

JULY 2014

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Williamsburg
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PETER PAN THE MUSICAL JULY 18 - JULY 27, 2014

Book by J. M. Barrie Music and Lyrics by Piers Chater Robinson

*“Come Away, Come Away, to the Neverland,
Let Me Teach You to Fly!”*



What an exciting line! The magic that lies within the imagination of a child, where, with the blink of an eye, they whisk themselves away to a far-away land of pirates, Indians, and mermaids.

Just think what it would be like to jump up on the wings of the wind and fly! That's just what Wendy, Michael and John do. Of course they get a little help from Peter Pan and a healthy dose of fairy dust.

Peter Pan was first introduced by J. M. Barrie in 1901 in the short story *Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up*. A stage version was introduced in 1904 and has since been flying in theatres, capturing the imaginations and hearts of audiences worldwide. The play's initial popularity spawned a book which was basically excerpts from the script – *Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens* – released in 1906. J. M. Barrie expanded the work into a novel in 1911 entitled *Peter and Wendy*.

The high-flying fantasy, *Peter Pan, the Musical*, will delight children of all ages, when the boy who will

never grow up swoops down onto the James York Playhouse stage July 18 through July 27. Grand adventures await you on your journey to J. M. Barrie's Neverland, which if you need directions to get there, is “*second star to the right, and straight on 'til morning!*”

Director Peter Natale, (*A Chorus Line, 42nd Street, George M!, The Producers, Curtains, Chicago, Annie*), says this production enthusiastically embraces the magic of childhood. The boy who never grew up is the child in all of us who is youth, joy, and freedom. Childhood magic is revealed through the contrast between a world dominated by time (the London nursery), and Neverland, a timeless place where one can never grow old. The other childhood magic of course is the amazement of flight. Our production will be assisted by *Flying by Foy* to bring all the magic of *Peter Pan* to life!

TICKET & SHOW INFORMATION

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm with Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. (Please note the early 7:30 pm curtain time). Tickets, \$20.00 for adults, and \$10.00 for children and students, can be purchased online at www.williamsburgplayers.org or by calling the box office at (757) 229-0431 and leaving your name and phone number. A box office volunteer will return your call as soon as possible.



Peter Pan, the Musical Cast

Peter Pan Abigail Curran
 Wendy Georgia Hester
 John TJ Riggs
 Michael Gabby Sturtz
 Mr Darling / Capt Hook David Adams
 Mr. Smee Stephen Maney
 Tiger Lily Cassie Donegan
 Mrs. Darling Lauren Vollette
 Nana / Crocodile Tristan Gerth
 Liza / Indian / Pirate Raquel Quintana
 Indian Chief Raymond O'Shaugnessy

PIRATES & INDIANS

Aerika Gabbin, Bethany Brooke, Brigit Davidson,
 Grace Fitzpatrick, Tristan Gerth, Derek Martin,
 Corey Mason, Cole Mercado, Jeffrey Sherman, Jeremy
 Singleton, Patrick Soderholm, Adam Stillwell, Lauren
 Sylvia, Judy Triska, Olivia Triska & Sadie Westbrook

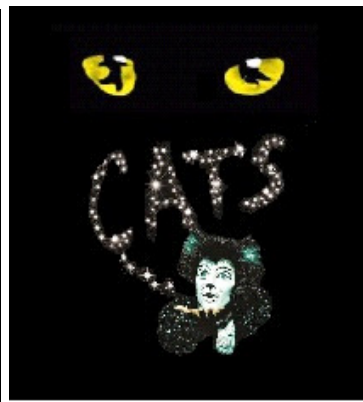
LOST BOYS

Noveigh Vollette, Corbin Vollette-Leflur, Grace Granger,
 Oliver O'Neal, Katherine Lenahan, Sarah Lenahan, Mae
 O'Neal, Belle King, Rainer Vollette-Kirst, Lilianna Greene



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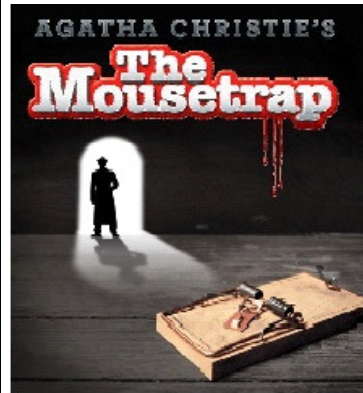


**SEPT. 11-27
 2014**

Based on Old Possum's Book
 of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot

Music by
 Andrew Lloyd Webber

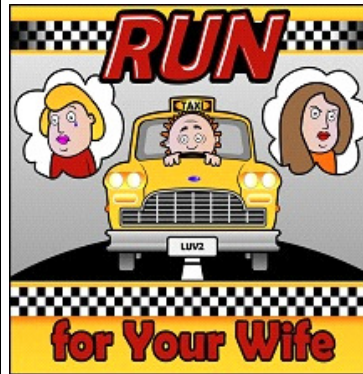
*Presented by special
 arrangement with the Rodgers
 and Hammerstein Library*



**NOV. 6-22
 2014**

Written by
 Agatha Christie

*Presented by special
 arrangement with
 Samuel French, Inc.*



**JAN. 15-31
 2015**

Written by
 Ray Cooney

*Presented by special
 arrangement with
 Samuel French, Inc.*



**MAR. 12-28
 2015**

Adapted for the stage by
 Patrick Barlow

From an original concept by
 Simon Corble & Nobby Dimon

*Presented by special
 arrangement with
 Samuel French, Inc.*



**MAY 28 -
 JUNE 13
 2015**

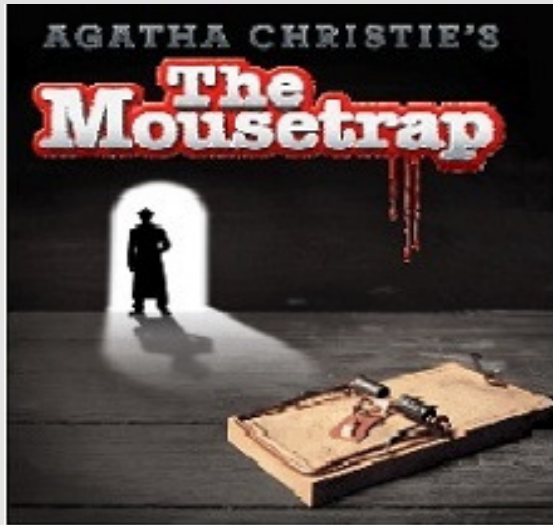
Book by Jo Swerling and Abe
 Burrows. Music and Lyrics
 by Frank Loesser.

Based on The Idyll of
 Sarah Brown and characters
 by Damon Runyon

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 arrangement with Music
 Theatre International*

OUR 2014 - 2015 SEASON

AUDITIONS

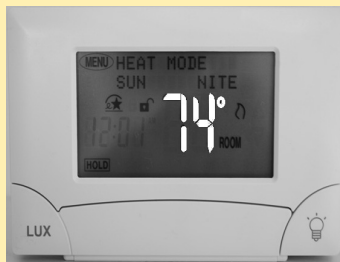


**SUNDAY & MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

For questions or additional information, contact the director, Les Waldron at actors2@verizon.net

For Your Comfort

Many of our patrons find the temperature level of the theater affects them differently - what one person finds to be too cool another person finds to be too warm. We



all experience the theater temperature differently. We have the theater set at 74 degrees. If you find this to be too cool, please bring a sweater or light jacket. We are continually working to make your theater experience more enjoyable.

Recent modifications now allow us to turn the blower speed down while still keeping the theater and lobby at a comfortable temperature. With this newest change, you should no longer feel the cool air or the heat blowing directly on you and the noise level of the blowers should be considerably quieter, resulting in a more enjoyable theatre experience.

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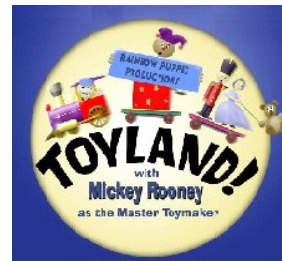
Children's Theatre

Ages Grades Pre K - 5



**A pirate party
Sept. 20, 2014**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*



**Toyland
Nov. 22, 2014**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*



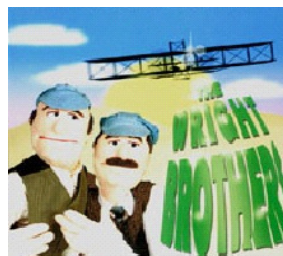
**William's Adventure
in Black History
Jan. 31, 2015**

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



**Happily Ever After
Mar. 28, 2015**

*Presented by
Brightstar Touring Theatre*



**The Wright Brothers
May 30, 2015**

*Presented by
Rainbow Puppet Productions*

**All Shows
Saturdays 11:00 am**



D. Hugh Siggins

A Message from the President

Season 57th - Closed. Season 58 - About to start! It's like celebrating a birthday. One chapter in the book closes as another year comes to an end, while another chapter begins, with a clean page and the wondrous excitement of what will be written on the page this year!

Can it be we are beginning our fourth season in the new James York Playhouse? It feels like only yesterday we were attending our groundbreaking, and now here we are embarking on yet another new year. Exciting times are ahead!

Congratulations to Christina Westenberger and her staff, cast and crew, for bringing us *Into the Woods*. Playing to packed houses is a great way to end the season. And now, we have *Peter Pan, the Musical* ready to take flight on our stage - 'yes, I did say "take flight."' Peter, Wendy, Michael and John will soar above our stage the last two weekends of July. See the cover article on page 1 and the cast list on page 2 for more information about the dates and times for this show.

Our upcoming Main Stage season and our Children's Theatre season are planned. The opening show of our 58th season, is the second longest running show in Broadway's history. Making its Hampton Roads debut presentation is *CATS*, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical based on the poems of T.S. Eliot. This promises to be a delight for everyone!

Subscriptions are currently available for our 2014-2015 season. See the article below for more information.

Lastly, we, the volunteers who oversee the day to day operation of the Williamsburg Players, are holding the **Annual Report to the Membership meeting on Sunday, August 10th. There will be a reception at 1:00 pm, with the meeting to follow at 2:00 pm.** We will present a report on our past year's financial status, our budgetary projection for the coming year, updates on changes and events at the playhouse, and election of new board members to fill the seats left vacated by members whose terms expire that day.

Like I stated - there are exciting times ahead. Become a member, volunteer, donate, and attend the shows. You too can be a part of the excitement! The stage is set. Your seats are ready. The show is about to begin!

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SEASON SUBSCRIPTION

2014 - 2015 SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Purchasing a Season Subscription is the best way to guarantee having the best seats possible for our main stage performances. Our Season Subscription price remains at \$75.00 for five shows - a significant savings over our single ticket price. The Children's Theatre subscription is \$30.00 for five shows, a \$5.00 savings.

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