

THE TOWN THEATRE

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June 2025

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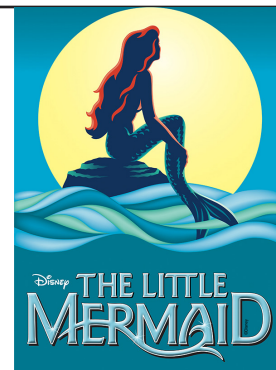
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"Just look at the world around you. What more is ya lookin' for?" Indeed, life under the sea is a magical kingdom. But even amid the wonders of the ocean, mermaid Ariel dreams of a life beyond the waves. Desperate to follow her heart, she strikes a dangerous bargain with the sea witch Ursula, trading her tail for legs. But the deal is far from what it seems, and Ariel must rely on her friends Flounder, Scuttle and Sebastian to help make things right.

Taking center stage as the curious and courageous Ariel is McKinley Porth (*Les Mis: Student Edition*), who shines as she follows her heart toward the human world ~ and the dashing Prince Eric, played by Landon Watts (*Grease*). But love isn't smooth sailing. Lurking in the depths is the wicked Ursula, brought to life with devious delight by Alex Fossum (*Something Rotten*), flanked by her slippery sidekicks Flotsam and Jetsam, portrayed with sinister style by Megan Anderson (*Mary Poppins*) and Taryn Davis (*A Christmas Story: The Musical*). Thankfully, help is never far. From the sky soars Town newcomer Adam Hobbs as the eccentric seagull Scuttle. From the sea, Nathan Jackson (*Elf*) clicks into action as the ever-anxious Sebastian, joined by the love-struck Flounder, shared by Olivia Hite (*Shrek Jr.*) and Lacie Walko (*Beauty and the Beast*). Ariel's powerful father, King Triton, commands the stage in the capable hands of Todd Gustafson (*Bright Star*), while Prince Eric's loyal caretaker, Grimsby, is portrayed by David Wilson (*A Christmas Story: The Musical*).

Floating gracefully through the tale are the Mersisters played by Jane Cato (*Grease*), Carly Grosse (*The Sound of Music*), Addison Monroe (*Elf Jr.*), and Town newcomers Emily Banks, Emily Grace McIntyre and Aajay Pinder. Adding energy and humor as sailors, chefs and courtiers are Liam Amil (*Anything Goes*), Connor Etcheson (*Joseph...*), Jeremy Gaines (in his Town debut), James Nolan (*Grease*) and Josh Rowe (*Beauty and the Beast*). Joining the magical journey from both land and sea are Agnes Babb, Lola Carroll, Meryn Creasman, Penry Gustafson, Betsy Jackson, Maren MacConnell, Ariana Mejia, Sophia Mejia, Grayson Norene, Leah Tudor and Megan Walker. And our talented youth ensemble ~ Raegan Bolden, Grant Cobb, Sam Douthitt, Kylie Harley, Bay Kendricks, TJ Leitzsey, Elizabeth Maxham, Mary Rowe, Melody Trotter, Walt Trotter and Wren Wilson ~ bring waves of wonder to every scene.

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's timeless tale and the beloved Disney animated film, *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story that will sweep you off your feet. Dive into this splashy adventure ~ you'll wish you were under the sea, too!



Music by ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN &
GLENN SLATER

Book by DOUG WRIGHT
Based on the Hans
Christian Andersen story
and the Disney film
produced by Howard
Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by
John Musker and
Ron Clements

Originally Produced
by Disney Theatrical
Productions

Orchestrations by Danny Troob
Incidental Music and Vocal
Arrangements by
Michael Kosarin
Dance Arrangements by
David Chase

Disney's *The Little
Mermaid* is presented
through special
arrangement with Music
Theatre International
(MTI). All authorized
performance materials
are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

Flying effects provided
by ZFX, Inc.

Disney's *The Little Mermaid* July 11-27, 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					July 11 7:30 PM	12 3:00 PM
13 3:00 PM				17 7:30 PM	18 7:30 PM	19 3:00 PM
20 3:00 PM				24 7:30 PM	25 7:30 PM	26 3:00 PM
27 3:00 PM						

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~ CASH TICKET PRICES ~

Adults ~ \$27
Senior over 65/Active Military/
College ~ \$23
Youth (17 and under) ~ \$17

The summer show is NOT a part of
any season membership. Please see
page 2 for how you can get a discount!

TICKETS ON SALE JUNE 24!

• Town Theatre • 1012 Sumter Street • Columbia, SC 29201 •
• Box Office: 803-799-2510 • towntheatre.com •

Tiaras & Tails

Saturday, July 12

Join Ariel and her royal friends for an enchanting experience both under the sea and beyond the castle gates! Meet Ariel and some of her visiting princess friends from **Magnolia Magic Co.**

And just like Ariel treasures her collection of “human stuff,” join our **Dinglehopper Drive hygiene kit fundraiser**. Bring essential items for those in need: toothbrushes, combs, deodorant and other toiletry-type items for sharing with our friends at **Providence Home**.

*Learn to samba with **Sebastian!**

*Craft your own tiara or trident with **Belle!**

*Enjoy photo ops with each of your favorite princesses from under the sea and beyond! Let down your hair with **Rapunzel**. Make sure the slipper fits with **Cinderella**.



Set sail on an island adventure with **Moana**.

*And of course, spend a few magical moments with **Ariel** and **Flounder**.

Tickets:

\$15 includes ALL activities and emailed photos (*but you can bring your phone too!*); order at towntheatre.com, call or scan the code

Pro tip:

Bring items for our **Dinglehopper Drive** and get a \$5 off coupon for a youth ticket to see Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.

Choose your swim time:

10:00 AM or 11:15 AM. Your meet and greet will last approximately one hour.

Dress in your royal best (if you choose and we LOVE DIY!) and get ready for a morning of princess magic and mermaid mischief!



Have we got a DEAL for you!

Hey MEMBERS! *The Little Mermaid* is NOT a part of your season subscription. As such, your member tickets are not able to be used for the summer show. BUT we don't want you to miss out on this amazing production.

Any **106th Season Membership** holder will be eligible to receive a \$5 discount per ticket. The number of discounts is determined by your membership level.

~ **Adult/Senior/Military/College/Adult** ~
ONE \$5 discount per membership

~ **Patron** ~
TWO \$5 discounts per membership

~ **Sustainers and Above** ~
FOUR \$5 discounts per membership

Don't have your 106th Season membership yet?
No problem. Anyone who purchases their membership **BEFORE** the end of *Mermaid* (July 27) will be eligible for this discount as long as we have show tickets available.

Patrons and above can receive their discount online. Other membership levels with multiple memberships will need to call to receive the discount. All *Mermaid* tickets are available beginning Tuesday, June 24 at 12 noon.

From the Board of Governors

*The Columbia Stage Society/
Town Theatre will hold the Annual
Meeting on Tuesday, July 22 at
5:30 PM at the Theatre.*

*At this time members of the
Board of Directors will be elected.
All persons who held membership
with the Theatre for the 105th
season that concluded with Spamalot
are eligible to vote.*

Town's 106th Season

September 2025



December 2025



January/February 2026

**Non-musical
offering TBD
pending rights**

March 2026



May 2026



Shows and dates subject to
change.

PRIORITY MEMBERSHIPS

*(Tickets at these levels are interchangeable
between shows.)*

- ___ Producer: \$1,500 (80 tickets)
- ___ Corp. Benefactor: \$950 (50 tickets)
- ___ Benefactor: \$780 (40 tickets)
- ___ Sustainer: \$390 (20 tickets) \$10 tax deduction
- ___ Patron: \$200 (10 tickets) \$10 tax deduction

PRIORITY MEMBER BENEFITS:

- *Earliest ticketing dates!
- *Miss a show?
It's ok! You can use the
ticket for another show!
- *Special pricing on
summer shows!
- *Savings over cash ticket
prices!

REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

*(One ticket to each show.
These tickets are NOT interchangeable.)*

- ___ Adult ~ \$95
- ___ Senior (65+) ~ \$90
- ___ Active Duty Military ~ \$90
- ___ Full Time College ~ \$90
- ___ Youth (17 and under) ~ \$85

REGULAR MEMBER BENEFITS:

- *Reserve tickets before
the public!
- *Special pricing on
summer shows!
- *Savings over cash
ticket prices!

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership total due: \$ _____

Add on: \$ _____

Would you like to add on to your membership to help support Town?

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Include credit card info below OR send

check payable to: Town Theatre

1012 Sumter Street; Columbia SC 29201 OR scan the

QR code or visit towntheatre.com.

MasterCard or VISA only

Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Code: _____

Signature: _____



**Come with a group? We can make things easier if you will
call us to process your memberships. 803-799-2510.**

The Columbia Stage Society
The Town Theatre
1012 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Dinner and a show, anyone?

1213 Blanding Street



Thursday through
Saturday evenings

1800 Taylor Street



Thursday &
Friday evenings

Menu details at towntheatre.com.

A 5:30 PM dinner reservation is available prior to evening shows on days noted above.

Show tickets must be for same day as dinner.

Space is limited and may not be available.

Menus subject to change.

Dinner reservation MUST be made through Town Theatre by phone.

\$35/person includes taxes & gratuity. Show ticket must be purchased separately OR come from your membership.

You make your show reservation and we'll take care of dinner!

Ready to audition? Take Note!

A Christmas Carol: The Musical

Saturday, July 19 ~ 9:30 AM
(youth 6 to 16)

Sunday & Monday, July 20 & 21
7:00 PM (17 and up)

Jerry Crouch, Director
Kathy Seppamaki, Music Director
Christy Shealy Mills, Choreographer

The Secret Garden

December 7 & 8

Jane Cato, Director
Dr. Rebecca Loar, Music Director
Carly Grosse, Choreographer

Little Shop of Horrors

January 25 & 26

Shannon Willis Scruggs, Director
Michael Simmons, Music Director
Roxanne Rich, Choreographer

Non musical

Still pending.
Auditions likely in early fall.

All auditions will be held at Town Theatre. Details for each show will be available approximately 2 weeks in advance of the audition at towntheatre.com/auditions.