

# THE TOWN THEATRE

# INTERMISSION

CELEBRATING A SECOND CENTURY OF COMMUNITY THEATRE

OCTOBER 2020

**Town's 101st season  
is supported by:**



Dear Town Theatre family,

First, we hope that everyone is doing well. We have missed “doing our thing” so much. It has been a long six-plus months since we have held a production in our space. However, we now have the “go ahead” from the state to operate at a reduced capacity. So, to keep Town Theatre alive and operating for the next 100 years, we are moving forward.

Please take a minute to read this information carefully. We think you will be pleased to know some of the precautions that we have taken to operate safely.

1. We have air purification systems in the house, in the Moreau Youth Theatre Wing as well as the dressing rooms that use needlepoint bipolar ionization (NPBI) technology to deliver clean indoor air.
2. We now have a ULV Cold Fogger and HOCl maker – allowing Town to generate and distribute disinfectant on site. The Town auditorium can be cleaned in 15 minutes. We will also fog props, the set, backstage, dressing rooms and rehearsal hall spaces. (Think Ghostbusters for the musical theatre world.)
3. Seating capacity will be greatly reduced with distancing between units. There will be two vacant seats separating each party, one vacant seat in front of you as well as one vacant seat behind you. Our ticketing system automatically will generate this separation. The first two rows will not be available. If you need the wheelchair seat, please let us know.
4. We intend to use several doors for entry and exit. After you have made your reservation, you will hear from the theatre about your entry and exit point.
5. Per the City of Columbia and the Accelerate SC guidelines, masks will be worn by the audience while on site, including during the performance.
6. Actors will be spaced on stage and will be wearing masks while backstage and in common areas.

**Interested to know more on how we are working to stay safe? Check out Town's Re-Entry Policies column on the back of this newsletter.**

Mary Poppins October 23 - November 14						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					Oct. 23 7:30 PM	24 3:00 PM
25 3:00 PM				29 7:30 PM	30 7:30 PM	31 3:00 PM
Nov. 1 3:00 PM				5 7:30 PM	6 7:30 PM	7 7:30 PM
8 3:00 PM				12 7:30 PM	13 7:30 PM	14 7:30 PM

*Note show times vary!*

~ CASH TICKET PRICES ~

\* Adults ~ \$25 \* Senior over 65/Active Military/College ~ \$20 \*  
Youth (17 and under) ~ \$15

*How do I get my tickets?  
See page two for details on how we will  
issue tickets for Mary Poppins.*

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film. Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. Book by Julian Fellowes. New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh.





If you had an existing *Mary Poppins* reservation, please read below to see how we are handling your tickets.

**If you hold a 101<sup>st</sup> season Town Membership:**

1. We will put your ticket back onto your record. If you would like to see *Mary Poppins* for our rescheduled performances, you will need to call us starting October 7 to make your reservation. Or you may use the email link to make your reservation online which will be sent on October 7.
2. If you do not wish to see *Mary Poppins*, your ticket may be used for *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (which we hope to run in early 2021) or a future show at Town. We are working to have some streaming options for future shows (when permitted) for those of you who are not yet comfortable returning to the theatre. We regret that we are not permitted to film/stream *Mary Poppins*.

**If you purchased a cash ticket to *Mary Poppins*:**

1. You will be issued a gift certificate for the value of your ticket(s). This will be done automatically in your computerized record and you will get an email noting when this happens. That email will contain a code that you may use for a future purchase. If you would like to see *Mary Poppins*, you will be able to make your reservation starting October 7.
2. If you do not wish to see *Mary Poppins*, your gift certificate may be used for other purchases at Town Theatre including future tickets or memberships, class tuition, summer camp tuition or retail items.
3. If you would prefer, we can turn your ticket into a 100% tax deductible donation to Town Theatre. Simply email [town@towntheatre.com](mailto:town@towntheatre.com) and indicate that you'd like to consider your ticket purchase a gift to the theatre. We will send you the appropriate documentation and our greatest thanks.

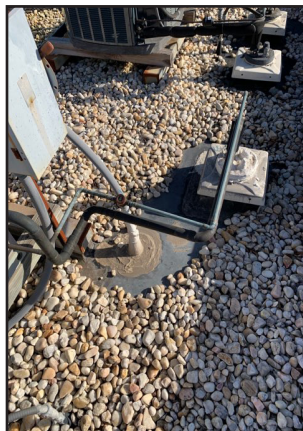
## Thank you!

Not everything was shut down over the last six months! Thanks to the Richland County Conservation Commission, the roof over the Town Theatre stage has been repaired.



Funding through their Historic Preservation Grants Program means there will

be no more "Singin' in the Rain" ~ unless it is on purpose!



Before...



After!

## Picnic in the Park

**6 PM ~ Pine Tree Park in Forest Acres**

**Friday, Oct. 16**

Kerri Roberts & Jeremy Reasoner  
Accompanied by Jeremy Hansard  
(Rain date Saturday, Oct. 17)

**Friday, Oct. 23**

Vicky Henderson, Clayton King & Lanny Spires  
Accompanied by Michael Simmons  
(Rain date Saturday, Oct. 24)

**Friday, Oct. 30**

Lee Martin & Scott Vaughan  
Accompanied by Greg Boatwright  
(Rain date Sunday, Nov. 1)

Grab dinner from one of your favorite Forest Acres restaurants to enjoy while we serenade you. Bring your tailgate chairs or a comfy blanket. Tickets are \$5 (per concert) and are available at [towntheatre.com](http://towntheatre.com). Advanced sales only. Guests will be asked to socially distance.





### Re-Opening Days

#### Wednesday, October 7 ~ Existing Reservations

If you had an existing reservation for *Mary Poppins*, you may reserve your tickets for one of our rescheduled shows. You can do so via the special link you will receive via email OR can give us a call.

#### Wednesday, October 14 ~ New Reservations

Remaining tickets will be available to members who did not already have a reservation and to the general public starting this day.

#### BOX OFFICE HOURS

##### Beinning Wednesday, October 7

Monday to Friday

12:00 noon to 5:00 PM

##### Beginning Friday, October 23

Monday to Friday — 12:00 noon to curtain

Saturdays & Sundays — 3 hours before curtain

### Helpful Hints:

\*Phone lines can be very busy on re-opening days. There is generally lighter telephone traffic between the hours of 3 PM and 5 PM.

\*Messages are checked as quickly as possible, but sometimes it is after business hours before we can return the call.

\*Have questions about the 102<sup>nd</sup> season? Please hold on to those and we will address them as we get closer to the end of the current season.

If we have your e-mail address on file and you have an existing reservation, be on the lookout for communication from us with the special link required to make your online reservation. If you don't use e-mail or prefer to speak with a person, call us beginning at 12 noon starting October 7.

## Town's Reservation Policies ~ Please Read Carefully

- For the time being, we are doing ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY. There will be no tickets available at the door.
- All tickets are paid for upon reservation. We do not hold tickets. Online and telephone reservations must be paid by MasterCard or Visa. In person reservations may be paid by MasterCard, Visa, cash or check. The charge is processed at the time of the sale.
- ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Ticket exchanges MAY be possible with 24-hour notice. Note that exchanges are likely limited to specific performances. Contact the box office if an exchange is needed and, if possible, it will be granted.
- Theatergoers who arrive late MAY be seated at the rear of the house, if possible, until intermission. Due to COVID rules, a socially distanced seat may not be available.
- If a guest does not attend, those tickets are considered used and replacement tickets will not be issued.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off during our shows. Glaring screens are a distraction to the actors and fellow audience members.
- Everyone entering the theatre needs a ticket. We do not permit babies sitting on laps. If you must bring your baby (on a lap, in a carrier, etc.) he or she must have a ticket.

## Seating Update...

For *Mary Poppins*, we will seat with "door lists" meaning that you do NOT have to bring your printed ticket to the theatre.

Your seat location will determine where you enter and exit the theatre. Your pre-show email will provide these details. Please look for signs directing you to the correct entry. You may also ask any of our Town Helpers if you have questions.

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See page 3 for opening dates  
for ticket reservations.

## Welcome back to Town! Re-Entry Policies and Procedures

The following guidelines are intended to make those entering Town Theatre as comfortable and confident in our return as possible. Our goal is to create an environment where guests can feel safe at the theatre. Of course, individuals will still have a choice whether to attend based on their personal discretion.

- We have air purification systems that use needlepoint bipolar ionization (NPBI) technology to deliver clean indoor air.
- We have a ULV Cold Fogger and HOCI maker – allowing Town to generate and distribute disinfectant on site.
- Town Theatre spaces will be cleaned and disinfected per SCDHEC Guidelines including sanitizing shared items such as props and microphones. A focus will be placed on high touch point areas backstage and in the dressing areas.
- If an audience member, cast member, production team member or crew person is sick or exhibiting symptoms, they will be asked to stay home.
- We will have mandatory temperature checks for anyone entering the facility.
- Anyone with a fever over 100.4 will not be permitted to enter and should stay home until fever free for 48-hours.
- Before entering the building, everyone will be offered hand sanitizer at the station outside of their entrance.
- Masks will be required for audience, staff and production crew unless there is a medical condition prohibiting such.
- The theatre will use multiple entrances and exits to separate guests and performers.
- The theatre will have an overall reduced capacity to allow for more distance between groups as well as use of multiple areas to permit small groupings.
- For performances, actors will be assigned separate areas for dressing and waiting when not on stage. We will rely on theatre staff and consistent backstage support so that we are limiting the numbers of people entering the rear of the theatre.
- Performers will be asked to do hair and makeup at home so that time in the dressing room spaces is limited. Call times may be staggered.
- Choreography and blocking may be altered to accommodate for additional spacing between performers as well as the audience.
- We are requesting that cast and crew members refrain from participating in other large non-social distanced gatherings during the rehearsal/performance process.