



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

# *The MAGIC of Live Theatre*

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News of the Magic Circle Players

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***Get ready to experience an evening of enchantment, community, and incredible music at Magic Circle Players in Montrose, Colorado with this local production of The Sound of Music directed by Kenny and Jennifer Easton.***

## *The SOUND of MUSIC*

This beloved musical, composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, is a timeless classic that tells the heartwarming story of the von Trapp family and their journey towards freedom, love, and self-discovery during the tumultuous times of Nazi-occupied Austria.

Maria (Rachel Blankmeyer) is a young, free-spirited novice in a convent in 1930s Austria, and although she has deep faith, the sisters wonder at her suitability to life as a nun. Responding to a request from a widowed naval officer for a governess, the Mother Abbess (Kelsey Scally) sends Maria to the home of the retired, wealthy Captain von Trapp (Dalyn Pierson) to care for his eight children. Maria is shocked to find that the Captain runs his home like a navy ship, and to her employer's chagrin, she earnestly sets about befriending the children, and bringing laughter and music to the household.





This true story is an emotional journey filled with laughter, tears, and unforgettable moments. And, to add an extra layer of depth and beauty to the performance, you'll be accompanied by a live orchestra that will bring to life the iconic melodies and harmonies of this incredible show. With soaring strings and winds, powerful brass, and magnificent percussion, the orchestra will sweep you away with classic songs like "Do-Re-Mi," "Edelweiss," and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," as well as a unique original composition, creating a truly magical atmosphere that will stay with you long after the show has ended.

But, this show is more than just incredible music and stunning performances; it's also a celebration of community and togetherness. The cast and crew of this production are all local residents of Montrose and the surrounding communities, and for many, this is their first experience at Magic Circle. The dedication, passion, and talent of our all-volunteer cast and crew are a testament to the power of community theatre.

So, gather your loved ones, friends, and family, and join us at Magic Circle Players for an unforgettable evening of theatre, music, and community. Whether you're a lifelong fan of *The Sound of Music* or discovering it for the first time, this production is sure to leave you feeling inspired, uplifted, and filled with joy. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime event!

# Calendar

Due to construction, the Box Office will not be accessible to the public until October. Contact us at (970)249-7838 or [mcp@montrose.net](mailto:mcp@montrose.net)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 <b>May</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Sound of Music 7:30pm	13 Sound of Music 7:30pm
14 Sound of Music 2pm	15 Auditions Little Shop of Horrors 6:30pm	16 Auditions Little Shop of Horrors 6:30pm	17 Auditions The Belle of Amherst 6:30pm	18 Auditions The Belle of Amherst 6:30pm	19 Sound of Music 7:30pm	20 Sound of Music 7:30pm
21 Sound of Music 2pm	22	23	24	25	26 Sound of Music 7:30pm	27 Sound of Music 7:30pm
28 Sound of Music 2pm	29	30	31	1 <b>June</b> Sound of Music 7:30pm	2 Sound of Music 7:30pm	3 Sound of Music 7:30pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 <b>DRAMA CAMP WEEK 1 FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED ACTORS</b>						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 <b>DRAMA CAMP WEEK 2 FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED ACTORS</b>						
18	19	20	21	22	23 The Belle of Amherst 7:30pm	24 The Belle of Amherst 7:30pm
25 The Belle of Amherst 2pm	26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>July</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 <b>DRAMA CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL</b>						
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29



## From Lisa

It's a windy, spring day in Montrose, but our Colorado blue skies are soaked with warm sunshine, taking some of the sting out of the blustery gusts. This is the time of year that Magic Circle Players gears up for our final production of the Season, and begins preparations for next Season.

Our 64th Season will open in October 2023, a month later than our typical September opening, as we will be building a new façade this summer. Stryker & Company will begin work in late June; the exterior is our summer 2023 task, and the interior projected for summer 2024. We anticipate the excitement of celebrating our 65th anniversary with a facility that reflects the magic of a live theatre experience.

**Due to construction, the BOX OFFICE will NOT be accessible to the public from June 26 through the first week of October. We will be working, and are happy to answer calls and e-mails. PLEASE leave messages - we will respond!**

Our 2023/ 2024 Season is shaping up to be another year filled with quality live theatre: we have a variety of productions, and excellent volunteers ready to tackle producing a show! Patron Membership and Season Tickets can be renewed when you receive your Season Flier in the mail, or when you come to see *The Sound of Music*. **If you intend, or prefer, to make your own online reservations for shows, IT IS IMPORTANT that you purchase your Patron/Season tickets online. This online purchase generates a COUPON CODE that is required for Patrons and Season Ticket holders to make their reservations online.**

Patrons' Night is Friday, June 23 at 6:30pm. We begin the evening with hors-d'oeuvres and wine, followed by a Readers Theatre production of *The Belle of Amherst*. Guests who purchased a VIP Patron Membership in the 2022/ 2023 are invited to attend free of charge and will have access to reserved premium seating. We will also have performances of *The Belle of Amherst*, Saturday, June 24 @ 7:30pm and Sunday, June 25 @ 2pm. 2022/2023 Patrons may attend the performance of their choice. Please see the invitation on page 5.

***Thank You for Believing in the Magic of Live Theatre!***

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Knowing that live theatre has the power to influence lives and impact the human experience, we offer Corporate Sponsors the opportunity to invest \$2,500 or more to partner with us to bring live theatre to our community.

### CORPORATE SPONSOR \$2,500

6 Complimentary tickets to each of the 2023/2024 main-stage productions

4 Complimentary tickets to each of the 2023/2024 special events

2 Show Tickets to *My Funny Valentine on the Silver Screen*

Recognition in our program and in the lobby

Representation in Magic Circle Players' 64th Season marketing

(5 newsletters, all posters, Playbills for 61 performances, website, print advertising)

# COME *Audition* WITH US

Auditions Held at Magic Circle Players, 420 S. 12th St, Montrose



WED • MAY 17 @ 6:30PM  
THURS • MAY 18 @ 6:30PM

Casting 2 women  
Audition Packets Available  
PERFORMANCE DATES: June 23, 24 & 25

*The Belle of Amherst* is a whimsical two-woman show based on the life of Emily Dickinson. Told in two acts, this play gives a voice to one of America's most enigmatic and eccentric poets. Drawing largely from Emily's poetry and letters, *The Belle of Amherst* is a breathing autobiography of a true nonconformist. For years, scholars have theorized that Emily Dickinson had some form of mental illness. This play gives Emily the chance to answer those scholars in person. Using a stream of conscious flow of poetry and musings, Emily Dickinson is brought to life before the very eyes of her audience.



MON • MAY 15 @ 6:30PM  
TUES • MAY 16 @ 6:30PM

Casting 8 leads, with 10 -12 ensemble roles  
Audition Packets Available  
PERFORMANCE DATES: Oct. 6 – 22, 2023

A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, *Little Shop Of Horrors* has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. A meek floral assistant, Seymour Krelborn, stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows, *Little Shop Of Horrors*, the charmingly tongue-in-cheek comedy has been produced worldwide to incredible success.



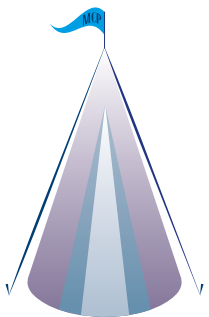
DEATHTRAP

SUN • SEPT 10 @ 6:30PM  
MON • SEPT 11 @ 6:30PM

Casting 3 men & 2 women  
Audition Packets Available Aug. 23, 2023  
PERFORMANCE DATES: Nov. 17 – Dec. 2, 2023

The longest running comedy-thriller in Broadway's history, *Deathtrap* tells the story of Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, who is struggling to overcome a dry spell which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student in the seminar he has been conducting at a nearby college—a thriller that Sidney recognizes immediately as a potential Broadway smash. Sidney's plan, devised with his wife's help, is to offer collaboration to the student for co-credit. Or is it?

## DON'T MISS OUR FREE SUMMER DRAMA CAMP PERFORMANCES!



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**DRAMA  
CAMP**  
MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

High School Students July 22 @ noon & 2pm  
July 23 @ 3pm at the Montrose County Fair

A Collection  
of Short Plays



Elementary and Middle School Students

June 9 @ 2pm & 4pm and June 16 @ 2pm & 4pm



**Fools Afoot**



**Princess Test**

## LOST (AND FOUND) IN IKEA

Wrapping up a show is always bittersweet. You look back at the production and feel very proud of all the work you put into the show, how it all came together, and how much the cast and crew became a family throughout the process. Then you realize it's over. The hard work is done but so is the time spent together. Rehearsals are work but they're also very fun. Building a set requires a lot of time and energy, but it's time spent with people you genuinely enjoy being with.

We would like to thank our cast and crew one final time. It was an honor to watch the cast



grow into their characters and truly make them their own. Our sound and lighting crew spent way more time on the show than I had a right to ask of them. Our costume liaison constantly went above and beyond. And our stage crew really shored it all up in the end. So, thank you to our family:

Chuck Richardson, Marissa Isgreen, Spencer Crosby, Aidan McBride, Cole Reiff, Amanda Laube, Chris McDonald, Scott Pollak, Bob Dietrich, Pam Carlson, Kim Murdoch, Janel Culver, Randy McBride, Everett Gregory, and Stasia and Bob Allyn. **Kevin Innarelli and Scott Baadte**



# PATRONS NIGHT 2023



2022/2023 VIP Patron Members may call the Box Office to reserve complimentary tickets to any ONE of the three performance.

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC MAY 30.**

A Play Based on the Life of Emily Dickinson • By WILLIAM LUCE

**FRIDAY • JUNE 23 • 6:30PM HORS-D'OEUVRES & WINE • 7:30PM SHOW**  
**SATURDAY • JUNE 24 @ 7:30PM & SUNDAY • JUNE 25 @ 2PM**  
**SHOW ONLY. CASH BAR AND SNACKS FOR PURCHASE.**





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*Lost and Found in Ikea*



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