



Going to The Rose Guide



Welcome to The Rose!

It's almost time for our next production, **SECRET KINDNESS AGENTS**, the adventurous, 60-minute play inspired by Dr. Ferial Pearson's Secret Kindness Agents Project. We've assembled some special information to help you get ready for the upcoming performance. Before you go to the show, you might want to take a few moments to review this "Going To The Rose Guide" so everyone will know what to expect from the performance!



The Story You Will See

**SECRET
KINDNESS
AGENTS**

Inspired by Dr. Ferial Pearson's Secret Kindness Agents Project.

By Brian Guehring.

Secret Agents Glitter Waffles, Chameleon, Stinger and Ringleader have been recruited by Agent Sunflower (currently undercover at Ellis Elementary School as a school counselor) 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? Will their excessive use of glitter attract the ire of the janitor? Will they work together better than a herd of cats? What does a glitter waffle taste like and what kind of syrup do you put on it? Join us for this exciting spy-tastic adventure play!

Secret Kindness Agents is 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. Moved by the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, Ferial wondered if a simple act of kindness could change a life. She thought of the school where she taught and the students she guided every day and wondered, what would happen if we started secretly carrying out small acts of kindness in school? Could a modest act of compassion really change the course of a life? She posed the question to her students. They didn't have the answers but they were willing to find out. And so they became the Secret Kindness Agents. They not only changed the lives of those they met, they changed their own. Their hope, their hearts, and their hunger for happiness will inspire you to change your small corner of the world, in your own way, for the better.

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Know Before You Go

Here are some things your family might like to “Know Before You Go:”

- There are moments in this story where characters express feelings of sadness, rejection, or “friend-less-ness”
- There are moments in this story where characters are secret spies in high risk situations with high consequences.
- There are moments in this story where friends argue with one another.
- There are moments in this story where The Rose will be using pulsing lights, sudden sounds, and theatrical haze (which looks like fog from the audience!)
- **This production features strobing lights, moving lights and haze.**





Some of The Characters You'll Meet

STUDENTS

- **ADELINE (AKA AGENT RINGLEADER)** – A kind, thoughtful 4th Grader. She is decisive and a leader. She takes on the problems of her friends.
- **ESME (AKA AGENT CHAMELEON)** – A logical, observant, and nervous 4th grader. She likes to figure out how things work.
- **EVANDER (AKA AGENT STINGER)** – A tough-looking, independent, deep-thinking, and athletic 3rd grader.
- **ANISA (AKA AGENT GLITTER WAFFLES)** – A very boisterous and theatrical 3rd grader.
- **ELENA** – A quiet, stealthy 5th grader. Student Council President. A snoop.
- **KAIRA** – A laid back, athletic 5th grader.
- **CARON** – A nice, studious 4th Grader. Friends with Adeline and Esme.
- **ALEJANDRO** – the 3rd grade class clown.

STAFF

- **MS. KEVES (AKA AGENT SUNFLOWER)** - The School Counselor of Ellis Elementary School starting her first year at the school. Leader of the Secret Agents of Kindness branch at the school.
- **PRINCIPAL BONNER** - the School Principal who is very focused on standardized testing (also plays THE GUARD)
- **MS. SENFT** - The school Janitor who takes pride in the cleanliness of the school
- **MS. ACANDA**- a 4th Grade Teacher who is a stickler for the rules

From Story to Stage

Ferial Pearson, who wrote the original book *Secret Kindness Agents: How Small Acts of Kindness Really Can Change the World*, is from Nairobi Kenya, and has been an active part in the Omaha community since moving to Omaha in 2001 post graduating from college in St. Peters, Minnesota.

The Secret Kindness Agent Project was created by Ferial Pearson while working at Ralston High School. The program is an internationally recognized program K-16, and works to broaden students' empathy from small, anonymous, random acts of kindness.

The Secret Kindness Agents program was created after the tragic Sandy Hook massacre, as a way to encourage kindness and compassion.

This story has been adapted to the stage by Rose's own resident playwright, Brian Guehring!

Brian has also penned several other shows from the Rose mainstage, educational tours, and plays tied to curriculum standards. Some of his works include *Popularity Coach*, *The Bully Show*, and *Sherlock Holmes and the First Baker Street Irregular*.



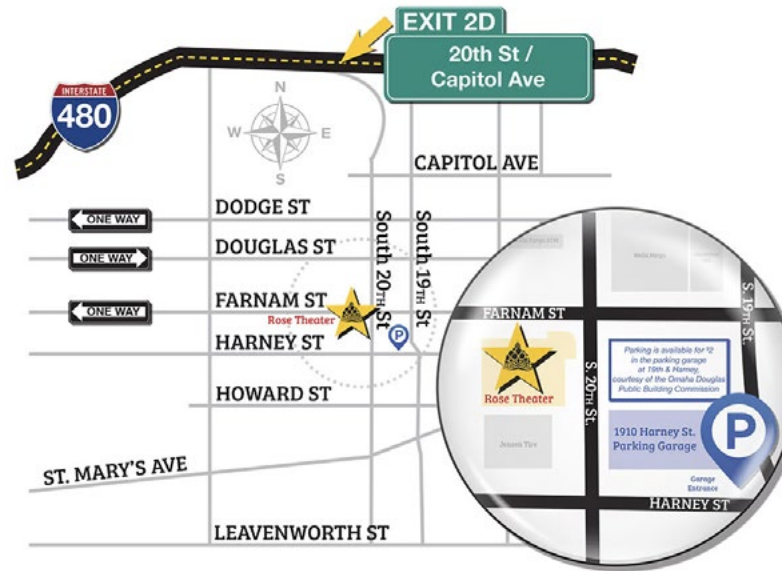
Location

Theater Location

The Rose is located in downtown Omaha at 2001 Farnam Street on the southwest corner of 20th & Farnam Streets.

Directions

From west Omaha, take I-80 East to 1-480 North and exit onto 20th Street. The Rose is located on Farnam Street, approximately three blocks south of the 20th Street exit



Parking

Parking is available for \$2 in the garage at 19th & Harney, courtesy of the Omaha Douglas Public Building Commission (1910 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68102).

CHANGES TO OMAHA PARKING METERS! [Please check the Park Omaha website for the latest information.](#) Currently, parking meters surrounding the theater are active from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with free parking available on Sundays and holidays.

A variety of parking lots are available around the theater, as well, ranging in cost from \$2-\$5.



While at The Rose

Join Our Post-Performance Q&A Session!

A few minutes after the performance, our actors will conduct a Question & Answer session from the stage. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the scenery, costumes, special effects, and other aspects of the production.

Meet the Cast & Get an Autograph!

Some actors will be available after the show to say hello, pose in pictures, and sign their autographs for you. You can meet them on the mezzanine level right outside the entrance to our balcony level seats.

Take Home a Souvenir!

The Rose Guild presents a souvenir stand before and after each performance offering a variety of fun and inexpensive show-related mementos. The proceeds help to support the great education programs at The Rose Theater!

Check out our Classes!

If you like what you saw on the stage and think you'd like to be a part of it, try taking a theater class here at The Rose Theater. We offer a wide range of arts classes for every interest and experience level. Check out the Rose Website or scan a QR code at the box office for more information.

Awesome Aftershow Activities!

Secret Kindness Agent Mission

Activity: List out 5 different secret missions of kindness that you can work to achieve over the next day. Are you going to hold the door open for someone? Help someone find something they are missing? What can you do? Write down what you observe about how your act of kindness makes others feel.

Draw Your Own Secret Agent

Activity: Using a blank page, draw what your Secret Agent would look like. Give yourself a name too, so your true identity can remain a secret. Include any special missions your agent will take.

Draw Your World of Kindness

Activity: Using a blank page, draw what your World of Kindness would look like. How would things look different than they do today? How would things feel different?



Dinner Time Discussion

One of the best ways to enjoy a play is to talk about the story and the characters with family and friends who saw the show. Here are some topics you can discuss before and after you visit The Rose Theater to see the production.

Before the Show

- Do you think that you would make a good secret agent/spy? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be selfless? Why should we do good things even if we don't receive recognition for it?
- Is there a place in the world that you believe needs more kindness?
- In this production, they will refer to something called “kindness research.” What do you infer that could be?

After the Show

- What would you choose as your Secret Kindness Agent code name?
- How is the word kind different from the word nice? Is there a difference?
- What is your favorite silly joke to tell? Which character made you laugh the most?
- Do you have an idea on how your school or workplace could implement more kindness in daily routines?



Thank You and Enjoy the Show!



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