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The Great Race Fact Sheet

- Date/Time:** April 17 - May 2, 2026
Fridays at 6:30 pm, Saturdays at 11 am & 2 pm, Sundays at 2 pm
- Credits:** By Wai Yim
Music by Jason Ma
Lyrics by Wai Yim & Jason Ma
- Location:** The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam Street, Main Stage
- Show Description:** You may know your Chinese Zodiac animal, but do you know how the 12 animals were chosen? Discover the magical origin story in *The Great Race*, a whimsical world premiere puppet play adapted from Chinese mythology.
- When three young neighbors have a friendship-ending argument, a wise Chinese grandmother uses the power of storytelling to transport them into the legendary tale of the Great Race. As they experience the thrilling competition that determined the order of the zodiac, they learn valuable lessons about teamwork, understanding, and the bonds that unite us.
- Directed by Sesame Street's Alan Muraoka and featuring stunning puppetry—including a breathtaking Chinese dragon—designed by What If Puppets (*Finding Nemo*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*), this captivating new play was originally developed in The Rose's *Sharing Our Stories* program to uplift underrepresented voices in Omaha.
- Show Specifics:** Expected run time: 60 minutes
- Tickets:** \$20 General Admission
Call (402) 345-4849 or purchase online at www.rosetheater.org.
Rose Members receive free tickets to this show.
- Sponsors:** Nebraska Furniture Mart, Dr. C.C. & Mabel L. Criss Memorial Foundation, Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund Grant Award, Adah & Leon Millard Foundation, Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Max I. Walker (Costume Support sponsor), Kiewit (Opening Night sponsor)

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