

## For Immediate Release

**DATE:** September 2022

**CONTACT:** Kori Radloff, korir@rosetheater.org, 402-502-4641

### *Popularity Coach* Fact Sheet

**Date/Time:** October 7 - 23, 2022  
Fridays at 7 pm, Saturdays at 2 pm & 5:30 pm, Sundays at 2 pm  
NOTE: No 5:30 show on Oct. 15 or Oct. 22

**Credits:** Written by Rose Playwright-in-Residence Brian Guehring

**Location:** The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam Street, Main Stage

**Show Description:** Parents and teachers always say “popularity doesn’t matter,” but for grade schoolers Cooper and Mia, it sure seems to be important. Cooper is just not like the sports-playing, superhero-loving boys in his class. Mia also finds it challenging to be friends with her female classmates. When a popular 7th grader named Blake offers to be their Popularity Coach (for a low, low price) Cooper and Mia sign up, hoping maybe they’ll finally figure out how to win friends. But will Blake’s slick lessons on “How To Be Popular” make matters better...or worse?

Playwright-in-residence Brian Guehring’s world-premiere play has already received national recognition via NYU’s New Plays For Young Audiences. It offers a humorous look at a heavy dilemma for young people everywhere: How do you find your way among your peers and yet stay true to who you are?

**Show Specifics:** Comedy confronting conformity for ALL AGES  
Expected run time: 75 minutes without an intermission

**Tickets:** \$25 General Admission  
Call (402) 345-4849 or purchase online at [www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org).  
Discount ticket vouchers are available at all area Hy-Vee stores.  
Reservations are required.

**Sponsors:** Children’s Hospital & Medical Center, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Baird Holm, Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment

###