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The Rose Theater's 2024-25 Season
Synopses of upcoming shows at Omaha's Rose Theater

(OMAHA, NE) The Rose Theater is excited to celebrate 75 years of providing Omaha families with the best in family-friendly entertainment. The 2024-25 season promises a celebration of theater, family and lifelong memories. The following productions will be a part of The Rose experience in the upcoming year:

PREMIUM EVENT

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical

Sept. 6 - 22, 2024

Book by Kevin del Aguila.

Music & Lyrics by Michael Mahler and Alan Schmuckler.

Based on the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" Book Series by Jeff Kinney and the 20th Century Fox Films.

Additional Orchestrations by Christopher Jahnke.

Originally commissioned and produced by

The Children's Theatre Company Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing Global. (www.broadwaylicensing.com)

See Jeff Kinney's popular character take center stage as Greg's cartoon diary (or is it a journal?) becomes a hilarious and heartfelt musical.

School can be tough. Really tough. Being the middle child can be even tougher. As Greg embarks on a quest to become popular, we meet quirky classmates Patty, Chirag, and Fregley, among many others. Standing beside him through all of this is Greg's best friend Rowley.

Will Greg's plans to become popular lead him to sacrifice his one true friend? Can anyone avoid the dreaded Cheese Touch? Grab a hall pass and don't be late for this hilarious musical adventure!

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Coraline

Oct. 11 - 27, 2024

Adapted from the novella by Neil Gaiman.

Book by David Greenspan.

Music and Lyrics by Stephin Merritt.

CORALINE is produced by arrangement with Creative Artists Agency, New York, NY.



Young Coraline Jones has just moved with her parents into an old house and is bored by her colorless surroundings and her busy parents. Coraline discovers a secret door that leads to a parallel world, but with one key difference: all the grownups have black buttons for eyes. This new world seems to offer all she wants: parents who are keenly interested in her, toys that sing and dance, neighbors who get her name right. But as this parallel world becomes increasingly unsettling, Coraline must learn the true meaning of bravery to save her parents and herself.

Based on Neil Gaiman's frighteningly fun children's novel and the luminous stop-motion animated film, this is the spooky musical spectacular perfect for the Halloween season.

PREMIUM EVENT

A Christmas Story: The Musical

Dec 6 - 22, 2024

Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul.

Book by Joseph Robinette.

Based on the motion picture A Christmas Story.

Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois



Join Ralphie Parker on his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts -- a Red Ryder air rifle. This musical adaptation of the beloved movie brings all the classic laughs of Flick getting his tongue stuck to a flagpole, Dad getting his special award, a disastrous visit to Santa, and many more to life onstage. Bring your family together this winter to experience the universal triumphs of childhood as seen through the eyes of a very special 9-year old.

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WORLD PREMIERE

Secret Kindness Agents

Jan. 17 - Feb. 2, 2025

Inspired by Dr. Ferial Pearson's Secret Kindness Agents Project.
by Rose Playwright-in-Residence Brian Guehring

Secret Agents Glitter Waffles, Chameleon, Stinger and Ringleader have been recruited to make their school a kinder place for all. The school has been overcome with the winter blues, excessive grumpiness, school testing stress, and an overall dark cloud of doom and gloom. Will these elementary school students succeed in their secret spy missions? Can they break the secret codes from headquarters? Will their secret agency be discovered? Will they make a difference in this school? Join us for this exciting spy-tastic adventure play!

Inspired by Omaha educator Dr. Ferial Pearson's Secret Kindness Agents Project, which has been implemented in over 500 schools around the world from preschool through university level.

Cat Kid Comic Club: The Musical

Feb. 14 - Mar. 2, 2025

Adapted from the CAT KID COMIC CLUB series of books by Dav Pilkey.
Book and Lyrics by Kevin Del Aguila.

Music by Brad Alexander.

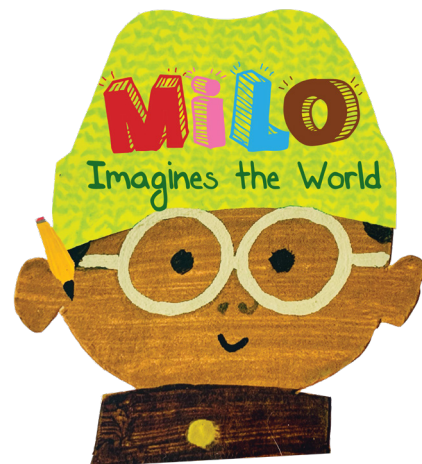
CAT KID COMIC CLUB: THE MUSICAL is produced
by arrangement with TheaterWorksUSA (www.twusa.org).



Cat Kid and Molly Pollywog have started an epic club to teach 21 rambunctious baby frogs how to make their own comics! Their fishy father Flippy is overjoyed that his kids will learn to unleash their creativity, but when the frogs' constant bickering and outrageous imaginations send their comics comically off the rails, Flippy flips out! Will the club survive? Will the frogs ever get along? And will creativity finally save the day? All will be answered in this madcap musical based on Dav Pilkey's irreverently hilarious *Dog Man* spin-off series, *Cat Kid Comic Club*.

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Milo Imagines the World

Mar. 21 - Apr. 6, 2025

From the book by Matt de la Peña. Illustrated by Christian Robinson.

Published by G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Book by Terry Guest. Music by Christian Magby. Lyrics by Christian Albright.

A joint commission by The Rose Theater (Omaha, Nebraska) and Children's Theatre Company (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. There's the boy in the suit with the bright white sneakers; Milo imagines him arriving home to a castle with a drawbridge and a butler. But when the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo – walking the same path, going to the exact same place – Milo realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them.

Featuring hummable tunes by the team behind *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*, this world premiere musical will have you smiling widely as we celebrate family, community, and the power of a child's artwork.

Pete the Cat: The Musical

Apr. 18 - May 4, 2025

Based on the Pete the Cat series of books by Kimberly and James Dean

Originally Commissioned, Developed & Produced by TheaterWorksUSA.

Music Orchestrated & Produced by Frank Galgano & Matt Castle

Script and lyrics by Sarah Hammond. Music by Will Aronson.

PETE THE CAT: THE MUSICAL is produced by arrangement with Concord Theatricals (www.concordtheatricals.com)



James and Kimberly Dean's Pete The Cat is strolling his way to The Rose stage!

For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth. When Jimmy draws a blank in art class, Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy, and along the way, they both learn a little something about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship!

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PREMIUM EVENT

**Disney / Pixar's Finding Nemo
Theater for Young Audiences Version**

June 6 - 29, 2025

Book by David Greig. Music by Marc Shaiman.

LBook, Music and Lyrics by

Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

Book Adapted by Lindsey Anderson.

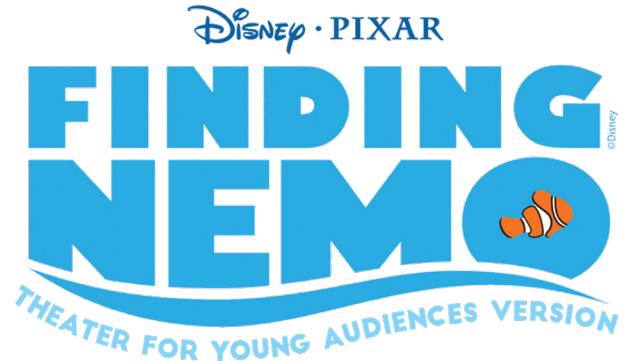
Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by Myrna Conn.

Based on the 2003 Disney/Pixar film Finding Nemo, written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton.

Disney's FINDING NEMO TYA. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 423 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019.

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Disney / Pixar's *Finding Nemo* is a vibrant, puppetry filled, musical adaptation of the beloved 2003 Pixar movie *Finding Nemo*. This show features spectacular songs from the creators of *Frozen* and *Coco*. Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves.

***Rose Theater memberships are on sale now at www.rosetheater.org
or by calling The Rose Box Office at (402) 345-4849.***

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