



2022-2023 CALENDAR

22-23 Season: Stepping Forward

The collection of plays that comprise our 22-23 season feature characters who must find the courage, determination, and hope to step forward. These characters understand their path forward requires them to initiate the movement towards the life they desire. On their path to winning the spelling bee, finding true love, challenging tradition, or winning a prize that could lift them out of their struggle – they must each put one foot in front of the other in spite of the obstacles they will face.

After the past two seasons of hardship, surprises, cancellations, and postponements, Raleigh Little Theatre finds inspiration in these stories. As an organization we have learned – and are reminded daily – the path forward always starts with stepping up. For RLT, stepping forward means reengaging in our community. It means inviting our community back into the work of creating plays, engaging events, and classes that inspire citizens of the Triangle to move forward. We invite you to join in taking this step forward together.

Patrick Torres, Artistic Director

FOUR-SHOW SERIES

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
August 11 - 20, 2022 SA GA

Pride and Prejudice
September 16 - October 2, 2022 ST RE

Blood Wedding
January 27 - February 12, 2023 GG GA

Hands on a Hardbody
June 2 - 18, 2023 ST RE

TEENS ON STAGE/TEENS BACKSTAGE

Xanadu
July 22 - 31, 2022 GG GA

HOLIDAY SHOW

Cinderella
December 2 - 18, 2022 ST RE

FAMILY SERIES

The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs
October 22 - 30, 2022 SA GA SF

Fancy Nancy: The Musical
March 17 - 26, 2023 ST RE SF

My Wonderful Birthday Suit
May 5 - 21, 2023 GG GA SF

SENSORY FRIENDLY SHOWS

The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs
All performances

Fancy Nancy: The Musical
April 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM

My Wonderful Birthday Suit
May 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM

ST Cantey V. Sutton Theatre GG Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre SA Stephenson Amphitheatre GA General Admission RE Reserved SF Sensory-Friendly

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FOUR-SHOW SERIES

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee *Musical*

August 12 - 20, 2022

Louise "Scottie" Stephenson Amphitheatre, General Admission

Thursday - Saturday at 8:00PM

Music & Lyrics by William Finn. Book by Rachel Sheinkin.

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman.

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box.

Pride and Prejudice *Romantic Comedy*

September 16 - October 2, 2022

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thursday - Saturday at 8:00PM, Sunday at 3:00PM

By Kate Hamill. Adapted from 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?

Blood Wedding *Folk Tragedy*

January 27 - February 12, 2023

Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, General Admission

Thursday - Saturday at 8:00PM, Sunday at 3:00PM

By Federico García Lorca.

Blood Wedding is a gripping Spanish tragedy from Federico García Lorca. Inspired by a true story and first performed in 1933, this is a classic play that deserves our attention. Two families in rural Spain are intricately bound in an unbreakable cycle of murder and revenge. Violent and long-standing community tensions re-emerge when one mother learns her son - The Groom - is due to marry an ex-lover of the hot-blooded Leonardo Felix, who later steals The Bride away from the wedding celebrations. An entire town goes after the lovers in the middle of the night where pursuers and pursued plunge into a realm of deep darkness where the moonlight is not friendly and the forest not shelter enough. Lorca's image-laden poetry unfolds the story with the fire and power characteristic of his work and the fateful resonance that marked his own tragically short life.

Hands on a Hardbody *Musical*

June 2 - 18, 2023

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thursday - Saturday at 8:00PM, Sunday at 3:00PM

Book by Doug Wright. Lyrics by Amanda Green.

Music by Trey Anastasio and Amanda Green.

For 10 hard-luck Texans, a new lease on life is so close they can touch it. Under a scorching sun for days on end, armed with nothing but hope, humor and ambition, they'll fight to keep at least one hand on a brand-new truck in order to win it. In the hilarious, hard-fought contest that is **Hands on a Hardbody**, only one winner can drive away with the American Dream. Inspired by the true events of the acclaimed 1997 documentary of the same name by S.R. Bindler, produced by Kevin Morris and Bindler.

TEENS ON STAGE / TEENS BACKSTAGE

Xanadu *Musical*

July 22 - 31, 2022

Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, General Admission

Thursday - Saturday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 3:00PM

Book by Douglas Carter Beane. Music and Lyrics by Jeff Lynne & John Farrar.

Based on the Universal Pictures film. Screenplay by Richard Danus & Marc Rubel.

RLT's Teens on Stage and Teens Backstage program presents **Xanadu!** **Xanadu** follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time - the first ROLLER DISCO! (Hey, it's 1980!) But, when Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation, and chaos abounds.

FAMILY SERIES

The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs *Comedy*

October 22 - 30, 2022

Louise "Scottie" Stephenson Amphitheatre, General Admission

Saturday - Sunday at 1:00PM & 4:00PM

All performances are considered sensory-friendly.

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 interweaving stories in this fast-paced silly take on traditional favorites.

Fancy Nancy: The Musical *Musical*

March 17 - 26, 2023

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 2:00PM & 5:30PM

Sensory-Friendly: Saturday, April 1, at 2:00PM

Book & Lyrics by Susan DiLallo. Music & Lyrics by Danny Abosch.

Fancy Nancy and her friends Bree, Rhonda, Wanda, and Lionel are going to be performing in their very first show, "Deep Sea Dances." Nancy is positive, that's fancy for 100 percent sure, that she and Bree will be picked to be mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role of the mermaid, Nancy is stuck playing a dreary, dull tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn't the one she wanted?

My Wonderful Birthday Suit *Young Audiences*

May 5 - 21, 2023

Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, General Admission

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 2:00PM & 5:30PM

Sensory-Friendly: Saturday, May 20, at 2:00PM

by Gloria Bond Clunie.

Rainbows, moonbeams and a bit of birthday magic make for a super-fun party! But friendships are questioned when judgements and comments about skin color slip out. This spectacular story told with music, an awesome puppet named Bobo the bird and the wonder of a magical Thinking Tree will give everyone something to ponder. Each of us is "gift wrapped" in our own unique way but it's what's on the inside that truly makes us special. This powerful conversation-starter proves that you're never too young (or too old) to be kind.

HOLIDAY SHOW

Cinderella *Musical*

December 2 - 18, 2022

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thursday - Friday at 7:30PM, Saturday - Sunday at 2:00PM & 6:00PM

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

Music by Jim Eiler and Jeanne Bargin.

RLT's holiday tradition returns for the 38th year! 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.