

THE TOWN THEATRE INTERMISSION



FEBRUARY 2026

Town's 106th season is supported by:



Hidden behind ivy-covered walls and locked doors, *The Secret Garden* is a story about loss, resilience, and the quiet magic of transformation. When young Mary Lennox is sent to live with her reclusive uncle on the Yorkshire moors, she discovers a household shaped by grief and a forgotten garden waiting to be brought back to life. As Mary begins to tend the neglected earth, she uncovers not only buried secrets, but the power of hope, friendship and imagination.



Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman/Music by Lucy Simon/
based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

At the center of the story is Mary, shared by Molly Adams (*The Sound of Music*) and Town newcomer, Bailey Bostic. She is joined by Colin Craven, her sickly and isolated cousin, in the hands of Carter Ellingson (*A Christmas Carol*) and Ezra Lindley (*Seussical Jr.*). Dickon, a gentle, nature-loving young man, is portrayed by Nathan Jackson (*Elf: The Musical*). Watching over them is Martha, a practical and kind young maid, played by Ashton Boland (*A Christmas Carol*). Presiding over Misselthwaite Manor as Archibald Craven is Lanny Spires (*Broadway: Limited Exposure*), a grieving widower who still feels the lingering presence of Lily, in the capable hands of Caitlin Thomas White and Carley Campbell Siglin, both making their Town debuts. Dr. Neville Craven, whose rigid worldview clashes with the children's growing hope, is played by Austin Means (also in his first appearance on the Town stage). Mrs. Medlock, the manor's stern but deeply human housekeeper, is brought to life by Carol Beis (*The Wizard of Oz*). The cast also includes Todd Gustafson (*Bright Star*) as Ben Weatherstaff and Gracelynn Wall (*A Christmas Carol*) as Young Mary. Together, these characters form a richly layered tapestry of longing, healing and renewal.

The Dreamers, people from Mary's life in India, and are portrayed by Emily Banks (*Kiss Me, Kate*), Connor Etcheson (*Grease*), Emily Grace McEntyre (*The Little Mermaid*), Gavin Slusher (*A Christmas Carol*) and Ethan Wilson (*She Loves Me*). Amanda Britt, Jessica Britt, Sam Derrick, Caroline Lindler and Sadie Slusher also join the Dreamers and are making their first appearances in a Town main stage production. Meryn Creasman and Taryn Davis (both of *The Little Mermaid*), Lauren Suddeth (*She Loves Me*), Bethany Truel (*Annie Jr.*) and Town newcomers, Whitney Allen and Laura-Louise Rice, dance as The Restorers, symbolizing healing and bringing the garden and the family back to life.

The Secret Garden is directed by Jane Cato, with music direction by Michael Simmons and choreography by Carly Grosse. Set design is by Bob Bramhall with technical direction/light design by Jeremy Hansard, technical assistance by Julian Harley, costumes by Heather Gonzalez, props by Gina Janvrin, wigs by Jodie Harris and stage management by Morgan Ruebusch.

With a soaring score, this beloved musical invites audiences of all ages to believe in the extraordinary changes that can happen when allowing something beautiful to bloom. *The Secret Garden* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com.

The Secret Garden						
March 13-29, 2026						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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15 3:00 PM				19 7:30 PM	20 7:30 PM	21 3:00 PM
22 3:00 PM				26 7:30 PM	27 7:30 PM	28 7:30 PM
29 3:00 PM						

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**The Secret Garden
Ticketing Dates**

Priority members: **Tuesday, February 24**
Other members: **Thursday, February 26**
Public: **Tuesday, March 3**

Member ticketing links are sent at 12 noon on your appointed reservation day.

Visit the "When Can I Get My Tickets?" page on our website for the listing for the entire season!

Come to our garden (party)!

Saturday, March 14

6:45 PM

Enjoy sweet surprises and delightful treats before the show.

Bring us your dinner receipt and dessert is ON US!

Details at towntheatre.com.

After all, every proper garden gathering starts with dessert.

Dinner and a show, anyone?

Menu details at towntheatre.com.

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

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.



Thursday & Friday evenings



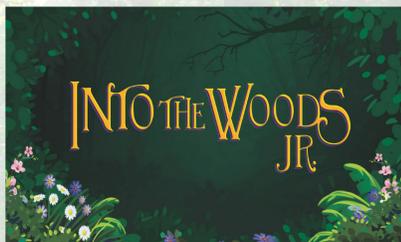
Thursday through Saturday evenings

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

Spring 2026 Youth Theatre



Grades K-4th



Grades 5th-12th

April 17 - 19

Tickets on sale Tuesday, March 31 at 12 noon

Town Theatre



present



a vibrant, community-centered celebration of the arts

Ollis Creek Park



Food and beverage vendors on site!

Sunday, April 26
performances begin at 4 PM

Town welcomes Off Off Broadway, USC's only student-led musical theatre organization!

April 9-11

FREE tickets available March 13 at offoffbway.org

Off Off Broadway Presents...

Based on the 20th Century Fox Picture.



Music & Lyrics by Dolly Parton

Book by Patricia Resnick

BOX OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, February 24
 Tuesday to Friday
 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM

Beginning Friday, March 13
 Weekday hours extend to
 curtain on show days

Saturday/Sunday:
 2 hours before curtain

~ CASH TICKET PRICES ~

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



Bloom, Browse, Buy!

- Grab a Town gift certificate (in \$25 increments)
- Donate in honor of your favorite local theatre star
- Purchase Town notecards
- Celebrate Town all year round with an ornament made from recycled set
- Snag a limited-edition Town sweatshirt

Visit TOWNTHEATRE.COM for details

THEATRE UPDATES & REMINDERS

*UPON PURCHASE, EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH A LINK TO ACCESS YOUR **MOBILE TICKETS.**

*STILL WANT US TO PRINT FOR YOU? WE CAN! JUST GIVE US A CALL OR TELL US WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE BOX OFFICE.

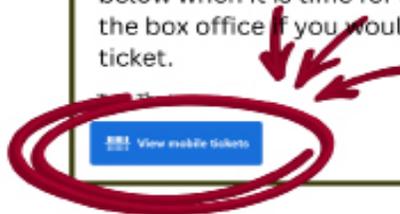
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Thank you for your order



Dear Mary Lennox

Please use the MOBILE TICKETS button below when it is time for seating. Or call the box office if you would like a printed ticket.



VOLUNTEER VIBES:
 SPRING EDITION

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

ALL FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE SECRET GARDEN

THURSDAY **12** AT 7:30 PM

RSVP HERE



HOUSE OPENS FOR SEATING AT 7:15 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT INTERMISSION

THEATRE SEATING CHART

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#ALLAROUNDTOWN A MUSICAL THEATRE SCAVENGER HUNT

Come be part of this **show-stopping scavenger hunt** recreating scenes, songs and theatrical vignettes inspired by your **favorite Broadway musicals**.

Gather your **cast of up to 6 players** and hit the stage (a.k.a. the streets of Columbia!) as you “hunt” your way through musical moments all across town.

The adventure runs **April 1~18**, and teams may hunt anytime during that window.

Pick your date, plan your costumes and get ready for your standing ovation!

Get **WAY MORE details** than we can fit on this graphic at **towntheatre.com/hunt**.

Register no later than Mon., March 30.
Event fee: \$50 per team.

Lights up...
it's your turn to take center stage.

