



MAGIC CIRCLE PLAYERS

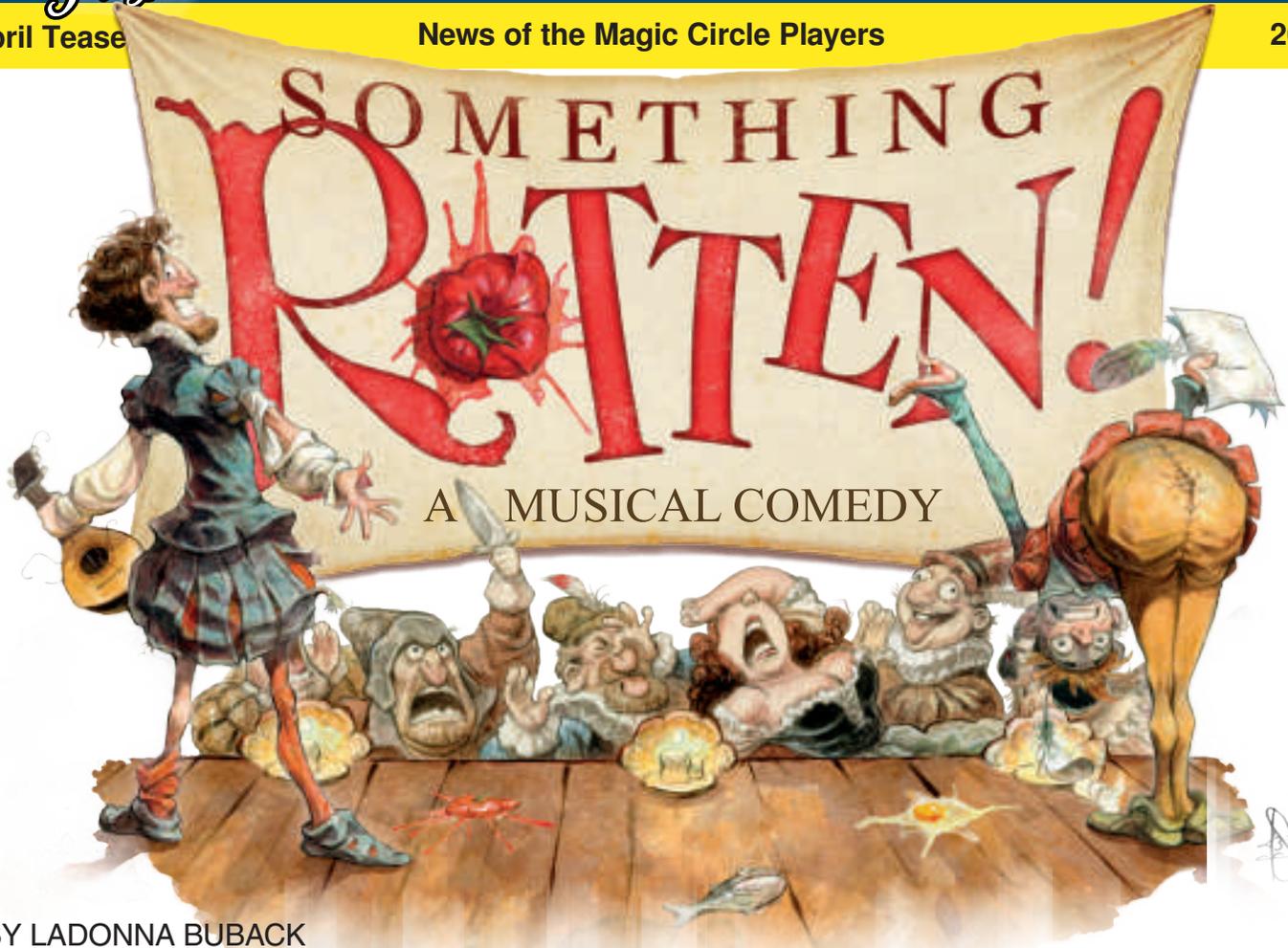
The MAGIC of Live Theatre

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News of the Magic Circle Players

2024



BY LADONNA BUBACK

There's nothing quite like a musical — and there's nothing quite like *Something Rotten!* Jam-packed with sensational dance numbers and unfettered joy, this recent Tony-winning musical pokes fun at its own format, as well as that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard."

Rotten! follows struggling playwright brothers Nick (Everett Gregory) and Nigel Bottom (Cole Patterson) as they try to claw their way out of the shadow of the preening and infuriatingly talented darling of the theatre world, William Shakespeare (Riley Little). Out of sheer desperation, Nick seeks help from an unlikely source. The stakes couldn't be higher, but they're going to be served with a side of eggs. The scandals, romances and unexplainable dance breaks that follow teach the Bottom Brothers that reaching the top requires being true to thine own self...and all that jazz.

Led by seasoned MCP directors Sandy Lundberg and Amy Nelp, with Bob Allyn in the Assistant Director's seat, this family-friendly version of the Shakespearean spoof is packed to the petticoats with sassy satirical shtick and is sure to leave the audience's cheeks sore from smiling for so long. Musical Director Shannon Rediger skillfully guides the talented cast through a high-spirited and highly contagious musical score that will have your fingers snapping and your toes tapping.

As *Playbill* pontificated upon the show's debut, "With its heart on its ruffled sleeve and sequins in its soul, *Something Rotten!* is an uproarious dose of pure Broadway fun and an irresistible ode to musicals — those dazzling creations that entertain us, inspire us, and remind us that everything's better with an exclamation point!"

Running May 10, 2024 through June 1, 2024.

From Lisa

On February 29, 2024, the installation of our custom made theatre doors was finished, completing Magic Circle Players' façade remodel. That was the perfect gift for my 17th birthday! We have a digital marquee sign to be installed, and we'd like to resurface and restripe the parking lot to complete the total exterior project.

For me, this has been a three year process that has stretched and challenged me, there are so many things that I did not know. The beginnings were with Gayla Warner (Designer) who first imagined the art deco, traditional theatre vibe, changing our look from adult book store/ bowling alley to "a memorable night out." Phil Motley (Motley Architectural Design) got involved to lend his expertise with technical details, then two and a half years of meetings with the excellent team at Stryker and Company (Zane, Brian, Sean, Jimmy, and even Scott.) Permits, fundraising, product choices, paint colors, unexpected electrical work, (Ric Brown from Canyon Creek went the extra mile) delays in product delivery, and of course weather (Chris King - Kruger Roofing worked on a Saturday and through the snow, to help meet deadlines.) The City of Montrose has been exceptionally supportive, and Elevate Internet and Montrose Signs have contributed generously to this project. Margaret McCaffrey has written many grants, securing sizable donations from The Gates Family Foundation and El Pomar Foundation. The Montrose Community Foundation has supported our efforts. Magic Circle Players patrons and volunteers, and the Montrose community at large have been a driving force financially; we are grateful for every penny contributed. We understand that your resources are valuable, and we are honored that you chose to invest in community theatre in Montrose. Thank You!

As patrons arrive to the theatre, they comment on the magnificent doors, (Daren Westermann, Distinctive Wood) and ask when we will start the interior. It's a valid question, especially if you are relegated to using the men's restroom. The plans are drawn, now we have to raise \$400,000. The MAGIC will happen, we just aren't sure of the timeline.



65th Season of Magic

Season tickets for the 65th Season of Magic Circle Players will be available soon! Season Fliers will be mailed in May, or you may purchase your membership when you come and see *Something Rotten*. Here is a sneak peak of the five mainstage productions.

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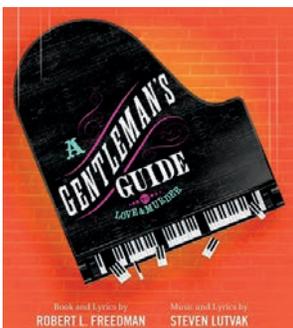
September 2024 A 1947 Tony Award winning, American classic, *All My Sons*, is based on a true story, and tells the story of two families during WWII, whose lives will be irrevocably changed, the course of generations altered, when the fathers cause the death of twenty-one American pilots by supplying faulty airplane engine parts to the army.



January 2025 Instead of relishing life after her heart transplant, Joy is unsure whether she truly deserves a second chance. At a friend's urging, Joy tracks down Jack's family to find closure. Based on a true story, *The Tin Woman* uses humor and pathos to explore loss, family, and what it means to be given new life.

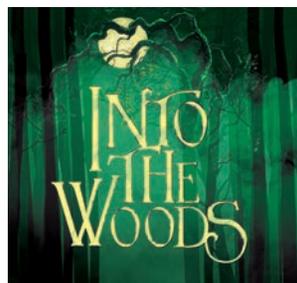


March 2025 The long running Broadway production *You Can't Take it With You* is a quirky, fun, old-fashioned comedy, served with a clash of the classes. Can Alice & Tony, whose families couldn't be more different, survive a dinner party? Tons of laughs, surprises, and a few "BOOMS", will leave you wanting more!



November 2024 A *Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is a knock-'em-dead, uproarious hit musical comedy, with ten Tony nominations and four wins, including Best Musical for the 2014 Tony Award Season. This fast

paced, musical romp is filled with unforgettable music, soaring ballads, and non-stop laughs that will have audiences dying with laughter



May 2025 *Into the Woods*, with its Tony Award winning score is enchanting, touching and relevant. Everyone's favorite storybook characters comes together, each with a wish for....more. The wishes are granted, but with unexpected consequences. Stunning music, laughter and tragedy make this an unforgettable, rare modern classic.

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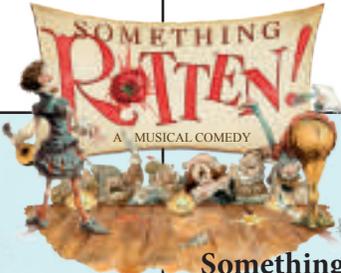
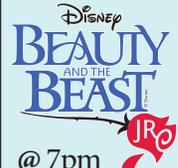
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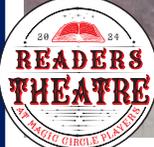
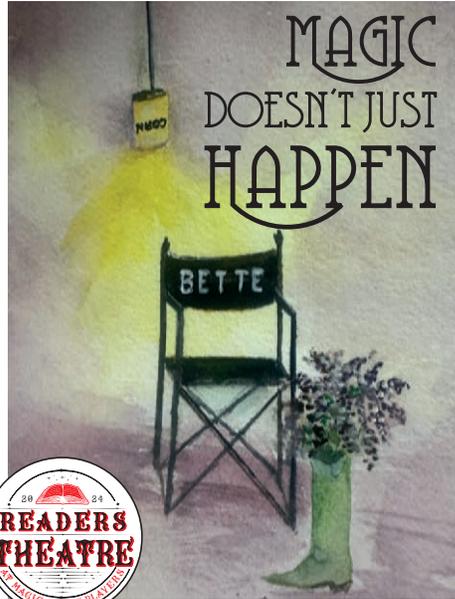
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A Summer of MAGIC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28	29	30 Box office open 2pm-5pm	May 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Box office open 2pm-5pm	8		10 Something Rotten 7:30pm	11 Something Rotten 7:30pm
12 Something Rotten 2pm	13	14 Box office open 2pm-5pm	15	16 Something Rotten 7:30pm	17 Something Rotten 7:30pm	18 Something Rotten 7:30pm
Karaoke @ 7pm @ Magic Circle	20	21 Box office open 2pm-5pm	22	23	24 Something Rotten 7:30pm	25 Something Rotten 7:30pm
	26	27	28	29	30 Something Rotten 7:30pm	31 Something Rotten 7:30pm
26 Something Rotten 2pm	27	28 Box office open 2pm-5pm	29	30 Something Rotten 7:30pm	31 Something Rotten 7:30pm	June 1 Something Rotten 7:30pm
2 Drama Camp Week One - Elementary and Middle School	3	4 Box office open 2pm-5pm	5	6	7  Princess Test 4pm & 6pm	8  Auditions @ 4pm Karaoke @ 7pm
9 Drama Camp Week Two - Elementary and Middle School	10	11 Box office open 2pm-5pm	12	13	14  Princess Test 4pm & 6pm	
16	17	18 Box office open 2pm-5pm	19	20	21  @ 7pm	22 Beauty & The Beast 2 & 7pm
23	24	25 Box office open 2pm-5pm	26 Beauty & The Beast 7pm	27 Beauty & The Beast 7pm	28 Beauty & The Beast 7pm	29 Beauty & The Beast 2 & 7pm
30	July 1	2 Box office open 2pm-5pm	3	4	5	6 High School Drama Camp

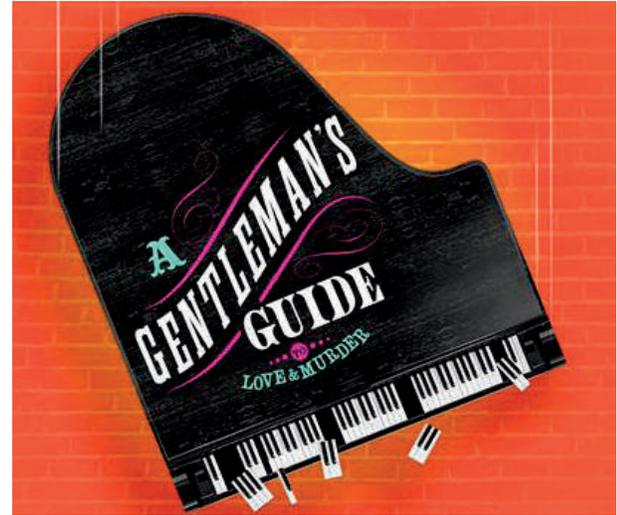
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A READERS THEATRE PRODUCTION

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 8 @ 4PM**

Casting 3 Females & 3 Males



SUN, JULY 14 @ 1:30PM

MON, JULY 15 @ 6:30PM

CALL BACKS

JULY 16 @ 6:30PM

*Casting 5 Lead Roles, 2 Male & 3 Female
Ensemble of 6, Male & Female*

AUDITION WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY,
JULY 20**

3PM

YOUTH ACTORS

5:30PM

ADULT ACTORS

Improve your audition technique, advice from seasoned directors, tip & tricks for success and traps to avoid.



Every summer young actors attend a week long camp and are introduced to theatre: auditioning, memorization, blocking, character development and most importantly team work! The finale is a FREE

PERFORMANCE of a script written especially for Drama Camp actors. We invite you to join us in CELEBRATING and SUPPORTING our youth.

Elementary & Middle School Performances

Friday, June 7 @ 4pm & 6pm

Friday, June 14 @ 4pm & 6pm



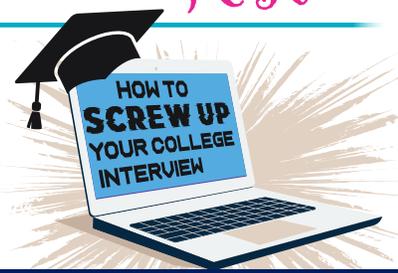
*THE KING'S
NEW CLOTHES*

*Princess
Test*

High School Performances

Saturday, July 13

@ 2pm & 5pm



A year ago, Chris Worton volunteered to usher. We assumed he meant once per show, but he responded with, "I plan to be there for every show." We quickly assigned Chris to be Rachel's right hand man for 12 *Sound of Music* performances; to our great delight, Chris has become a mainstay, serving at the concession counter, emptying trashes, wiping down bathrooms, and becoming a great friend.





NOISES OFF Directed by Dru Weaver

Noises Off is a challenging show in and of itself; you've got boxes, bags, sardines, words, doors, timing, prat falls, breaking glass, dual characters and a mixed bag of nuts to pull it off! Once you add a two story set, with no less than eight doors that must turn around, twice; you've got quite the project on your hands! Even through some challenging situations



Dru Weaver, Director and Janel Culver, Assistant Director

like delays on set building or missing co-stars, this group of amazing actors and volunteers did in fact, pull it off! It was a different show every night and you never knew what you were going to get; except that each and every night this wonderful mixed bag of nuts gave their all to truly share the crazy side of theater and laughter with our audience. It has been a crazy, hilarious, fun and at times stress inducing ride! Even with some of the unforeseen challenges, stumbles and lessons learned, I'd do it again with this wonderful group of people who brought this complicated vision to the Magic Circle Stage. Thank you as always mom, for bringing this theatre in to my life 37 years ago!

THE GOOD DOCTOR Directed by Kim Santich

The Good Doctor by Neil Simon made a fabulous Readers Theatre production. Five excellent actors, portraying 20+ characters were engaging and authentic, crafting a fascinating and audience pleasing theatre experience. As my husband and I move closer to family, this, my final directing opportunity at Magic Circle Players, was a satisfying and fulfilling way to make my exit.



Kim Santich



The Good Doctor Cast



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It's a WRAP! Noises Off
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