to find.

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Charlotte's Web

Apr 19 - May 5, 2024

Adapted from the book by E.B. White

By Joseph Robinette

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, Woodstock, Illinois



Wilbur the pig doesn't appear to have a very bright future when Fern saves him. Surrounded by supportive barnyard friends on Zuckerman's Farm — and befriended by a very gifted spider — Wilbur becomes Some Terrific, Radiant Pig! Revisit the timeless magic of a story that's touched the hearts of generations of families with its universal themes of friendship and selflessness.

PREMIUM EVENT

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

June 7 - 23, 2024

Book by David Greig. Music by Marc Shaiman.

Lyrics by Scott Wittman & Marc Shaima.

Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL

Songs from the Motion Picture by LESLIE BRICUSSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY.

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The world-famous Willy Wonka is opening the gates to his mysterious candy factory...but only to a lucky few. Young Charlie Bucket and four other winners will embark on a life-changing journey through Wonka's world of chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels and incredible television technology, all to be revealed by Wonka's army of curious Oompa-Loompas. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is your golden ticket to a sweet performance of "Pure Imagination."

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or by calling The Rose Box Office at (402) 345-4849.***

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