

The Merlin Players 24th Season Brings You Laughter, Music and Fun



A Christmas Wedding
The Santa Diaries II
 Written by Laura Ambler & Mala Burt
 Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 - 7:30P
 Sundays - Dec. 9 & 16 - 2:00P
 Directed by Julianna Skluzacek

It's five years later as we catch up on the lives of Sandy Hawes and his son Will. Jessica and Will have returned home to finally wed but reality TV producer and ex-fiancée Brandee shows up to disrupt the ceremony. While Sandy tries to cope with the chaos including a grandson with an attitude and his new wife's insecurities, all heck breaks loose as we try to figure out who is married to whom. It's a family friendly, crazy comedy, designed to make your holiday more fun.



The Savannah Sipping Society
 Written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten
 April 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 2019 - 7:30P
 Sunday - April 7 - 2:00P
 Directed by Julianna Skluzacek

This delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy is the story of four unique Southern women who long to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines. They are drawn together after a post yoga class happy hour and decide it's time to reclaim their zest for living and maybe even love. Over the next six months they experience laughter, hilarious misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment. The middle aged women discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the present. You'll want to raise your glass to this joyful and touching show.



The Full Monty
 Composer & Lyricist - David Yazbek
 Librettist - Terrance McNally
 July 26, 27, August 1, 2, 3, 2019 - 7:30P
 Sundays - July 28 & August 4 - 2:00P
 Directed by Eric E. Parrish

Winner of two Tony Awards and based on the British film of the same name, THE FULL MONTY, shifts to Buffalo, New York and follows six unemployed steelworkers who are desperately looking for work to support their families. Meanwhile, they catch the local women, including their wives, going crazy over some male strippers when they come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. Filled with honest affection, beautiful melodies, lots of laughs and the most highly anticipated closing number of any musical, they find strength as a group to overcome their inner demons. You'll be on the edge of your seat wondering if these "real men" can pull it off!

ON LINE TICKETING IS A GREAT CONVENIENCE

On-line ticket orders were a success last season. Once again you will be able to go to paradisecenterforthearts.org and order tickets. If you are a Merlin season ticket holder you will receive a code word so you can order on-line as well.

NO HANDLING FEES FOR SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

As a season ticket holder you will not be charged a fee for on-line or over-the-phone ticket orders. This is another money saving benefit for you. As usual you will be able to order your tickets one week before they go on sale for the general public.

SEASON TICKETS ARE FLEXIBLE

As always your season ticket can be used for any play. If you miss a show because you are out of town or sick, use your coupons for any other show in the season.

TMP Season Ticket Is Flexible! Use for any show

_____ \$154 and up Two tickets to each production (total of 6 admissions), a \$72 or more tax deduction, AND membership in the elite HIGH FLIGHT Benefactor Group. (All Friends and High Flight members will be listed in each program.)

_____ \$124 Two tickets to each production (total of 6 admissions), a \$42 tax deduction, AND membership in Friends of The Merlin Players Benefactor Group.

_____ \$72 One ticket to each play (total of 3 admissions), a \$31 tax deduction, AND membership in Friends of The Merlin Players Benefactor Group.

_____ \$41 - Adult Season Ticket (total of 3 admissions).

_____ \$26 Child Season Ticket (12 years old and under)
 One ticket to each play (total of 3 admissions).

_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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(We don't share your e-mail. It's so we can remind you to order your tickets.)

PLEASE TEAR OUT & RETURN COMPLETED FORM.
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE MERLIN PLAYERS,
 133 E. PHELPS ST., OWATONNA, MN 55060. Your show coupons will be mailed to you.

FINAL PURCHASE DATE: December 31, 2018

A Note from the Artistic Director

Dear TMP audiences,

As always, I look forward to a new season for The Merlin Players. We had a little more snow that we would have liked this past season. The weather impacted attendance for both the fall and winter productions. This past April I flew to Maryland to meet with playwrights Mala Burt and Laura Ambler. We spent three days working on the new script for “Santa Diaries II - A Christmas Wedding.” They have once again written a funny and touching story about what the holiday season truly is. We look forward to having Mala and Laura with us as we present the world premiere of this new play. You will not want to miss this one! “The Savannah Sipping Society” is a play that I found while searching for a script with strong roles for older women. I sent for it and read it with great delight. I believe you’ll love it as well. “The Full Monty” is a musical that I have talked with Eric Parrish about directing for several years. It’s a story of working class people who find extraordinary solutions for the challenges facing them in an ever-changing work force. I’m looking forward to seeing what Eric brings to this story. Mary Hahn (choreographer for “Cabaret” and “Nine”) has agreed to choreograph so you know the dances will be fabulous.

We are grateful to everyone who buys a season ticket and donates benefactor money. It is the only way we are able to keep our tickets prices affordable for our audiences. We do so appreciate everyone who comes to see a Merlin show. A part of the community for 24 years now, we look forward to bringing you a new season of laughter, music and love.

Julianna Skluzacek
Artistic Director



The Merlin Players
2018-19 Season

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