

The Season

Stark Stage Shows

Butterflies are Free

By Leonard Gershe

October 25 - November 13, 2022

Don Baker, a blind young man, moves into his own apartment against the wishes of his overprotective mother. Jill Tanner, the freethinking young woman next door, takes a liking to him and his meticulously kept apartment. As they begin a closer relationship, Don's mother, Mrs. Baker, enters to "help" her son navigate his new life. *Butterflies are Free* is a funny, touching and emotional play about the risks that go with loving someone.

Man of La Mancha

Music by Mitch Leigh, Lyrics by Joe Darion, Book by Dale Wasserman

January 3-22, 2023

One of the most honored musicals of the American theater, *Man of La Mancha* was inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' 17th Century masterpiece, *Don Quixote*. Winner of five Tony Awards®, including best musical, *Man of La Mancha* is a powerful, funny, and heartbreaking musical celebrating the perseverance of one man who refuses to relinquish his ideals, and who is determined to see life "not as it is, but as it ought to be."

A Comedy of Tenors

By Ken Ludwig

February 21 – March 12, 2023

Written by one of America's most prolific playwrights, *A Comedy of Tenors* is an uproarious tale of romantic indiscretions and madcap situations. On the eve of the concert of the century, 1930's Paris is all abuzz as four renown tenors are set to take the stage in a stadium filled with screaming fans. What could possibly go wrong? Apparently a lot, when you have one hotel suite, four tenors, two wives, and three girlfriends. Can producer Henry Saunders keep Italian superstar Tito Merelli and his hot-blooded wife from causing operatic chaos?

42nd Street

Music by Harry Warren, Lyrics by Al Dubin, Book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble

April 11-30, 2023

One of Broadway's longest-running musicals, 42nd Street tells the story of a humble, naïve young actress named Peggy Sawyer, who comes to the big city to audition for a new Broadway musical. Unfortunately, she arrives too late. Luckily, she catches the eye of the famous director, Julian Marsh, and he casts Peggy as a chorus girl. When the star of the show breaks her ankle on opening night, Peggy is unexpectedly pushed center stage and not only saves the show, but becomes a big star. Filled with spectacular dance routines, lavish costumes, and wonderful songs, this Tony Award-winning musical will lift your spirits and have you dancing all the way home.

Honky Tonk Angels

By Ted Swindley

May 30 – June 18, 2023

Three women leading dull and thankless lives decide to cut loose from hubby, boss and daddy, and board a bus headed for Nashville to pursue their dream of becoming country singers. Romance, independence, and lots of twang and sass result in a feel-good mix of laughter, a few tears, and country pop favorites. “These Boots are Made for Walking,” “Stand by Your Man,” “Delta Dawn,” “9 to 5,” “Amazing Grace,” and “Harper Valley PTA” are just a taste of the heart-thumpin’, foot-stompin’, country classics you’ll experience on the wings of the Honky Tonk Angels.

Waxlax Stage Shows

Bakersfield Mist

By Stephen Sachs

January 31- February 19, 2023

Inspired by true events, this hilarious new comedy follows Maude, a fifty-something unemployed bartender, who buys a painting for a few bucks from a thrift store. Despite almost trashing it, she's now convinced it's a lost masterpiece by Jackson Pollock worth millions. But when world-class art expert Lionel Percy flies in from New York and arrives at her trailer home in Bakersfield to authenticate the painting, he has no idea what he is about to discover.

Oleanna

By David Mamet

March 21 – April 9, 2023

Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet, *Oleanna* explores the escalating power struggle between a haughty professor and the failing student whose charges of sexual harassment threaten his career.

Season Ticket Purchasers save 20% off single tickets when they buy all 5 shows on the Stark Stage. Season tickets start as low as \$160.

Bundle Ticket Purchasers save 10% off single tickets when they buy 3 or more shows at the same time on either stage.

Single tickets start as low as \$40 on the Stark Stage.

Starting Wednesday, July 6th, tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 772-231-6990 or online at www.riversidetheatre.com.

Riverside Theatre, America's largest professional theatre in a small town, is located at 3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963.