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I N T I M A T E T H E A T R E

2025-2026 SEASON

Season 44

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Beside Myself WORLD PREMIERE

SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 5, 2025

By Paul Slade Smith | Directed by David Ellenstein

Eisenhower: This Piece of Ground SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 16, 2025

By Richard Hellesen | Directed by Peter Ellenstein

Louisa Gillis WORLD PREMIERE

JANUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 8, 2026

By Joanna McClelland Glass | Directed by David Ellenstein

The Maltese Falcon WORLD PREMIERE

MARCH 4 – MARCH 29, 2026

Based on “The Maltese Falcon” by Dashiell Hammett

By Matthew Salazar-Thompson | Directed by Todd Nielsen

Beau Jest

APRIL 22 – MAY 17, 2026

By James Sherman | Directed by Omri Schein

The Most Happy Fella

JUNE 3 – JUNE 28, 2026

Music, Lyrics, and Libretto by Frank Loesser

Directed by Jeffrey B. Moss

Scapin

JULY 22 – AUGUST 16, 2026

By Molière | Adapted by Bill Irwin & Mark O'Donnell

Directed by Christopher Williams

Holiday Show

2 Pianos 4 Hands RETURN ENGAGEMENT BY POPULAR DEMAND

DECEMBER 11 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

By Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt | Directed by Tom Frey

Featuring Richard Todd Adams and Max Roll

Not included in Subscription Package

Theatre is *Now!* Whether it brings laughter, tears
or new perspective, Theatre is *Now!*

“Life heightened to the
special optic of the stage.”

— GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



Welcome to our 44th Season!

Drama, Comedy, Music and three World Premieres.
We truly have something for everyone!

From the hilarious pen of Paul Slade Smith, and the
world-premiere comedy, **Beside Myself**, to Tony award-
winner John Rubinstein starring as “Ike” in **Eisenhower:**

This Piece of Ground; from an intense world-premiere drama, **Louisa
Gillis**, to the heartwarming and charming family comedy, **Beau Jest**; from
the world-premiere comic adaptation of Dashiell Hammett’s **The Maltese
Falcon**, to the soaring melodies of Frank Loesser’s **The Most Happy Fella**;
and concluding with a modern adaptation of a classic romp, **Scapin** — this
season promises seven extraordinary theatrical journeys.

By popular demand, and not as part of the subscription package, we will
be bringing back an encore run of **2 Pianos 4 Hands**, which has become
a holiday favorite among our patrons.

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family.

Looking forward to seeing you at the theatre!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ellenstein".

David Ellenstein
Artistic Director



A WORLD PREMIERE COMEDY

BESIDE mySELF

BY PAUL SLADE SMITH

WORLD
PREMIERE

SEP 10, 2025
THROUGH
OCT 5, 2025

Step into the brilliantly inventive world premiere BESIDE MYSELF, where modern anxiety meets magical possibility, as a revolutionary medical procedure creates an unexpected double dose of identity crisis. This witty, surreal comedy sparkles as two versions of one woman, trapped in a single body, wrestle for control with hilarious and profound results. From Paul Slade Smith, the clever mind behind *The Angel Next Door*, *The Outsider*, and *Unnecessary Farce*, comes a comedic exploration where finding your best life means learning to embrace both sides of yourself.

DIRECTED BY DAVID ELLENSTEIN

SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

FEATURING

TONY AWARD WINNER

JOHN RUBINSTEIN

EISENHOWER:

**THIS PIECE
OF GROUND**



A NEW PLAY BY

RICHARD HELLESEN



**“A perfectly cast John Rubinstein brings
our 34th president back to life.” — L.A. TIMES**

**“Uplifting, educational, humorous, and
powerful. You will be enthralled from start
to finish.” — CURTAIN UP!**

OCT 22, 2025

THROUGH

NOV 16, 2025

Experience the intimate, gripping portrayal of America's esteemed World War II General and 34th President, Dwight Eisenhower, as he grapples with the most consequential decisions of his remarkable life. This powerful one-man *tour de force* transports audiences to Gettysburg's hallowed ground, where an elderly Eisenhower reflects on his monumental military leadership and transformative presidency. Through masterful storytelling and rich historical detail, this compelling drama unveils the private thoughts of a brilliant strategist and humble leader who shaped the 20th century with wisdom, courage, and unwavering devotion to duty.

DIRECTED BY PETER ELLENSTEIN

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WORLD PREMIERE

LOUISA GILLIS

A PLAY BY
JOANNA MCCLELLAND GLASS

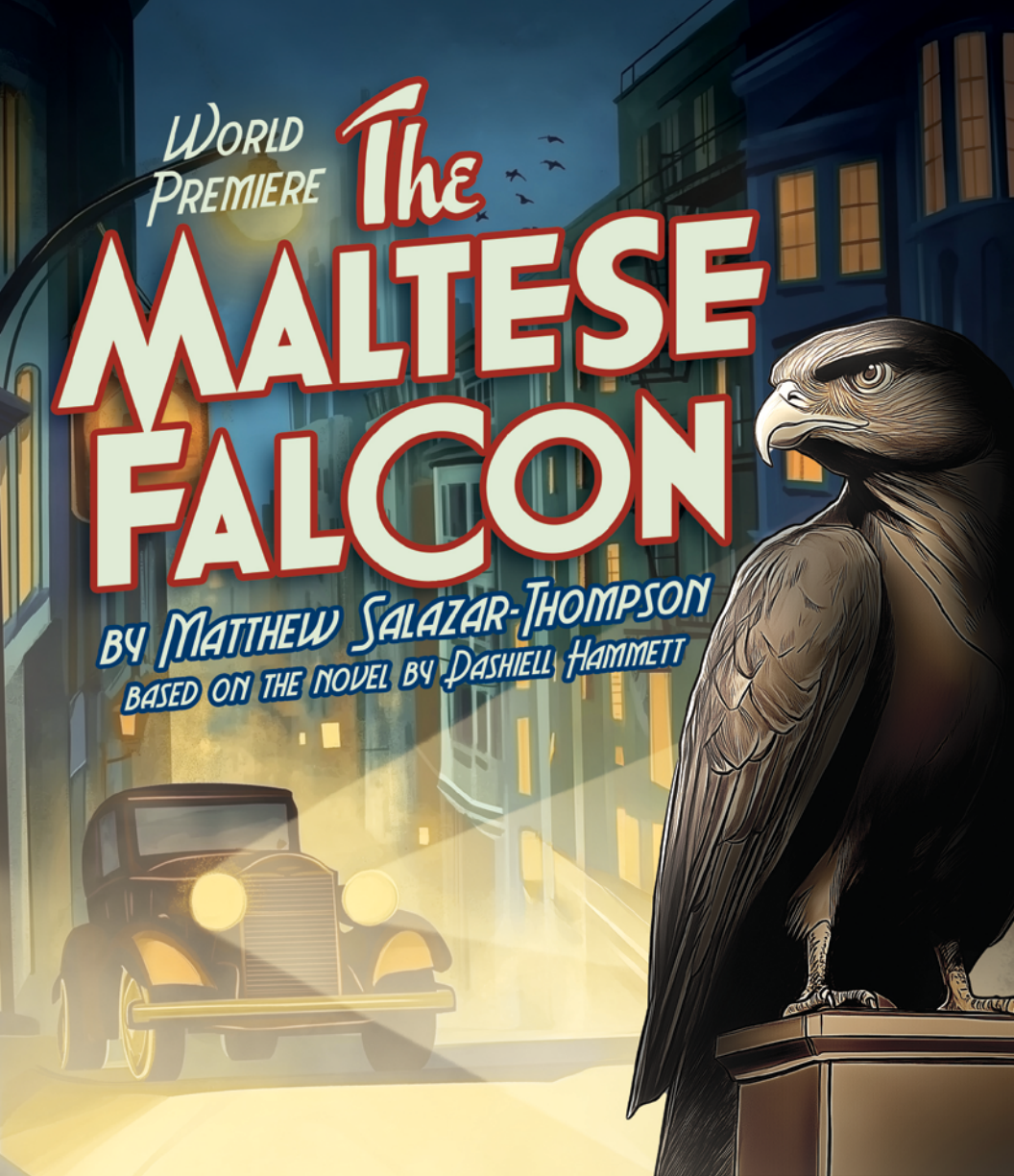
WORLD
PREMIERE

JAN 14, 2026
THROUGH
FEB 8, 2026

A haunting incident from 40 years ago ignites this explosive world premiere about the devastating ripple effects of revenge. Joanna McClelland Glass's searing new drama weaves a sophisticated psychological thriller about family bonds, betrayal, and the possibility of healing. In this masterfully crafted battle of wits and words that is laced with humor, secrets unravel and alliances shift as a brilliant but fractured family grapples with the power of forgiveness and the price of letting go. Experience this stunning new drama that proves the strongest family ties can bind us or set us free.

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WORLD
PREMIERE *The*
**MALTESE
FALCON**

BY *MATTHEW SALAZAR-THOMPSON*
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY *DASHIELL HAMMETT*

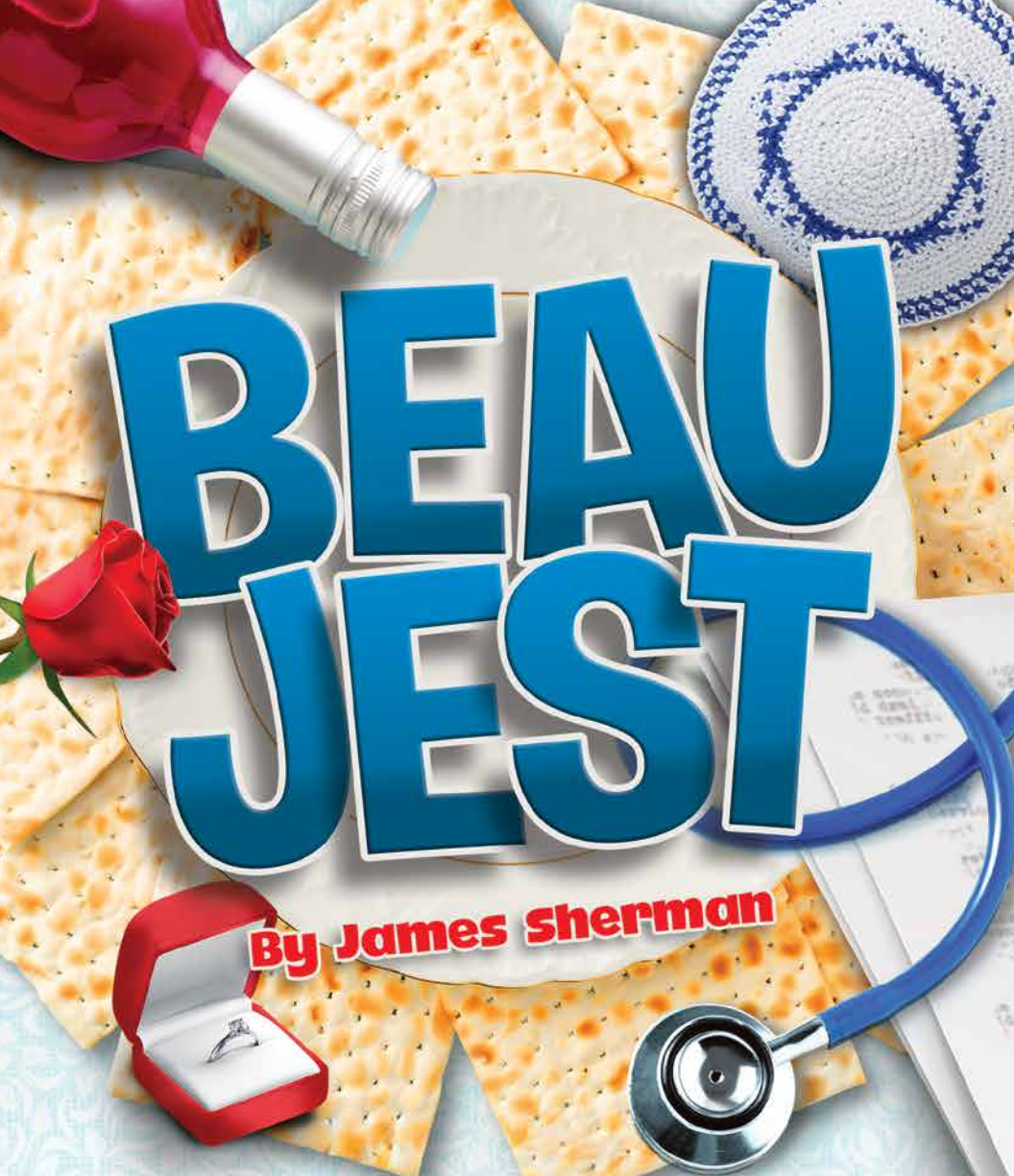
**WORLD
PREMIERE**

**MAR 4, 2026
THROUGH
MAR 29, 2026**

Full of humorous, deadly intrigue, this electrifying adaptation of Dashiell Hammett's masterful noir features five versatile performers transforming between roles to bring the 1920s San Francisco's underbelly to hilarious life, and featuring the infamous Sam Spade, the definitive hard-boiled detective. With quick-change artistry and acute timing, the ensemble navigates through a labyrinth of deception and desire while delivering taut, unsparing prose that crackles with tension and mirth. Don't miss this thrilling comical theatrical high-wire act. Reserve your seats now before they vanish like the falcon itself.

DIRECTED BY TODD NIELSEN

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“A light, sweet romantic comedy.”

— CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“Hilarious and quite moving. Sherman wonderfully blends farce with a genuine insight.” — CHICAGO SUN TIMES

APR 22, 2026

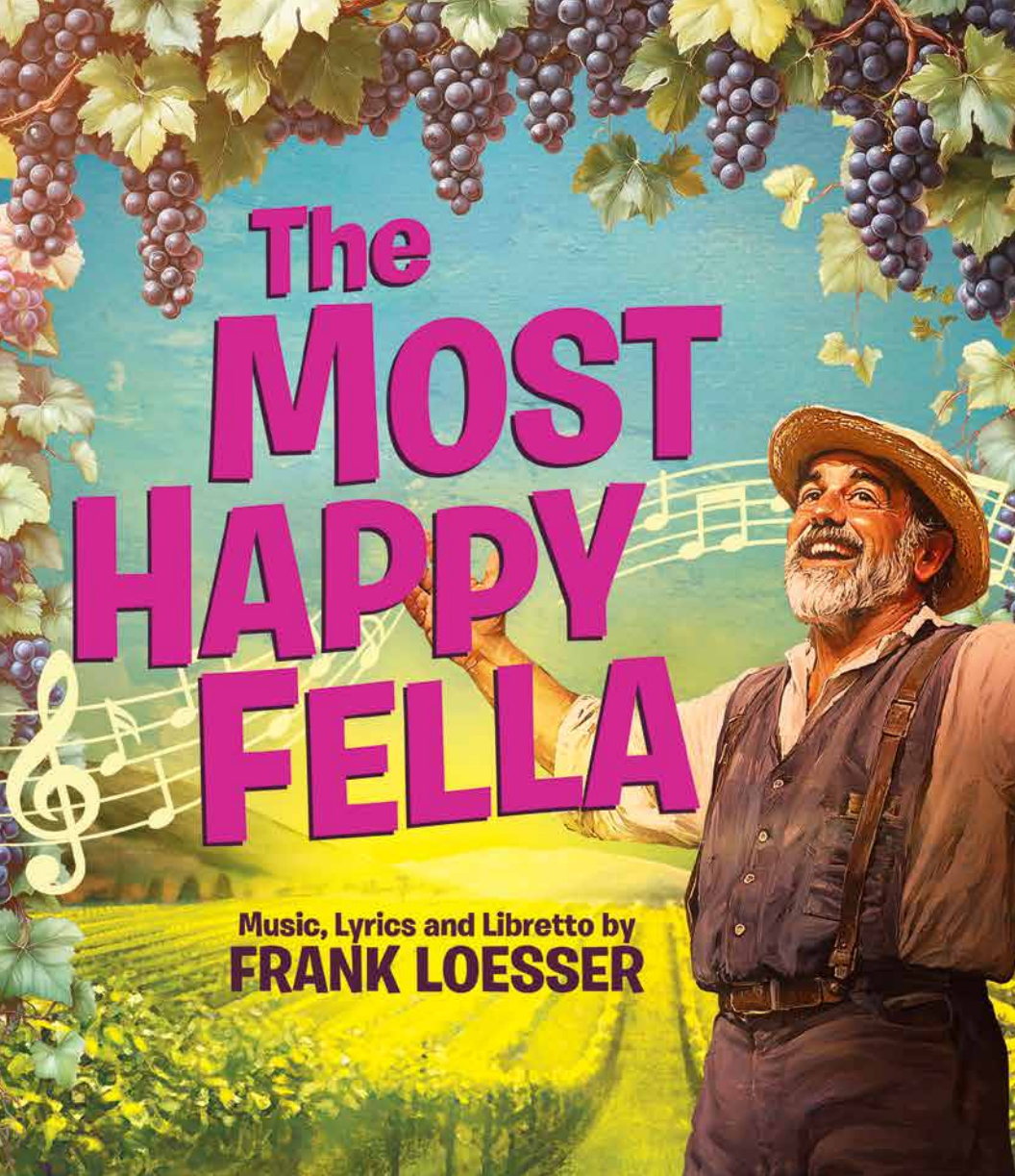
THROUGH

MAY 17, 2026

Fall under the spell of this effervescent romantic comedy where love, laughter, and tradition playfully intertwine. This delightful Jewish-American story weaves together vibrant traditions, sizzling chemistry, and joyous celebrations into a warm-hearted theatrical treat. Bursting with laugh-out-loud moments and tender revelations, this smart crowd-pleaser celebrates family, devotion, and finding your true self. Fresh, funny, and deeply heartfelt, BEAU JEST delivers the perfect blend of humor and heart that will leave you smiling long after the final bow.

DIRECTED BY OMRI SCHEIN

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“A work in which you can hear the sound of a man’s heart singing, openly and unabashedly.” — THE NEW YORK TIMES

“One of the greatest musicals ever.”
— VULTURE

JUNE 3, 2026
THROUGH
JUNE 28, 2026

This lush, romantic musical masterpiece is filled with soaring melodies, tender ballads, and vibrant Broadway showstoppers that paint a rich emotional landscape. Set against the sun-drenched vineyards of California’s Napa Valley, this passionate tale of unexpected love weaves together unforgettable characters with one of musical theatre’s most ambitious and breathtaking scores. All by Broadway’s famed Pulitzer-prize winning Frank Loesser (*Guys and Dolls*). This sweeping, heartfelt classic musical radiates with the timeless message that true love sees beyond outward appearances to the real beauty within. Come see what makes this fella so happy!

DIRECTED BY JEFFREY B. MOSS

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SCAPIN

BY BILL IRWIN AND
MARK O'DONNELL

ADAPTED FROM **MOIÈRE**

“A generous gag-fest, packed with rib-tickling delights.” – SFG

“The play’s blend of vaudeville and contemporary references result in a two-hour laugh riot.” – CULTURE VULTURE

JUL 22, 2026
THROUGH
AUG 16, 2026

From the genius of *commedia dell'arte* comes a timeless romp reimagined for today's audiences with fresh American flair. Watch Molière's crafty servant Scapin spin outrageous schemes and disguises in this dazzling modern adaptation. Revel in this masterful blend of classic French farce and contemporary slapstick, where young lovers battle miserly fathers through elaborate deceptions and ridiculous disguises. Physical comedy and razor-sharp wit collide in this carnival of theatrical surprises. You won't want to miss this deliciously clever production that will leave audiences breathless with laughter.

DIRECTED BY CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

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Return Engagement

2 Pianos 4 Hands

by Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt

“Incredibly accomplished pianists and very funny comedic actors.” — BROADWAYWORLD

“A masterful blend of comedy, storytelling, and outstanding piano talent not to be missed.” — STAGEANDCINEMA

DEC 11, 2025
THROUGH
DEC 31, 2025

Back by popular demand, get ready for an interlude of music and riotous laughter as Richard Todd Adams and Max Roll take us on a musical comedic journey about their would-be careers as concert pianists. The talented duo trade stories about piano lessons, pushy parents, and eccentric teachers while playing everything from Bach to Billy Joel. This wildly popular show not only hits all the right notes, it tickles the ivories and your funny bone too.

DIRECTED BY TOM FREY

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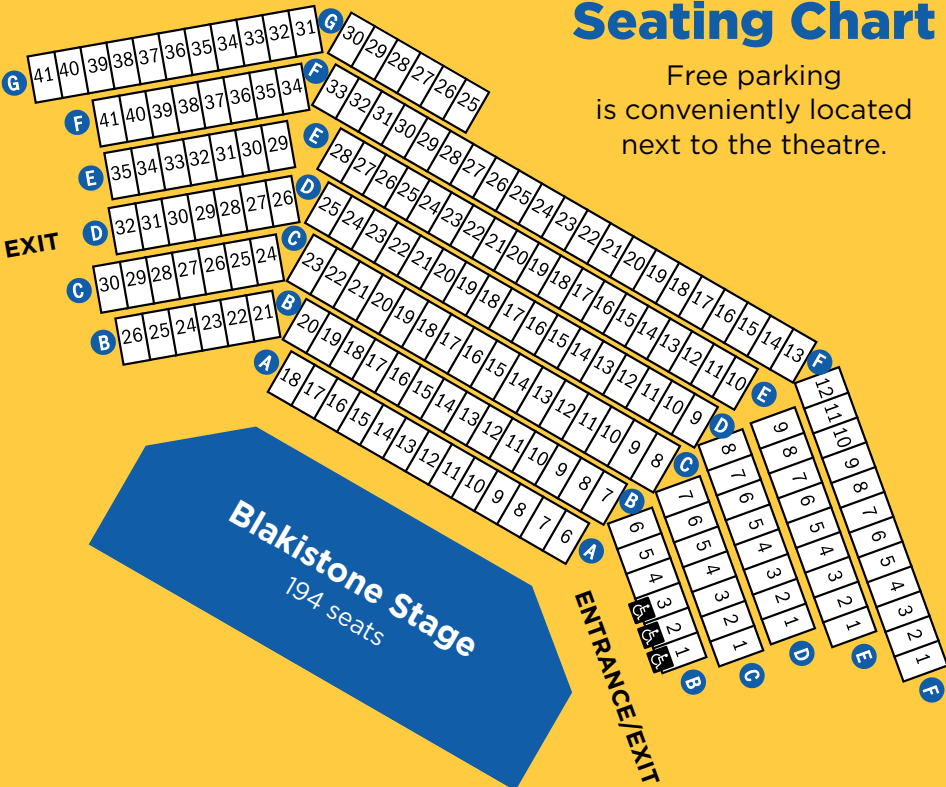
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Single Ticket Prices	All shows except <i>Scapin</i> and <i>The Most Happy Fella</i>		Ticket prices for <i>Scapin</i>		Ticket prices for <i>The Most Happy Fella</i>	
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Previews (including Fri Preview Matinee)	\$58.50	\$53.50	\$63.50	\$58.50	\$68.50	\$63.50
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