

The Winter Park Playhouse Announces their New 2026 - 2027 Series of Professional Musicals in Their Newly Renovated Theatre!

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The Winter Park Playhouse, Central Florida's professional musical theatre, announces its 2026-2027 Mainstage Series of professional musical productions! This new lineup of shows will mark the non-profit theatre's 24th season and will include a variety of Off-Broadway hits and regional premieres for the Central Florida region.

The Winter Park Playhouse's home at 711 North Orange Avenue in Winter Park is currently undergoing an extensive renovation made possible by a generous grant from Orange County. The beautiful new theater will open to the public in August 2026 with the launch of the 2026-2027 Series.

The Playhouse will offer annual 6-Show Series subscriptions at a discount off the established single ticket price. All 6 musicals for only \$282 for Adults and \$258 for Senior Adults (62 years and older).

A "You Pick 3" Series subscription is also available for \$153 for Adults and \$141 for Senior Adults (62 years and older).

Individually priced tickets range from \$20 to \$52. In an ongoing effort to serve the community and make the popular musicals accessible, The Playhouse will offer two preview performances prior to opening night at \$25 per ticket.

6-Show Series subscriptions are on sale now for current subscribers. New 6-show Series subscriptions will go on sale April 14, 2026. "You Pick 3" Series subscriptions will go on sale April 28, 2026. All subscriptions must be purchased by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 407-645-0145.

Previews and individual tickets will go on sale May 5, 2026 and can be purchased by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 407-645-0145 or by visiting the theatre's website at winterparkplayhouse.org

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2026-2027 Series of Professional Musicals

NEVER CAN SAY GOODBYE: THE 70s BEEHIVE MUSICAL

By Fred Stuart

August 7 – August 30, 2026 Previews: August 6 & 7

Southeastern Regional Premiere! Put on your platforms, shades and bell bottoms and get ready to party!! This new musical celebrates the iconic sounds of the 70s that defined a generation!!! Featuring a cast of 6 incredible women singing more than 30 well-loved songs by Heart, Fleetwood Mac, The Jackson Five, Diana Ross, Linda Ronstadt, Gloria Gaynor and many more!!

THE RAT PACK LOUNGE

Written by James Hindman and Ray Roderick / Musical Arrangements by John Gladini

September 25 – October 18, 2026 Previews: September 24 & 25

Come swing, sing and savor the days of highballs and high rollers! After Frank, Dean and Sammy leave some unfinished business on earth, God sends them back for one night to make things right and fulfill their promise to the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. This musical comedy features the Rat Pack's greatest hits including "My Way," "Come Fly With Me," "Ain't That a Kick in the Head," "Everybody Loves Somebody" and many more!

A CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE

Created by John Glaudini, James Hindman, Ray Roderick

November 20 – December 20, 2026 Previews: November 19 & 20

Do the holidays stress you out?! This light-hearted musical comedy is designed to de-stress and refresh one and all with holiday cheer! Armed with a copy of “A Christmas Survival Guide,” the characters charge into the holidays searching for the true meaning of the season. Featuring well-loved songs, mashups of old classics and wonderful comedic originals, you’ll learn how to survive the season in ways that are both hilarious and heartwarming.

NOW COMES THE FUN PART:

THE “HOW THE #@&! DID I GET THIS OLD?” MUSICAL

Book by Lynne Halliday & James Hindman / Music by Jeffrey Lodin / Lyrics by Mark Waldrop

January 22 – February 14, 2027 Previews: January 21 & 22

Southeastern Regional Premiere! This laugh-out-loud musical dives into the appalling indignities and rude awakenings awaiting anyone lucky enough to make it past that dreaded AARP birthday. From early retirement to the first colonoscopy, from empty nesting to dating again, this new musical is a hilarious celebration of life’s third trimester. You’ll laugh... You’ll cry... You’ll throw out your back laughing and crying! And if you can’t relate to any of this now, don’t worry—you will soon.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Written by Jody Madaras / Musical Arrangements, Additional Music & Lyrics by Jody Madaras / Conceived by Jody Madaras & Quincy Marr

March 12 – April 11, 2027 Previews: March 11 & 12

Join us for this award-winning show celebrating swing, big bands and the music of the 1940s! Based on Bob Hope’s 1942 USO tour to the troops in the field, this high-energy musical

is filled with Broadway-style tap dancing, heart-warming harmonies, rousing on-air fun, classic radio commercials and sing-along excitement for everyone!

SISTER AMNESIA'S COUNTRY WESTERN NUNSENSE JAMBOREE

Book, Music & Lyrics by Dan Goggins

May 7 – May 30, 2027 Previews: May 6 & 7

Yee-Haw!! The Nuns are at it again in this hilarious musical hoedown! After Sister Mary Amnesia regains her memory and realizes she is actually Sister Mary Paul, a former country singer, Reverend Mother gets her a recording contract and a national tour for her newly released album, *I Could've Gone to Nashville*. Featuring hilarious one-liners and infectious comic tunes, this musical comedy is a knee-slapping blast and rousing fun for the whole family!

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