

# 2019-2020 **CALENDAR**

### RLT Now / Then

This season at Raleigh Little Theatre we will present brand new shows to our audiences and revivals of meaningful work that speak to our mission of engaging, enriching, educating, and entertaining audiences, students, and volunteers of all ages. As we strive to present plays that explore themes relevant to our lives, we find inspiration in both contemporary and classic work. The plays and musicals in this season - whether they are being produced here for the first time, or are having another run in the spotlight - speak directly to out theatre's history and future. This season features five regional premieres: A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, Blood at the Root, new adaptations of The Jungle Book and Antigone, and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. We'll also revive popular shows from our past with themes relevant today, including A Raisin in the Sun, Urinetown, The Musical, and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. This mixture of stories past and present work together to celebrate our rich traditions and vision for the future. We invite you to join us this season as we present Raleigh Little Theatre: Now / Then.

Patrick Torres, Artistic Director

# **SUTTON SERIES**

A Raisin in the Sun Drama

April 10 – 26 **RE ST** 

June 5 – 21 **RE ST** 

A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder

Musical Comedy August 16 – September 1 RE ST

**Urinetown, The Musical** *Comedy* 



Musical Comedy October 25 – November 3 RE ST

Seussical Jr. Musical February 14 – 23



The Jungle Book Drama

March 20 – April 5 GA GG



You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown



# GADDY-GOODWIN SERIES

**Blood at the Root** Drama

September 27 - October 13 GA GG



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Mystery January 17 – February 2 GA GG

**Antigone** 

July 19 – July 28 GA GG



Cinderella Musical

December 06 – December 22 RE ST

Fall

September 14-15 GA SA

Spring

May 16-17 **GA SA** 





**GA** General Admission

RE Reserved

ST Cantey V. Sutton Theatre

AUGUST 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre** 

SEPTEMBER 2019

SA Stephenson Amphitheatre

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# 2019-2020 **Show Descriptions**

# **SUTTON SERIES**

PERFORMED IN THE CANTEY V. SUTTON THEATRE Thursday — Saturday at 8PM, Sunday at 3PM

# A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder Musical Comedy

August 16 - September 1, 2019

Book & Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman. Music & Lyrics by Steven Lutvak. Based on a novel by Roy Horniman.

Monty Navarro, a distant heir to the D'Ysquith family fortune sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm...and a pinch of murder. Monty's murderous romp is filled with unforgettable music, non-stop laughs and doomed heirs who meet their ends in the most creative and side-splitting ways.

# A Raisin in the Sun Drama

April 10 - 26, 2020

By Lorraine Hansberry.

Walter Lee Younger hopes to use his father's life-insurance money to open a liquor store with two partners. His mother, with the support of Walter's pragmatic wife, Ruth, and independent sister Beneatha, instead uses part of the money as a down payment on a house in an all-white neighborhood. Family tensions and prejudice they face form this seminal American drama. The Younger family's heroic struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world is a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.

## **Urinetown, The Musical** *Comedy*

June 5 – 21, 2020

Music & Lyrics by Mark Hollmann. Book & Lyrics by Greg Kotis.

In a not-so-distant future, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides that he's had enough and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!

# **GADDY-GOODWIN SERIES**

PERFORMED IN THE GADDY-GOODWIN TEACHING THEATRE Thursday — Saturday at 8PM, Sunday at 3PM

#### Blood at the Root Drama

September 27 - October 13, 2019

By Dominique Morisseau.

Based on the true story of the Jena Six; six Black students who were initially charged with attempted murder for a school fight after being provoked with nooses hanging from a tree on campus. This bold ensemble drama examines the miscarriage of justice, racial double standards, the crisis in relations between men and women of all classes and, as a result, the shattering state of Black family life.

# The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Mystery January 17 – February 2, 2020

By Simon Stephens. Based on the novel by Mark Haddon.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary brain; he is exceptionally intelligent but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under suspicion for killing his neighbor's dog, he sets out to identify the true culprit, which leads to an earth-shattering discovery and a journey that will change his life forever.

## TEENS ON STAGE / TEENS BACKSTAGE

Friday - Saturday at 7:30PM, Sunday at 3pm

#### Antigone

July 19 - July 28, 2019

By Sophocles. Translated by Don Taylor.

Antigone, defying her uncle Creon's decree that her brother should remain unburied, challenges the morality of man's law overruling the laws of the gods. The clash between her and Creon with its tragic consequences have inspired continual reinterpretation.

# **FAMILY SERIES**

FOR ALL AGES

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 1 & 5PM

# You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Musical Comedy

October 25 – November 3, 2019

Based on The Comic Strip by Charles M. Schulz. Book, Music & Lyrics by Clark Gesner. Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer. Additional Music & Lyrics by Andrew Lippa.

Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in Clark Gesner's classic musical and the whole gang is here! Bossy Lucy is hopelessly in love with piano prodigy Schroeder who doesn't give her the time of day, perfectionist Sally is still mocking blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy is in the doghouse, and "blockhead," himself, Charlie Brown, is in rare form.

### **Seussical Jr.** *Musical*

February 14 – 23, 2020

Book by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty. Music by Stephen Flaherty.

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

The nefarious Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. The powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged but ultimately emerge triumphantly!

#### The Jungle Book, Drama

March 20 - April 5, 2020

Based on the book by Rudyard Kipling.

Adapted by Monica Flory.

Mowgli grows up believing he's as fierce a wolf as any of the members of his pack. When he learns he is actually a human, he must discover how to reconcile these very different identities. In this action-packed adaptation of the classic adventure story, Mowgli must decide whether to remain with the pack or return to the human world from which he was born.

# SYMPHONY SERIES

This casual, family-friendly concert experience features the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra and an exciting neighborhood atmosphere.

Raleigh Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert

September 14-15, 2019

Raleigh Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

May 16-17, 2020

### **HOLIDAY SHOW**

PERFORMED IN THE CANTEY V. SUTTON THEATRE
Thursday — Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday — Sunday at 1 & 5PM

#### Cinderella Musical

December 6 - December 22, 2019

Based on the fairy tale by Charles Perrault. Adaptation & lyrics by Jim Eiler. Music by Jim Eiler & Jeanne Bargy.

This musical comedy is a holiday sugarplum for the whole family. Just the right mixture of comedy and romance can add the sparkle of magic to your holiday season. This visually stunning musical combines elegant costumes and scenery with singing, dancing, conniving step-relatives, and resourceful fairy folk.