

THE TOWN THEATRE

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AMERICA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING COMMUNITY THEATRE

SEPTEMBER, 2014

Town Theatre's 96th Season Presented by~



“Chicks and ducks and geese better scurry...”

...all the way to Town Theatre for our season opener, Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic *OKLAHOMA!* Beloved by young and old alike, *OKLAHOMA!* tells the story of a group of settlers experiencing life, love, and the challenges of the Territory. Heading the cast are Bryan Meyers (*Les Miserables*) and Haley Sprankle (*Gypsy*) as Curly and Laurey, the young couple at the heart of our story. The comedic side of things is ably represented by Parker Byun (*Tarzan*) and Sirena Dib (*Shrek*) as Will Parker and Ado Annie, as well as Rob Sprankle (*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*) as “peddler man” Ali Hakim. Kathy Hartzog (*Always... Patsy Cline*) and Will Moreau (*Miss Saigon*) appear as Aunt Eller and Andrew Carnes, respectively; Kevin Loeper (*Les Miserables*) takes on the role of the menacing Jud Fry and Kristy O'Keefe (*Peter Pan*) dances the ballet role of Dream Laurey.

The Rodgers and Hammerstein score is full of classic tunes such as “Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’,” “People will Say We’re in Love” and the most recognizable of all, “Oklahoma!”

The ensemble features many of your favorite Town regulars as well as some talented and exciting new faces, so what are you waiting for? Get your tickets now, and join us in *OKLAHOMA!*, where the wind comes sweepin’ down the plain...only at Town!

MUSIC BY Richard Rodgers

BOOK AND LYRICS BY Oscar Hammerstein II

ORIGINAL DANCES BY Agnes de Mille

Based on the play “Green Grow the Lilacs” by Lynn Riggs

Director – FRANK L. THOMPSON III

Musical Director – DANIEL GAINEY

Choreographer – CHRISTY SHEALY MILLS

Scenic Designer/Technical Director – DANNY HARRINGTON

Costumer – LORI STEPP

SPONSORED BY *Palmetto Health*

## Opening night party at the Oklahoma Corral

Join us on Friday, September 19 as we give a big “yee haw” to the opening night of our 96th season. Swagger out to the Oklahoma corral in the NBSC parking lot for some of Aunt Eller’s secret recipe moonshine (or champagne and wine for those of you need a translation) and some vittles from one of our famous socials (heavy hors d’oeuvres). The shindig is compliments of The Board of Directors of The Columbia Stage Society. An Oklahoma “yeow!” to NBSC for the venue and to Lizard’s Thicket, Tio’s, Zoe’s Kitchen and Green’s for the fixin’s.

### BOX OFFICE INFO FOR *Oklahoma!*

SEPTEMBER 19–OCTOBER 11, 2014

1012 Sumter Street • Columbia, SC 29201

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON PAGE 3  
FOR SHOW DATES & TIMES

BOX OFFICE: 799-2510

ADULTS \$25

SENIOR OVER 65/ACTIVE MILITARY/COLLEGE \$20

YOUTH (17 AND UNDER) \$15

[www.towntheatre.com](http://www.towntheatre.com)





# Everybody's Talking About Town's...

## ... "triple crown" winning season!...

The world of horse racing failed to produce a Triple Crown winner, but Town certainly did with THREE awards from the *Free Times*' Readers Poll.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Les Miserables* as Best Live Production, *Shrek the Musical* as Runner Up for Best Live Production and *Town Theatre* as Runner Up for Best Live Theatre.

Everyone associated with these great productions and with the extraordinary efforts Town makes to exert a viable presence in the community is to be commended.



## ...fundraising efforts to give back to the community...

...through our production of *Peter Pan*. We were part of the miracle for Saving Eliza as we "believed" the hearts of Town Theatre patrons would help to reach the goal to fund the research for a cure for Sanfilippo Syndrome that has stricken little Eliza O'Neill. Thanks to the many who participated in our fundraiser through grab bag and Peter Pan memento purchases, our auction and other contributions. Through these ways we raised more than \$2,000. Special acknowledgement goes to Janet Melnyk and Ronda Smith, parent volunteers, for overseeing this endeavor. Please visit [www.savingeliza.com](http://www.savingeliza.com) for additional information.



## ... Fabulous Follies!...

Kudos to Charlie Goodrich for bringing to Town's stage his concert version of some of the songs and dances from Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*. Charlie approached us wanting to do a fundraiser to benefit Town Theatre. He incorporated 35 talented performers, musical director Jeremy Buzzard and pianist Suzie Gibbons and on Friday, August 15, his vision came to life. A highlight of the evening was the appearance of Carmella Tronco Martin. The house was packed and an enthusiastic audience applauded the cast as each number unfolded. Town Theatre thanks Charlie and all who participated in such a fun and highly successful fundraiser, netting more than \$3,200 toward refurbishing the actors' dressing room/green room areas of the theatre.

## ... peek into our next fundraiser...

...with Shannon Willis Scruggs and friends who will present an evening of song and dance that you won't want to miss. Shannon's thirty+ years of being on Town's stage will provide the background for hits from *A (Always...Patsy Cline)* to *Z (it's a stretch but Tarzan?)*. With a script by Frank Thompson that always provides laughs and insightful thoughts, you'll definitely want to include this on your calendar for Friday, October 24 at 8:00 p.m. All tickets will be \$10 general admission and are available for purchase by calling 799-2510.

## ... 96th season...

Season memberships are the best way to secure your tickets for our upcoming mainstage shows. You're guaranteed to save money over individual show ticket prices and there are other advantages. See the application on the back of The Intermission for details. The "best buy" is the patron level. Call the box office at 799-2510 if you need additional information. We would love to welcome you to Town's family!

## ...dinner theatre opportunities (the hottest ticket in Famously Hot Columbia!)

1. Select a wonderful venue for your dining: The Villa Tronco or The McCutchen House on USC's Horseshoe (Thursday, October 2)
2. Pick the evening performance you would like to attend\* and call the theatre to make your ticket reservations as well as your dining reservations.
3. Enjoy - as your cost for any of the dinners is only \$30 per person for members and \$50 for non-members (this includes your ticket for the performance). All taxes and gratuity are included.
4. Thursday, October 2, is the only night available for dining at The McCutchen House on the Horseshoe at USC. Dinner will begin at 6:00 and your meal features spinach and ham dip with French bread, shrimp bisque and croutons, Caesar or house salad with cheddar, bacon and apple, filet and shrimp wrapped in bacon, broccoli, red smashed potatoes, and choice of red velvet cake, cheese cake or chocolate walnut pie and ice cream and includes a complimentary glass of wine. (At the McCutchen House you may take your own wine and there is no charge for corkage.)



At The Villa Tronco on Blanding Street, a tempting 3-course meal awaits you, including a complimentary glass of Zardetto Prosecco. Choose once you arrive from Villa Tronco Chicken, Eggplant Parmigiana, Lasagne or Shrimp Fettuccine. Complete your meal with a house salad, homemade bread and a dessert choice which includes Carmella's famous cheesecake.

\* You **must** make your reservations through Town Theatre (799-2510 noon to 5:30 weekdays) and pay with MasterCard or Visa at that time. We suggest you arrive at each venue no later than 6:00 pm and remind the wait staff that you have an 8:00 curtain at the theatre. You may park at the theatre for The McCutchen House dinner and walk there and back. We will be happy to hold all tickets at the theatre for you to pick up when you arrive after dinner.

## RESERVATIONS FOR MEMBERS

### WHEN TO RESERVE TICKETS

Priority Members—Friday, August 29 (patrons, sustainers, and above)

Members—Wednesday, September 10

Non-Members—Monday, September 15

### WAYS TO RESERVE TICKETS

- E-MAIL your request with “tickets” in the subject line to [tickets@towntheatre.com](mailto:tickets@towntheatre.com)
- FAX request to 799-6463 using the form below
- MAIL request using the form below
- CALL the Box Office 799-2510
- AT the Box Office

The Box Office is open weekdays, noon - 5:30 p.m.  
(extended to curtain on show dates).

### TICKET POLICIES

- All cash tickets must be paid for when reservations are made.
- Cash tickets may be paid for over the phone with MasterCard or Visa.
- You may pick your tickets up early or have them held in the box office until performance night.  
(Membership cards are kept in the box office and are signed when tickets are picked up.)
- Late-comers will be seated at the rear of the auditorium until intermission if space is available.

- Tickets not picked up at all are considered “used” and replacement tickets cannot be issued.
- Tickets may be exchanged for another performance of the same show ONLY if 24-hour notice is given and seating is available.
- If you must cancel on the day of a show, you may request to be placed on stand-by for another performance of the same show. If tickets become available, you will be contacted by phone on the day you have requested.

*Thank you for following our policies and for your understanding as we strive to be equally fair to all of our audience.*

## Oklahoma!

September 19-October 11, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SEPT					19	20
21 (3 PM)				25	26	27
28 (3 PM)		OCT		2	3	4
5 (3 PM)				9	10	11

Sunday matinees (September 21, 28, Oct. 5) at 3:00 PM.

All other performances at 8:00 PM.

## MAIL REQUEST FORM or FAX TO 799-6463

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Seats \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Day & Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Row/Seat# \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Requests \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Stamped self-addressed envelope must be included.

☐ Payment enclosed

**Mail to:** TOWN THEATRE RESERVATIONS  
1012 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Tickets: Adult \$25  
Senior/College/Military \$20  
Youth (17 and under) \$15



### THEATRE SEATING CHART

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					F	1							11				
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# Pick 5 of 6 for 96!\*

*Oklahoma!* (September - October) - classic Broadway musical  
*White Christmas* (November - December) - the one you've been "dreaming of"  
*Always...Patsy Cline* (January) - Town's most requested musical  
*Driving Miss Daisy* (January-February) - beloved heartwarming story  
*Sugar (Some Like it Hot)* (March) - musical comedy new to Town's stage  
*Spamalot* (May) - Columbia community theatre debut

## MEMBER BENEFITS & SAVINGS:

Substantial savings over cash ticket prices  
 (non-members pay \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for youth)  
 The *Intermission* newsletter • Email and/or fax privileges to reserve tickets

## PRIORITY BENEFITS (PRODUCERS THROUGH PATRONS):

- Priority ticket reservations may be made **THREE WEEKS** (three Fridays) before the opening night
- The total number of tickets may be used interchangeably for all shows
- Special recognition in all season playbills
- Tax deduction (\$300 Producer, \$100 Corporate Benefactor, \$80 Benefactor, \$40 Sustainer, \$20 Patron)

<input type="checkbox"/> PRODUCER: 16 tickets per play (80 for the entire season) .....	\$1,500
<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATE BENEFACTOR: 10 tickets per play (50 for the entire season) .....	\$850
<input type="checkbox"/> BENEFACTOR: 8 tickets per play (40 for season) \$18 per ticket .....	\$720
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINER: 4 tickets per play (20 for season) \$18 per ticket .....	\$360
<input type="checkbox"/> PATRON: 2 tickets per play (10 for season) \$18 per ticket .....	\$180

## ADULT, SENIOR/COLLEGE/MILITARY AND YOUTH BENEFITS:

*Ticket reservations may be made EIGHT days before the show opens*

<input type="checkbox"/> ADULT: 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$16 per ticket) .....	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR 65+/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/FULL-TIME COLLEGE: 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$15 per ticket) .....	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH 17 & UNDER: 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$13 per ticket) .....	\$65

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print preferred name for mailing or playbill purposes)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ New Member?

## Use this for the credit card info or enclose a check payable to Town Theatre

MasterCard or Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code (3 digits on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* You do NOT have to select your five shows in advance - we will keep up with that for you through the membership card which you sign and leave in the box office each time you come  
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 for ticket reservations.

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