



SEASON 15

2017-2018 Season of Plays

**CYGNET
THEATRE**

UNEXPECTED, ENTERTAINING,
THOUGHT-PROVOKING,
AWARD-WINNING

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**SEE THINGS
DIFFERENTLY...**

Do you remember when you were fifteen years old? Everything was exciting, emotional and life or death. That's exactly like our 15th season. Filled with defiance, fun and finding your own voice.



Stage anarchy abounds as the Marx Brothers' no-holds-barred craziness start us off with their 1928 Broadway hit, **Animal Crackers**. Rediscover a Pulitzer Prize-winning classic about growing up, **The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds** and get to know a whole different kind of family in **The Legend of Georgia McBride**. We relish again our holiday gift to San Diego, **A Christmas Carol**. What better way to start 2018 than with Henry VIII and **The Last Wife**, Katharine Parr in an eye opening exploration of this famous queen's effect on history. Then, a revival of Sondheim's gorgeous exploration of love, aging and romance, **A Little Night Music**. We'll wrap up the season with a world premiere of a delicate drama, **The Wind and the Breeze**.

It's a uniquely Cygnet season filled with delicious variety, pure entertainment, and thought-provoking theatre. In the last fifteen years, we've learned to push boundaries, explore the new, and stay relentlessly passionate. Join us, because when you're fifteen the best is yet to come!

Sean Murray
Sean Murray, Artistic Director

CYGNETURE EVENTS

EXPLORE AND ENGAGE

Join us for our fabulous Cygneture Events during each production for a fun, informative and engaging way to enhance your theatre experience. Meet our creative team... and other theatregoers!

DESIGNER SHOWCASE

Go behind-the-scenes of each production as the director and designers talk about the process of creating the show.

FRIDAY FORUM

Chat with the cast and director following the performance on the first Friday after opening.

OUT NIGHT

An evening for our theatre loving friends in the LGBT community. Enjoy happy hour and mix and mingle before the show. Everyone is welcome!

STAGE CHAT

Learn more about each show during these Pre and Post show talks with Cygnet's Associate Artistic Director.

THEATRE ON TAP

Join us for a pre-show mixer and complimentary craft beer tasting from our local brewery partners.

WINE NIGHT

Join us for a pre-show mixer and complimentary wine tasting from our local winery partners.

MADCAP MUSICAL COMEDY

ANIMAL CRACKERS

book by **GEORGE S. KAUFMAN** and **MORRIE RYSKIND**

music and lyrics by **BERT KALMAR** and **HARRY RUBY**

directed by **SEAN MURRAY**

music direction by **TERRY O'DONNELL**

JULY 5 - AUGUST 13, 2017

Hooray for Captain Spaulding! When a celebrated painting goes missing from Mrs. Rittenhouse's fancy house party in honor of African explorer Captain Spaulding, her guests set out to find the thief in a series of madcap antics and exploits. Based on the original Marx Brothers Broadway hit and film classic, this contemporary adaptation of *Animal Crackers* is an outrageous, rollicking, laugh-out-loud musical comedy, complete with audience participation!

"A NONSTOP RIOT - A PROFUSION OF PUNS, GAGS, AND HYSTERIA WITH ONLY AN OCCASIONAL PAUSE (OR MAYBE, GASP) FOR BREATH"

-The New York Times

LYRICAL FAMILY DRAMA

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds

by **PAUL ZINDEL**
directed by **ROB LUTFY**

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

This Pulitzer Prize-winning drama tells the story of a wounded family unraveling at the age of innocence and at the age of no return. Life in the 1960s with Beatrice, an embittered single mother, resembles a hell more than a home for her two daughters. But Tillie, the youngest, finds her own way to connect to the world with resilience and hope. Tillie - keeper of rabbits, dreamer of atoms, true believer in life, hope, and the effect of gamma rays on Man-in-the-Moon marigolds.

**"THE PLAY ITSELF IS ONE OF THE LUCKY BLOOMS;
IT SURVIVES, AND IS BEAUTIFUL"** *-The New York Times*





MUSIC-FILLED COMEDY

The Legend of
**Georgia
McBride**

by **MATTHEW LOPEZ**
directed by **SEAN MURRAY**

**SAN DIEGO PREMIERE
OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

He's young, he's broke, he's just found out his wife is going to have a baby, and now Casey has lost his gig as an Elvis impersonator. When his club brings in a drag act led by Miss Tracy Mills, Casey is given the opportunity to trade one sequined outfit for another. This music-filled comedy celebrates finding your voice and singing your own song.

**"A STITCH-IN-YOUR-SIDE FUNNY FIRST-RATE PRODUCTION
FULL OF SASS AND GOOD SPIRITS"** *-The New York Times*

"A HIGHLY-ENTERTAINING, GENUINE CROWD PLEASER" *-Hollywood Reporter*

FAVORITE HOLIDAY MUSICAL

A Christmas Carol

adaptation & lyrics by **SEAN MURRAY**

original score by **BILLY THOMPSON**

based on the story by **CHARLES DICKENS**

directed by **SEAN MURRAY**

music direction by **PATRICK MARION**

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 24, 2017

Cygnets Theatre invites you to start your own family tradition with one of ours. This season welcomes the return of the holiday classic adapted from Charles Dickens' timeless tale of hope and redemption. This re-imagined, fully staged production features original new music, creative stagecraft and puppetry, and live sound effects. Step into a Victorian Christmas card for a unique storytelling experience that is sure to delight the entire family!

"CRITICS PICK" IN 2014 & 2015 -San Diego Union-Tribune

CONTEMPORARY ROYAL DRAMA

THE LAST WIFE

by **KATE HENNIG**
directed by **ROB LUTFY**

WEST COAST PREMIERE
JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 11, 2018

This contemporary re-imagining of the compelling relationship between Henry VIII and his last wife, Katherine Parr, is a witty and powerful examination of sexual politics and women's rights. It's a high stakes game of chess, with Henry's offspring, Mary, Elizabeth, and Edward, as pawns.

"THE SHOW IS STIMULATING... SURVIVING A TYRANT WAS FAR FROM HER ONLY ACHIEVEMENT" *-The Chicago Tribune*



ENCHANTING MUSICAL ROMP

A Little Night Music

music & lyrics by **STEPHEN SONDHEIM**
book by **HUGH WHEELER**
directed by **SEAN MURRAY**

MARCH 7 - APRIL 22, 2018

Cygnet is thrilled to revisit one of its favorite musicals. Desirée Armfeldt has always captured the hearts of men. When both of her lovers-and their wives-show up for a weekend in the country, a tangled web of love and desire leads to humorous and heartbreaking revelations. Sophisticated, literate and stylish, but also disarmingly warm, funny, charming and very human. Featuring the hit song, "Send in the Clowns."

"SUMPTUOUS AND TRIUMPHANT" -*San Diego Union-Tribune*





STIRRING RHYTHMICAL DRAMA

THE WIND AND THE BREEZE

by **NATHAN ALAN DAVIS**
directed by **ROB LUTFY**

WORLD PREMIERE
MAY 16 - JUNE 10, 2018

Sam, the legendary, undisputed, greatest emcee in Rockford, IL, plans to rest on his laurels all winter and, if possible, stake out an early spot to watch the Independence Day fireworks - but his closest mentees and their outsized dreams challenge him to a battle he can't win. *The Wind and the Breeze* explores the politics of place, the unspoken expectations of friendship, and what happens when we choose to stand our ground on shifting sands.

"ULTIMATELY WHAT MAKES IT SOAR IS DAVIS' UNIQUELY LYRICAL SCRIPT, AND ITS THEMATIC VERACITY AND ORIGINAL AUTHORIAL VOICE FLOATS US PAST FLEETING NEW-PLAY ISSUES." -*LA Times*

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to see your favorite show again or bring your friends.

VIP INVITATIONS

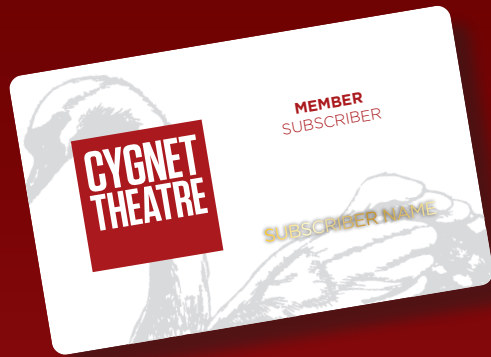
to special Cygnet events, talk-backs and Designer Showcases.

UNLIMITED EXCHANGES

up to 24 hours before curtain time.

SAVE 50% ON EVENT TICKETS

through our 4Arts partner organizations.

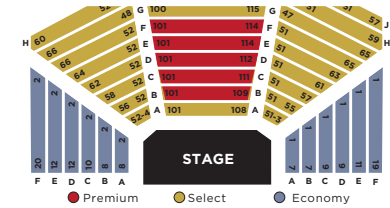


DID YOU KNOW?
Tickets and fees only cover 60% of Cygnet's expenses. Your gifts support our award-winning productions and provide Arts Education and Outreach programs.

Front Cover: Rachel Esther Tate and Ro Boddie, *Stupid F**king Bird*, photo by Daren Scott.
 Back Cover: Allison Spratt Pearce, *Gypsy*, photo by Ken Jacques.

3 SEATING OPTIONS PREMIUM, SELECT OR ECONOMY

Cygnet Theatre offers three different seating sections that are priced for any budget!



CHOOSE YOUR PACKAGE	SAT 8PM* SUN 2PM	PREMIUM	7 PLAYS \$294	6 PLAYS \$252	5 PLAYS \$220	4 PLAYS \$180	3 PLAYS \$141
		PREMIUM SEN/STU/MIL	\$280	\$240	\$210	\$172	\$135
		SELECT	\$259	\$222	\$195	\$160	\$126
		SELECT SEN/STU/MIL	\$245	\$210	\$185	\$152	\$120
		ECONOMY	\$189	\$162	\$140	\$120	\$96
	ECONOMY SEN/STU/MIL	\$175	\$150	\$130	\$112	\$90	
	FRI 8PM SAT 3PM	PREMIUM	7 PLAYS \$266	6 PLAYS \$228	5 PLAYS \$205	4 PLAYS \$168	3 PLAYS \$132
		PREMIUM SEN/STU/MIL	\$252	\$216	\$195	\$160	\$126
		SELECT	\$231	\$198	\$180	\$148	\$117
		SELECT SEN/STU/MIL	\$217	\$186	\$170	\$140	\$111
ECONOMY		\$182	\$156	\$140	\$116	\$96	
ECONOMY SEN/STU/MIL	\$168	\$144	\$130	\$108	\$90		
WED-THU 7:30PM SUN 7PM	PREMIUM	7 PLAYS \$259	6 PLAYS \$222	5 PLAYS \$200	4 PLAYS \$164	3 PLAYS \$129	
	PREMIUM SEN/STU/MIL	\$245	\$210	\$190	\$156	\$123	
	SELECT	\$224	\$192	\$175	\$148	\$114	
	SELECT SEN/STU/MIL	\$210	\$180	\$165	\$140	\$108	
	ECONOMY	\$182	\$156	\$140	\$116	\$96	
ECONOMY SEN/STU/MIL	\$168	\$144	\$130	\$108	\$90		
PREVIEW	PREMIUM	7 PLAYS \$217	6 PLAYS \$186	5 PLAYS \$160	4 PLAYS \$132	3 PLAYS \$102	
	PREMIUM SEN/STU/MIL	\$203	\$174	\$150	\$124	\$96	
	SELECT	\$196	\$168	\$145	\$120	\$93	
	SELECT SEN/STU/MIL	\$182	\$156	\$135	\$112	\$87	
	ECONOMY	\$140	\$120	\$105	\$88	\$69	
ECONOMY SEN/STU/MIL	\$133	\$114	\$100	\$82	\$66		

*Excludes Opening Night Performances

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