

2019 Riverside Theatre Program Schedule

Cost includes transportation, show, meal and gratuity

Depart center at 10am—return approximately 6pm

Wednesday, February 9—La Cage Aux Folles

Jerry Herman's musical, based on the French play of the same name, is the story of a flamboyant gay couple who must pretend to be straight for one night — with one of the men in drag — to dupe the conservative political family of their son's fian-

Wednesday, April 10—The Color Purple

From Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning bestseller and Steven Spielberg's Oscar-nominated film comes a stage musical with a fresh, joyous score of jazz, ragtime, gospel and blues. This stirring family chronicle follows the inspirational Celie as she journeys from childhood through joy and despair, anguish and hope to discover the power of love and life. Cost: \$64

Wednesday, June 19—Pirates of Penzance

The Pirates of Penzance with a delightful twist! Gilbert and Sullivan's beloved comic operetta is as appealing today as it was over a century ago. But instead of the rocky coast of Cornwall, we are in late eighteenth century Virginia, when King George III ruled the colony. The famous soft-hearted pirates (lately of Penzance) are endeavoring to plunder with aplomb along the banks of the famous Rappahannock River. Meanwhile, the blundering Redcoats of the British army are desperately trying to keep tabs on both the pirates and the befuddled Major General George Boshington. Hilarity ensues as the young apprentice Frederick leaves the rollicking band of pirates and falls in love with Boshington's beautiful daughter Mabel. *The Pirates of Penzance - The Rascals of the Rappahannock* promises to be a production to delight all ages with marvelous music, funny patter and glorious singing providing entertainment full of laughter, fun and frolic. Cost: \$70

Wednesday, August 14—South Pacific

Set against the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island during WWII, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* intertwines the themes of romance, duty, and prejudice to create a story that is all at once hilarious, heart-breaking, and thought-provoking. Based on the anecdotes of a real-life U.S. Navy commander stationed on an island, the musical follows two intercultural love stories: Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with Emile, a French plantation owner on the island who has two children from his late Polynesian wife; at the same time, U.S. Lieutenant Cable falls for a beautiful island native named Liat. Both Americans find themselves struggling to reconcile their own cultural prejudices with their amorous feelings, all the while under the dark cloud of a war that is coming ever closer to their island paradise. Cost: \$70

Wednesday, October 16—Annie

Unlike most of the other children at Miss Hannigan's orphanage, little orphan Annie believes that her parents are still alive and will one day return to claim her. So, when billionaire Oliver Warbucks offers to adopt her, she asks him to help find her real mom and dad instead. Warbucks agrees, and his whopping reward for Annie's parents attracts the attention of con artists Rooster, Lily and the wicked Miss Hannigan, who hatch a plot to kidnap Annie and take the reward. But don't fret: This classic family musical has a happy ending for Annie, Daddy Warbucks and the whole gang. Cost: \$70

Friday, December 13— Christmas Spectacular

Back by popular demand and updated for 2019! Experience the excitement, memories, and joy of Christmas as our spectacular cast of singers and dancers present the heart and essence of the holiday season in this pageant of your favorite songs and music. Escape the hustle and stress and rekindle your Christmas spirit at Riverside Center with this glittering celebration of everything that makes this "the most wonderful time of the year"! Cost: \$70