

2020-2021 **CALENDAR**

Season of Great Heights at RLT

Welcome to our 2020/2021 Season of Great Heights at RLT! In planning this season, we joined theatres across America in the Jubilee - a national festival to produce plays written by or featuring artists who are typically underrepresented on national stages. We are thrilled with the diverse lineup we have in store for you this season. Every play and musical (aside from Cinderella) will be premiering on the RLT stages for the very first time in our history. Of the 10 plays, 8 were written by women or have a woman on the writing team and one was written by a North Carolina native. We are also excited to produce our first ever musical helmed by Latinx artists! With unforgettable music, exhilarating stories, and a diversity of characters, these plays will encourage us to soar to great heights where we can see and celebrate bold voices in the American theatre landscape. We invite you to take flight with us.

See you at the theatre!

Patrick Torres, Artistic Director

SUTTON SERIES

Dreamgirls *Musical*

August 14 - 30, 2020 ST RE



In the Heights Musical

April 9 - 25, 2021 ST RE



Pride and Prejudice Romantic Comedy

June 11 - 27, 2021 ST RE



FAMILY SERIES

Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!"

Musical, October 30 - November 8, 2020 ST RE SF

Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook Comedy

February 12 - 21, 2021 ST (RE) SF



The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs

Comedy, March 12 - 28, 2021 GG GA SF





GADDY-GOODWIN SERIES

Morning After Grace Comedy

September 25 - October 11, 2020 GG GA



The Cake Dramatic Comedy

Lost Girl *Dramatic Comedy*

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July 24 - August 2, 2020 GG GA SF

January 15 - 31, 2021 GG GA



Cinderella Musical December 4 - 20, 2020 ST RE

SENSORY-FRIENDLY SHOWS

HOLIDAY SHOW

Lost Girl - August 1 @ 3PM

Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!" November 14 @ 2PM

Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook - February 27 @ 2PM The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs

ST Cantey V. Sutton Theatre



AUGUST 2020 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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2020-2021 **Show Descriptions**

SUTTON SERIES

PRESENTED IN THE CANTEY V. SUTTON THEATRE Thursday - Saturday at 8PM, Sunday at 3PM

Dreamgirls Musical

August 14 - 30, 2020

Book and Lyrics by Tom Eyen. Music by Henry Krieger.

A sweeping and inspirational journey through 20th century American popular music, Dreamgirls chronicles one Motown group's rise from obscurity to superstardom. Through gospel, R&B, smooth pop, disco and more, this six-time Tony Award-winning musical explores themes of ambition, hope and betrayal, all set in the glamorous and competitive world of the entertainment industry.

In the Heights Musical

April 9 - 25, 2021

Music and Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Book by Quiara Alegría Hudes.

In the Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood — a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams, and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. Follow bodega owner Usnavi and his friends as they dream of a brighter future in Lin-Manuel Miranda's energetic Tony Award-winning Best Musical.

Pride and Prejudice *Romantic Comedy*

June 11 - 27, 2021

By Kate Hamill. Based on the novel by Jane Austen.

This isn't your grandmother's Austen! Bold, surprising, boisterous, and timely, this P&P for a new era explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life. The outspoken Lizzy Bennet is determined to never marry, despite mounting pressure from society. But can she resist love, especially when that vaguely handsome, mildly amusing, and impossibly aggravating Mr. Darcy keeps popping up at every turn? Literature's greatest tale of latent love has never felt so theatrical or so full of life than it does in this effervescent and freewheeling adaptation. Because what turns us into greater fools... than the high-stakes game of love?

GADDY-GOODWIN SERIES

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

Morning After Grace Comedy

September 25 - October 11, 2020

By Carey Crim

Hilarious and heart-warming, this unconventional new comedy tackles love, loss, and coming to terms with growing old. After hooking up at a funeral, Angus and Abigail find themselves waking up the next morning wrapped in sheets on Angus' sofa. Strangers just the day before, Abigail thinks she may finally be ready to take another chance on love, but Angus has a few issues to work through first. Enter neighbor Ollie, formerly a baseball player for the Detroit Tigers who now enjoys golf and yoga. Nothing is as it seems with this trio, and every disclosure reveals a new perspective. Set in a Florida retirement community, this charming and big-hearted comedy takes us on an unexpected journey toward a new lease on life.

The Cake Dramatic Comedy

January 15 - 31, 2021

By Bekah Brunstetter

Della's North Carolina bakery is legendary, and she's just been cast on her favorite television baking competition. But when her late-best-friend's daughter comes home from New York City engaged to a woman and asks her to make their wedding cake, Della's life gets turned upside down. She is forced to re-examine her deeply held beliefs, as questions of morals, judgment, and family swirl around them all. From the writer of NBC's "This Is Us," this emotional and deliciously funny play explores the complexities of human conflict and the importance of seeing things from more than one perspective.

FAMILY SERIES

PRESENTED IN BOTH THEATERS

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 2 & 5:30PM

Elephant & Piggie's "We Are in a Play!" Musical

October 30 - November 8, 2020 - Sutton Theatre (Reserved Seating)

Book and Lyrics by Mo Willems. Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma.

Based on the *Elephant & Piggie* books by Mo Willems

An elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie are the very "bestus" of friends! In this vaudevillian romp, Elephant and Piggie sing their way through a day where anything is possible. They go to a party hosted by the Squirrelles, wear silly hats, learn a new dance, and share ice cream! Their perfect day hits a snag when Gerald accidently breaks Piggie's new toy and her feelings get hurt. Will their friendship withstand the tragedy of a broken toy? See your favorite moments from the Elephant & Piggie book series come to life in this bouncy and fun musical!

Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook Comedy

February 12 - 21, 2021 - Sutton Theatre (Reserved Seating)

By Allison Gregory. Based on the book series by Barbara Park.

Something terrible happened to Junie B. Jones at school today: someone stole her new furry mittens! So when Junie B. finds a wonderful pen of many colors, she should be allowed to keep it, because "finders keepers, losers weepers," right? And Junie B. wonders if her magnificent new pen will help her win the affections of the handsomest new boy in kindergarten! That makes it okay to keep it, right? Junie B. Jones is not a crook... or is she? This hilarious and heartfelt tale follows everyone's favorite almost-six-year-old as she learns valuable lessons of right and wrong and realizes the power of friendship.

The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs Comedy

March 12 - 28, 2021 — Gaddy-Goodwin Theatre (General Admission) By Linda Daugherty

What would happen if three classic fairy tales - The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears - got a little mixed up between "once upon a time" and "happily ever after?" When the pigs start to wonder what life would be like if the wolf were not always at their door, the billy goats gruff grow tired of trip-trapping over the troll's bridge, and Papa Bear realizes he's had enough of meddlesome little Goldilocks, the three trios join forces and swap a few things around! Families will roll with laughter as the narrator and performers juggle the interveewing stories in this fast-paced silly take on traditional favorites.

HOLIDAY SHOW

PRESENTED IN THE CANTEY V. SUTTON THEATRE

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 2 & 5:30PM

Cinderella Musical

December 4 - 20, 2020

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

Cinderella will celebrate its 37th year at RLT in 2020! This musical fairy tale is a holiday sugarplum for the whole family. With a mixture of comedy and romance, Cinderella is ultimately a tale of rising up in the face of adversity. Throw in elegant costumes, a few conniving step-relatives, and a sparkle of magic, and you have the perfect family show for the holiday season! Performed in the style of a British Panto, Cinderella is set at Christmastime and includes audience participation for your little princes and princesses and ever-changing pop culture references. Join the decades of fun and celebrate the holidays with RLT's Cinderella!

TEENS ON STAGE / TEENS BACKSTAGE

PRESENTED IN THE GADDY-GOODWIN TEACHING THEATRE Thursday - Saturday at 7:30PM, Sunday at 3PM

Lost Girl, Dramatic Comedy

July 24 - August 2, 2020

By Kimberly Belflower

What became of Wendy Darling after her adventures with Peter Pan? Long after returning from Neverland, Wendy decides that she must find Peter in order to reclaim her kiss and move on with her life. Along the way, she meets other girls who went to Neverland and learns she is not alone. A coming-of-age exploration of first love and lasting loss, Lost Girl continues the story of J.M. Barrie's beloved character — the girl who had to grow up.