

"To enter a theatre for a performance is to be inducted into a magical space, to be ushered into the sacred arena of the imagination."

Dear Theater Lovers.

Welcome to a Season of Celebration! While Stage Door Players celebrates a milestone 45th anniversary, a lot has happened in the fifteen years since I became the Producing Artistic Director of Stage Door Players, and those words speak louder than ever. Over the past fourteen seasons I have watched, along with you, this theater company grow, create a magical space and hopefully encourage the imagination of not only our artists but our ever-growing audiences as well. The overwhelming support we have received as we made our way from the small plucky community theater we once were to the award winning professional theater we are today is nothing short of amazing. You have allowed us to bring the best of the Atlanta theater community's brightest talents through our doors.

Our hometown roots keep us grounded but our wide-reaching branches sprout and spread to the sky, and because of our loyal season ticket holders, patrons, sponsors, friends, and community partners, Stage Door Players continues to be counted among Atlanta's top theater companies. And we hope that you will continue to help us keep growing year after theatrical year. What's coming your way for our Sapphire Anniversary Season of Celebration? This season we will bring you six mainstage productions to entertain and delight. Celebrations of family, friendship, heritage, diversity, nostalgia and integrity are on tap as we present the regional premiere of a new comedy, a dysfunctional family holiday play, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, a thought-provoking comedy-drama, a musical revue to raise your spirits, and a biographical gem by a master. Once again, we will set out to make sure that your entertainment dollars are well spent, and that your continued support in Stage Door is a sound and worthwhile investment.

Your purchase of season tickets, along with your tax-deductible donations, help us reach those goals, and assure that the theater company you have come to know, love, and watch grow thrives for many seasons to come.

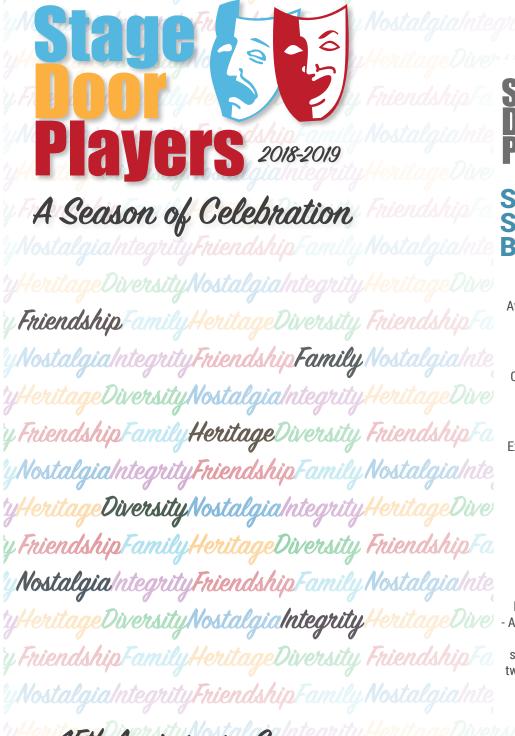
"There is no life I know, that compares to pure imagination."

See you at the Stage Door!

Robert Egizio
Producing Artistic Director
September 2018

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45th Anniversary Season

STAGE DOOR PLAYERS 2018-2019 SEASON

a Celebration of Friendship

A RED PLAID SHIRT

by Michael G. Wilmot

US Premiere Comedy

Two old friends fill the void left by retirement in different ways; Marty decides he wants to explore the open road on a Harley while Fred decides to pay more attention to his health, inventing many new ailments along the way. With a little "subtle redirection" from their wives and a creative solution to a very unusual problem they find the right track... eventually.

September 21 - October 14, 2018

a Celebration of Family

A NICE FAMILY CHRISTMAS

by Phil Olson

Holiday Comedy

Christmas Eve, and a young newspaper reporter on the brink of being fired has been assigned a last-chance story about a typical family Christmas – his family's Christmas. He goes home to his recently widowed mother, his crazy uncle, his eccentric grandmother, and his battling siblings and their neurotic spouses, who provide no shortage of material. One by one, we learn each family member's secrets, problems, and dysfunctions, and when they learn that he's writing an article, the fruitcake hits the fan.

November 30 - December 16, 2018

a Celebration of Heritage

THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO

by Alfred Uhry

Drama

Winner of the 1997 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play, the story is set in the upper class German-Jewish community living in Atlanta, Georgia in December 1939. Hitler has recently conquered Poland, *Gone with the Wind* is about to premiere, and Adolph Freitag and his family - who are so highly assimilated they have a Christmas tree in the front parlor – are looking forward to Ballyhoo, a lavish cotillion ball sponsored by their restrictive country club. When Joe Farkas, an attractive eligible bachelor prompts college student Sunny to examine her Jewish identity (or lack thereof), she begins to question the beliefs with which she has been raised.

January 25 - February 17, 2019

a Celebration of Diversity

SECRETS OF A SOCCER MOM

by Kathleen Clark

Dramatic Comedy

Three engaging women reluctantly take the field in a mothers vs. sons soccer game. They intend to let the children win, but as the game unfolds they become intent on scoring. The competition ignites a fierce desire to recapture their youthful good-humor, independence and sexiness, paving the way toward a better understanding of themselves, their families and changes they need to make in their lives.

March 22 through April 14, 2019

a Celebration of Nostalgia

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

music and lyrics by Thomas "Fats" Waller

Musical Revue

The inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club and that jumpin' new beat, swing music. Featuring such favorites as Honeysuckle Rose, This Joint is Jumping, I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter, and the title tune, Ain't Misbehavin' evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American original celebrating a career that ranged from uptown clubs to downtown Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood.

May 24 - June 16, 2019

a Celebration of Integrity

LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR

by Neil Simon

Comedy

Highly thought to be the funniest of Simon's biography plays and inspired by the playwright's youthful experience as a staff writer on Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows, with all the attendant comic drama as the harried writing staff frantically scrambles to top each other with gags while competing for the attention of star madman "Max Prince".

July 12 - August 4, 2019

(Shows, times and dates subject to change)

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