

# 2025-2026 CALENDAR

# THE 2025-2026 SEASON

Welcome to our 2025-2026 season! We love creating unforgettable experiences, which is why we've put together an exciting season full of diverse stories just for you. From big, bold musicals in the Sutton Theatre to intimate, clever shows in the Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, and outdoor performances in the one-of-a-kind Stephenson Amphitheatre, we can't wait for you to be part of it all.

I am immensely proud to announce that the opening show of the season is *Hadestown*. For the first time in its 30 year history, this culminating production of our summer musical theatre intensive - Teens on Stage/Teens Backstage - is available for our subscribers. An 8-time Tony Award- and Grammy-winning musical, *Hadestown* on the Sutton Stage is going to be something special to experience.

People come to the theatre for all kinds of reasons - to escape, to connect, to learn, to tap their toes, or to see the world in a new way. No matter what brings you here, Raleigh Little Theatre is YOUR community theatre. Within our historic walls, unforgettable moments are waiting to be shared.

All my best,

Michele Weathers

Executive Producer

# **FOUR-SHOW SERIES**

## Witch<sup>^</sup>

October 24 - November 9, 2025

# Moonlight and Magnolias<sup>^</sup>

February 6 - 22, 2026

1776\*

March 27 - April 19, 2026

School of Rock\*

June 5 - 28, 2026

# **FAMILY SFRIES**

Hadestown: Teen Edition\*
July 25 - August 10, 2025

Mad Libs® Live!\*

September 12 - 28, 2025

The Hobbit\*\*

May 2 - 10, 2026

# **HOLIDAY SHOW**

### Cinderella\*

December 5 - 21, 2025

- \* = Sutton Theatre | Reserved Seating
- ^ = Gaddy Theatre | General Admission (GA)
- \*\* = Stephenson Amphitheatre | GA

# SENSORY-FRIENDLY

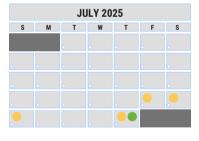
Hadestown: Teen Edition Thurs, July 31, 2025 @ 8:00 PM

Mad Libs® Live!

Sat, September 20, 2025 @ 10:30 AM

The Hobbit

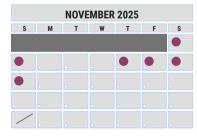
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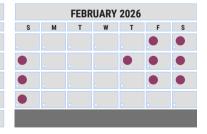


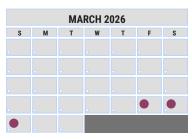






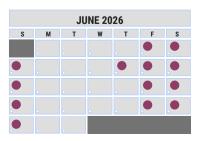














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# **FOUR-SHOW SERIES**

WITCH | Dark Comedy
October 24 - November 9, 2025
Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, General Admission

Thurs - Sat at 8:00 PM, Sun at 3:00 PM

By Jen Silverman

A charming devil arrives in the quiet village of Edmonton to bargain for the souls of its residents in exchange for their darkest wishes. Elizabeth should be his easiest target, having been labeled a "witch" and cast out by the town, but her soul is not so readily bought. As the devil returns to convince her – and then returns again – unexpected passions flare, alliances are formed, and the village is forever changed. An inventive retelling of a Jacobean drama, this sharp, subversive fable debates how much our souls are worth when hope is hard to come by.

#### **MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS | Comedy**

February 6 - 22, 2026 Gaddy-Goodwin Teaching Theatre, General Admission Thurs - Sat at 8:00 PM. Sun at 3:00 PM

By Ron Hutchinson

1939 Hollywood is abuzz. Legendary producer David O. Selznick has shut down production of his new epic, *Gone with the Wind*, because something's not right with the script. Summoning both famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and formidable director Victor Fleming, he locks the doors, closes the shades, and on a diet of bananas and peanuts, the three men labor over five days to fashion a screenplay that will become the blueprint for one of the most successful and beloved films of all time.

## 1776 | Musical

March 27 - April 19, 2026 Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating Thurs - Sat at 8:00 PM, Sun at 3:00 PM

Music and Lyrics by Sherman Edwards Book by Peter Stone Based on a concept by Sherman Edwards Original Production Directed by Peter Hunt Originally Produced on the Broadway Stage by Stuart Ostrow

It's the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence... if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! 1776 follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence.

The seminal event in American history blazes to vivid life in this most unconventional of Broadway hits. Celebrate the semiquincentennial of the United States at 1776!

#### SCHOOL OF ROCK | Musical

June 5 - 28, 2026 Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating Thurs - Sat at 8:00 PM, Sun at 3:00 PM

Based on the Paramount movie by Mike White Book by Julian Fellowes Lyrics by Glenn Slater New Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Based on the hit movie, Andrew Lloyd Webber's *School of Rock - The Musical* follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out?

## FAMILY SERIES

#### HADESTOWN: TEEN EDITION | Musical

July 25 - August 10, 2025

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thurs - Sat at 8:00 PM, Sun at 3:00 PM | Sensory-Friendly: July 31 at 8:00 PM

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Anaïs Mitchell Presented by RLT's Teens on Stage and Teens Backstage

Following two intertwining love stories – that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of immortal King Hades and lady Persephone – *Hadestown* invites audiences on a journey to the underworld and back through the retelling of a haunting Greek tragedy. Inspired by traditions of classic American folk music and vintage New Orleans jazz, *Hadestown* pits industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. This intriguing and beautiful folk opera delivers a deeply resonant and defiantly hopeful theatrical experience. *Hadestown: Teen Edition* is modified for performance by teen actors for family audiences.

### MAD LIBS® LIVE! | Family Musical

September 12 - 28, 2025

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating

Thurs - Fri at 7:30 PM, Sat - Sun at 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM | Sensory-Friendly: Sept 20 at 10:30 AM

Music by Jeff Thomson

Book and Lyrics by Robin Rothstein

In Mad Libs Live!, our story begins at the finals of Teen Superstars, the live TV show that will determine the most popular singing group at Blankville Central High. Virtuosa, Gogo, Geyser, and Merrily seem to have nothing in common – until just before airtime, when they realize that their songs are missing words! In the spirit of the "World's Greatest Word Game," our gang fills in the blanks with words from the audience. This truly interactive musical changes at every performance – thanks to you! Who will be the next Teen Superstars? There is only one way to find out: Mad Libs Live!

#### THE HOBBIT | Adventure Drama

May 2 - 10, 2026

Louise "Scottie" Stephenson Amphitheatre, General Admission Sat - Sun at 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM | Sensory-Friendly: May 9 at 1:00 PM

Adapted by Edward Mast

Based on The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein

Bilbo Baggins, one of the most reserved of all Hobbits, is asked to leave his large, roomy and very dry home in the ground in order to set off as chief robber in an attempt to recover an important treasure. It's the last thing that any sensitive Hobbit would want to do, but a great treasure lies in store – not only for Bilbo, but for all of the Hobbits who inhabit Middle Earth. This 60-minute adaptation of the beloved tale will be a delight to those children and adults who continue to enjoy the magic of Tolkein.

## **HOLIDAY SHOW**

CINDERELLA | Holiday Musical

December 5 - 21, 2025

Cantey V. Sutton Theatre, Reserved Seating Fri at 7:30 PM, Sat - Sun at 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM

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

A magical holiday tradition returns! For over 40 years, Raleigh Little Theatre has enchanted audiences with this musical comedy take on Cinderella. With dazzling costumes, toe-tapping tunes, and plenty of laughs, this beloved fairy tale comes to life on stage. Join Ella, her mischievous stepfamily, a charming prince, and a Fairy Godmother who makes the impossible possible in this heartwarming celebration of kindness, courage, and holiday magic!