

A Red Hot Season



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THE PLAYHOUSE

A Red Hot Season is coming to the Erie Playhouse in 2026, and you won't want to miss a moment! Tony Award-winning musicals, revolutionary plays, and staples of American theatre are all part of our sensational 110th season.

Of the seven Mainstage productions in our season, three are being produced by the Playhouse for the very first time. In fact, we're among the first community theatres in the nation to produce them! The other four are among the most lauded and best-received shows to ever grace our stage. Plus, our three Youtheatre productions bring beloved characters to life before your eyes. While the ten productions in our 2026 season are all very different, one thing is for sure: they're all going to be hot tickets!

As always, the best way to experience our season is as a subscriber. Whether you choose a traditional Season Ticket, Open Card, Family Card, Choice Card or Premiere Pass, you save big on every purchase. Subscribers also have the added perk of access to tickets on Subscriber Days, starting one week before the general public. You'll get

first dibs on the seats and performances you want, and the ability to purchase additional tickets for friends and family! And we've locked in 2025 subscription pricing, delivering even greater savings for our subscribers.

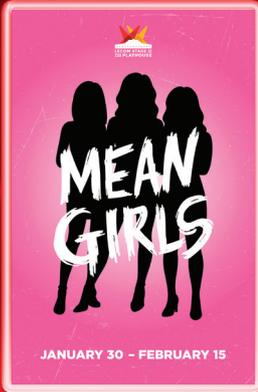
Theatre has the power to make us laugh, make us cry, and to show us the world – or at least our corner of it – from a different perspective. With multiple sold-out performances in 2025, tickets for some productions were hard to come by – and 2026 is going to be even hotter!

So don't miss out! Subscribe to our Red Hot Season and lock in the hottest tickets in town!

We can't wait to see you at the theatre!



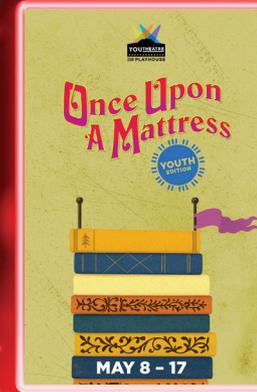
Zach Flock
Executive Director



MEAN GIRLS

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 15 • MAINSTAGE

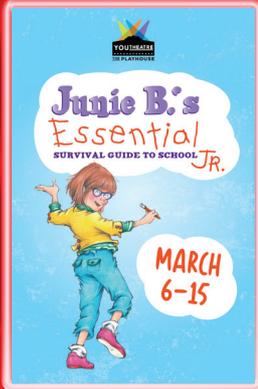
From the comedic genius of Tina Fey comes the hilarious musical *Mean Girls*! Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. Soon, this naive newbie falls prey to a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung. *Mean Girls* was nominated for 12 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.



ONCE UPON A MATTRESS YOUTH EDITION

MAY 8 – 17 • YOUTHEATRE

Many moons ago in a far-off place, Queen Aggravain decreed no couples could marry until her son, Prince Dauntless, found a bride. Princesses came from far and wide to win the hand of the prince, but none could pass the impossible tests given to them by the Queen. That is, until the "shy" swamp princess, Winnifred the Woebegone, showed up. Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, *Once Upon a Mattress* is a rollicking spin on the classic tale "The Princess and the Pea" that provides side-splitting shenanigans. After all, a princess is a delicate thing.



JUNIE B.'S ESSENTIAL SURVIVAL GUIDE TO SCHOOL JR.

MARCH 6 – 15 • YOUTHEATRE

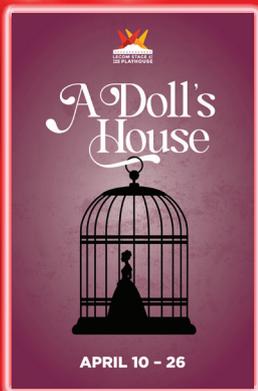
Get ready for more adventures with Junie B. Jones! Based on the bestselling book series, the hilarious first-grader returns in *Junie B.'s Essential Survival Guide to School Jr.* After a year and a half of school, Junie B. Jones is the perfect expert to share everything you need to know about navigating elementary school. From bus rules and Band-Aids to carpools and cookies, Junie B. and her friends offer the ultimate guide to surviving and thriving in style. Junie B. shares her hard-won wisdom, reminding us that school can be scary, incredibly fun, and always something to sing about!



1776

JUNE 12 – 28 • MAINSTAGE

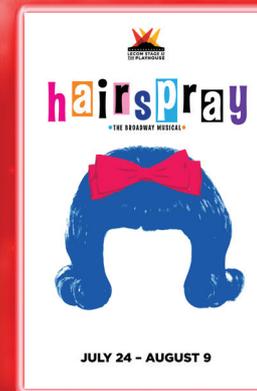
Witness the birth of a nation in *1776*: a revolutionary musical experience! Join John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and other iconic figures as they draft the Declaration of Independence. This Tony Award-winning musical is a gripping portrayal of some of the most pivotal moments in American history. *1776* is not just a musical; it's a captivating journey that brings history to life with stirring melodies and a patriotic spirit. *1776* was the winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Musical.



A DOLL'S HOUSE

APRIL 10 – 26 • MAINSTAGE

Nora, a charming wife and mother, appears to live a perfect life. But it soon unravels due to a shocking secret. Hidden debts and societal expectations force her to confront the harsh truth: she's been living in a carefully crafted dollhouse, yearning for freedom. Nora makes a daring choice that shakes the very foundation of her world. This adaptation by acclaimed playwright Amy Herzog makes freshly relevant a story that once shocked audiences and brought forth a new era of theatre. *A Doll's House* has been nominated for six Tony Awards, including Best Play.



HAIRSPRAY

JULY 24 – AUGUST 9 • MAINSTAGE

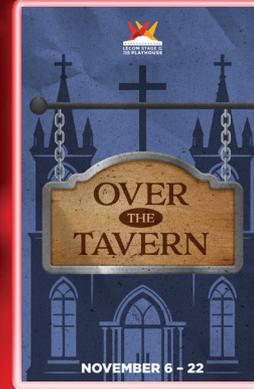
Get ready to dance the night away with *Hairspray*! This irresistible, feel-good musical is set in Baltimore in 1962 and tells the story of Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger dream: to dance her way onto TV and into the heart of teen idol Link Larkin. Tracy's audition makes her a local star, and she quickly uses her newfound fame to fight for integration. But can she win equality – and Link's heart – without denting her "do?" *Hairspray* is a winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical!



COME FROM AWAY

SEPTEMBER 11 – 27 • MAINSTAGE

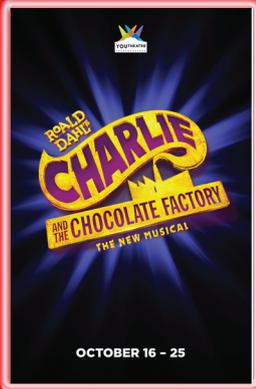
When the world stopped on Sept. 11, 2001, kindness soared in an isolated Canadian town. *Come From Away* takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Nominated for seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.



OVER THE TAVERN

NOVEMBER 6 – 22 • MAINSTAGE

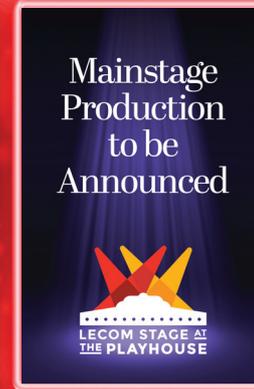
Set in 1959 Buffalo, *Over the Tavern* tells the story of Rudy Pazinski, a precocious 12-year-old student who feels God put us on Earth to have fun. He matches wits with ruler-wielding Sister Clarissa when he shares his plan to shop around for a more fun religion. We also meet the entire Pazinski family – who live in a tiny apartment above the neighborhood bar they run – as they face both the real and comical struggles of life, including Rudy's questioning the rules of the Roman Catholic Church just as he is about to receive the church sacrament of confirmation.



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY TYA

OCTOBER 16 – 25 • YOUTHEATRE

Step into a world of pure imagination with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the beloved musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic tale. Join young Charlie Bucket as he embarks on a magical journey through Willy Wonka's whimsical chocolate factory. Filled with enchanting music, fantastical sets, and larger-than-life characters, this delightful production promises a sweet treat for the whole family, sparking wonder and joy at every turn.



TBA

DECEMBER 4 – 20 • MAINSTAGE

Stay tuned for an announcement on the final production of our 110th Season at the Erie Playhouse – you won't want to miss it!



Subscriber Benefits

Ticket subscriptions for the Erie Playhouse's 2026 Red Hot Season are loaded with perks!

-  Savings of up to 25% over walk-in prices
-  The best seats in the house for every show
-  Purchase tickets before the general public
-  Convenient ticket exchange policy
-  First opportunity to reserve tickets for the 2027 Season Launch Party

DELIVERY METHOD

- E-tickets, emailed to you (available with Traditional Seating)
- Pick up at Box Office (no shipping fee)
- Ship to address listed below (add \$1 shipping fee below)

PAYMENT*

SEASON TICKET TOTAL \$ _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

HANDLING CHARGE \$ **3.00**

SHIPPING (\$1.00 OPTIONAL FOR MAILING) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

- DEFERRED BILLING:** You will be billed in four consecutive monthly installments January through April (not available with Choice Card Mainstage, Premiere Pass or Choice Card Youththeatre).

METHOD:      payable to "Erie Playhouse"

CARD NUMBER: _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT. THANK YOU!

* Prices include 3% city amusement tax.

** As ticket prices do not cover the Playhouse's operating expenses, please consider helping us by including a tax-deductible contribution. Thank you!

The Erie Playhouse ticket exchange policy: Tickets may be exchanged within the run of a production (for any other performance of the same show) prior to the date of your original ticket. Cash refunds or refund vouchers are not available.

All schedules are subject to change.

Show titles and pricing are subject to change.



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