

Waukesha Civic Theatre

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Our 63rd Mainstage Season

The Waukesha Civic Theatre begins its historic 63rd season in July 2019. The season will run through June 2020 and includes seven Mainstage shows, ten Education & Outreach shows, ten Random Acts Of Entertainment, twelve PIX Flix, two fundraisers, four summer camps, year-round classes, and theatre tours.

Our first Mainstage show of the season, **The Little Prince** (September 13-29, 2019), brings to life the story of an Aviator lost in the desert who learns what it is to be tamed. This show deals with the themes of love, loss, and friendship. Based on Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic book. Directed by **Laura Hughes and Shannon Sloan-Spice**. There is one daytime performance during the week for school groups. The **educational group rate** is only \$10/ticket!

Kelly Goeller returns to direct **Bad Seed** (October 25-November 10, 2019). Set in a small Southern town, this thriller will have you on the edge of your seat. Young Rhoda is mature beyond her years and adored by the adults in her life. But her penchant for lying and lack of affection have her mother uneasy. When one of Rhoda's classmates drown during a field trip, her mother's worst fears are confirmed.

Our 2019 holiday show, **Elf The Musical** (December 6-22, 2019), will be directed by **Karl Miller**. As a young orphan, Buddy finds himself mistakenly taken to the North Pole. Raised as an elf, Buddy has no idea who he truly is until

his human size and lack of elf-abilities force him to face the truth. This realization sends Buddy on the holiday adventure of a lifetime, traveling to New York City to find his family, himself, and the true meaning of Christmas.

Mark E. Schuster returns to direct **Come Back** (February 7-23, 2020). Erin has passed away and best friend Sky has been left with the task of finding the perfect resting place for the remains. Sky's cross country trip following Erin's detailed instructions is thrown off by Erin's mother, who insists that the final resting place should be in the family plot. Through unexpected twists and turns, Sky's adventure teaches that it's not about the destination, but the journey.

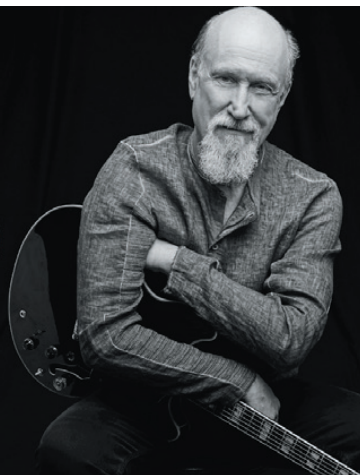
Rhonda Marie Schmidt, our Managing Artistic Director, will take on **Big Fish** (March 13-29, 2020). Based on the hit book and film, this show follows the stories of Edward Bloom, a father, husband, traveling salesman, and master storyteller. Edward's larger-than-life stories captivate everyone around him...but are they true? His son, Will, is about to find out. Filled with heart, humor, and magic, **Big Fish** is a wild adventure from beginning to end.

Highlighting our cultural role in the community, we will be partnering with the **Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum** to celebrate the centennial of women gaining the right to vote. Tied into that celebration is **Silent Sky** (May 1-17, 2020) directed by

Dustin J. Martin. Henrietta Leavitt was a 19th century astronomer who worked at the Harvard Observatory in the early 1900s. She discovered the pattern that allows us to measure the distance of the stars, thus calculating our place in the universe. This is the inspiring story of how she and her peers changed the role of women in both science and society.

Where do you find Marilyn Monroe, George Washington, and Dracula all in the same room? Only at the Freudly Institute! Mistaken for yet another patient with grandiose delusions, it's up to Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson to solve two mysteries after a body is found on the grounds - who is the killer, and how can they prove who they really are? We close our 63rd season with **The Secret Case Of Sherlock Holmes** (June 5-21, 2020), directed by **Phil Stepanski**.

Our Mainstage shows are included in our Mainstage Season Ticket Package and our Flex Pass Membership, which allow you to purchase any additional tickets at the subscriber rate. When you combine this with our incredible **Subscriber Benefits Card**, you could save as much as you spend supporting the arts in Waukesha! The Subscriber Benefits Card entitles you to discounts or deals at our **downtown Waukesha partners** - and you can use it as many times as you like over the course of the season!



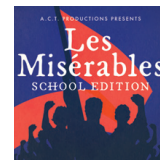
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Fulfilling Our Mission: Academy At Civic Theatre

Since our founding in 1957, the Waukesha Civic Theatre has had education as a component of our mission. Our education program - Academy At Civic Theatre, or A.C.T. - and our outreach programs are thriving! The A.C.T. program offers classes at the theatre, but we also partner with many area schools and organizations to offer theatre arts education. Here's a look at what we have planned in 2019-2020: **four summer camps; two A.C.T. Productions; fall, winter, and spring session** classes at the theatre and several area schools; **A.C.T. Combat Boot Camp; A.C.T. Live!** (in partnership with Waukesha JanBoree); three **Star For A Day** sessions; four **Pee Wee Players** sessions; and anti-bullying and other theatre arts **workshops**. Visit our website (<http://waukeshacivictheatre.org/act.html>) for more information on registration and ticket prices.

We offer 2 **two-week summer camps** for students age 4 to 18 - one in June and one in August. Both camps will include classes on acting, improv, musical theatre, and dance. At the end of each camp, there are two showcase performances, where the students get to show what they learned. These performances are open to the public.

A.C.T. Productions is proud to present, once again, a totally different kind of class over the summer - and, for the first time, in the spring! We're going to put on a show, but it's SO much more than that! Students who registered for **Alice In Wonderland JR.** (June 24-August

4) or **Les Misérables School Edition** (performing April 17-19) are not only guaranteed a spot in the show, but they get a theatre experience like never before. With **A.C.T. Productions**, students will have a unique opportunity to experience all of the different aspects of performing in a show. Not only will there be regular rehearsals, but we will also have scheduled classes throughout the entire rehearsal process. These classes will give students a glimpse into all of the different skills and disciplines that are needed to put a show together. This session will provide amazing opportunities for the students to learn about auditioning, acting and character development, light and sound design, stage makeup, and costume design. Rehearsals can move pretty fast, and we want to make sure the students in our **A.C.T. Productions** don't miss out on the opportunity to learn about all of the fun and different ingredients that make up a show. Visit our website for more information on registration and ticket prices.

Lights! Camera! Action! is our one-week film acting camp. Students perform original scripts on camera and learn about the differences between performing on stage and on film. Each student receives a DVD of the final performances, and family and friends are invited to attend a showing of the DVD after camp is over.

Broadway Bound! is a one-week musical theatre camp in July. Students will audition for

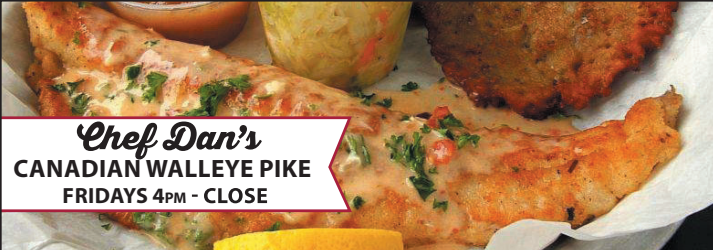
a place in the program before any tuition is paid. Auditions will be on **Tuesday, July 9, 2019**. At the end of the week, on **Saturday, July 20, 2019**, the students will present a Broadway musical revue. This performance is open to the public.

Our **fall, winter, and spring session** classes and workshops ensure that the theatre arts education fun doesn't have to stop with summer! We offer a wide variety of classes for students of all ages (not just for kids anymore!) on a rotating schedule, so be sure to check out our website for the most up to date registration information.

Pee Wee Players are Saturday morning workshops aimed specifically at our youngest students. Starting at 9 am, 4 & 5 year olds will spend the morning learning a song, a dance, and creating a costume piece or prop to support their performance. At 10:45 am, they will perform everything they learned for family and friends! You'll be amazed at what these kids can do!

Star For A Day, introduced in our 57th season, returns! When area schools have individual days off, students can join us for a day of intense fun as we sing, dance, and improvise our way on to the stage. There is no better way to spend a day off from school! Classes will run throughout the day, culminating in a showcase performance at 5 pm on the WCT stage.

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Thurs., June 13 - 7:30pm
Les Paul Bandshell in Cutler Park **FREE Concert**

Sinfonia Chitarra Classico
Classic Guitar with Orchestra
Thurs., Sept. 26 - 7:30pm
Rustic Manor 1848 in Hartland

Janboree Family Concert
Instrument Petting Zoo followed by Kid-Friendly Concert!
Sat., Jan. 18, 2020 - 2:00pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha

Fantasmagorique
Favorite Halloween Classics
Sat., Nov. 2 - 7:30pm
S. L. Wilson Center, Brookfield

Melodious Women
A Celebration of Women & 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment
Sun., Feb. 9, 2020 - 3:00pm
S. L. Wilson Center, Brookfield

The First Noel
Traditional Holiday Celebration
Sun., Dec. 8 - 3:00pm
Shattuck Auditorium, Waukesha

Floral Fantasia
A Celebration of Spring
Sun., April 19, 2020 - 3:00pm
S. L. Wilson Center, Brookfield

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Live! are both A.C.T. winter traditions. For the uninitiated, **A.C.T. Combat Boot Camp** challenges high school age playwrights, directors and actors to bring original scripts from initial concept to performance before a live audience...IN ONLY 4 DAYS! Topics, locations, directors, and actors are all, literally, "pulled from a hat." There is no advanced preparation, no warning, no mercy - just instinct, ability, and raw talent on display. Artists flying without a net! It takes a talented group of students to write, produce, and perform an original sketch comedy show. It takes an outrageously talented group to do it in two weeks, but that's exactly what the students involved in **A.C.T. Live!** do every January! Come out on January 25, 2020 and support this outstanding and hilarious WCT tradition, part of Waukesha JanBoree, and see what the next generation of sketch comedy looks like.

Established in 1999, the **Civic Broadway Singers** perform throughout Waukesha County doing what they love: singing Broadway hits! This dynamic group meets to rehearse only one night per month and performs twelve months of the year. Their music will bring back memories from famous musicals including *The Sound of Music*, *West Side Story*, *Oklahoma!*, *Chicago*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and more! Lake Country resident Abby Lorenz both directs and accompanies the Civic Broadway Singers, and many members are veteran actors and actresses often seen on stage in local community theatres.

The **Civic Senior Players** are a group of fun-loving senior actors, singers, and comedians from throughout the community. Their backgrounds and experience levels may vary, but there is one thing they have in common: they love to perform! They perform a unique comedic variety show, filled with funny monologues, hilarious scenes, music, and even sing-alongs! The Senior Players travel throughout the area performing for local senior centers, civic groups, and other community organizations. And with a wide variety of scenes and songs to choose from, you're sure to get a different show every time you book them.

As you can see, our **Education And Outreach** program always has something interesting going on. Whatever your age or experience level, join the **Academy at Civic Theatre** to learn about theatre arts, build your communication skills, or just have fun!



Waukesha Civic Theatre Announces New Managing Artistic Director:

RHONDA MARIE SCHMIDT

The Waukesha Civic Theatre is entering its 63rd season, located in historic Downtown Waukesha. We are a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide quality live theatre performances and educational opportunities that will enrich, challenge and entertain both participants and audience members. There have been six managing directors over the past six decades. We are excited to announce our seventh: Rhonda Marie Schmidt. Rhonda took over in February 2019 from John Cramer, who has moved on to become the Director of the Oconomowoc Arts Center.

Rhonda has been managing theatre departments in an educational setting for nine years after studying at UW-Milwaukee and The American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She has had practical experience as a performer and director in New York and has been present in exploring many avenues in Wisconsin Theatre, including directing, teaching, performing, producing, and designing at

Divine Savior Holy Angels, University Lake School, Waukesha Civic Theatre, Sunset Playhouse, The Milwaukee REP, and Skylight Music Theatre.

Rhonda has a love for Waukesha Civic Theatre and the City of Waukesha, where she lives with her husband, their two children, and their beloved pets. She believes that Community Theatre is about building a team of individuals who show-up for one another - to create, to build, to plan, to dream, to clean, and to work - combining the efforts of paid and unpaid artists to create something beautiful. Rhonda looks forward to building a team that will look to the future and longevity of the Waukesha Civic Theatre.

The staff and Board of Directors at the Waukesha Civic Theatre are excited for Rhonda's leadership as we continue to enrich, challenge, and entertain both participants and audience members through our quality, live theatre performances and educational opportunities.

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SHREK The Musical JR	October 2019: 25th - 27th Fri. & Sat. at 7:00 pm and Sun. at 1 pm TICKETS: Adults & Seniors \$10 / Students \$8
CHRISTMAS CAROL	December 2019: 6th - 8th Fri. at 7 pm, Sat. at 3 pm 7 pm, Sun. at 1 pm and 4 pm TICKETS: Adults & Seniors \$10 / Students \$8
33 Variations	February 2020: 7th - 9th & 14th - 16th Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm and Sun. at 2 pm TICKETS: Adults \$15 / Seniors & Students \$13
THE MUSIC MAN MEREDITH WILLSON'S	Spring 2020: April 24th - 26th & May 1st - 3rd Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sun. at 2 pm TICKETS: Adults \$18 / Seniors & Students \$15

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Save As Much As You Spend Supporting The Arts In Waukesha!

The Waukesha Civic Theatre has been a cultural cornerstone for more than 60 years. We have been in our current location - 264 W. Main St., Downtown Waukesha - since 1999. We have depended upon the support of our subscribers our entire existence. We are partnering with 16 downtown Waukesha establishments this season to offer fantastic savings to our subscribers with our **Subscriber Benefits Card**. Our partners include: Allô! Chocolat, Bernie's Taproom, Five Point Pub, Crush Wine Bar, Dave's Restaurant, Eric's Porter Haus, Magellan's, Mainstream Bar & Grill, Mia's, Milwaukee Pizza Co., People's Park, Plowshare Fair Trade Marketplace, Rochester Deli, The Salty Toad, Spring City Wine House, and The Steaming Cup. If you buy a subscription package (we have three incredible options to choose from), here are the benefits you will receive:

- **Subscriber Rate on any additional tickets**
- **Subscriber Benefits Card, with discounts or deals at 16 Downtown Waukesha Establishments**
- **Offers may be used multiple times during the season**

Here's what all that really means: The subscriber rate allows you to save up to 33% per ticket, depending on the type of show you're buying tickets for and the package you purchase. The **Subscriber Benefits Card** can be used as many times as you want over the course of the season; *that's as many times as you visit our restaurant partners between now and the end of June 2020!* There is no limit to how

many times you can use your **Subscriber Benefits Card** or how many discounted tickets you can purchase! And if you find that you can't attend the performance you ordered your tickets for, that's okay too: as a subscriber, you can get free exchanges to another performance of the same show!

So what do you have to do to get all this? Just purchase one of our subscription packages:

• **Flix Mix**

Save 20% by getting one ticket to each of our PIX Flix movies with this package! It's only available through **July 15, 2019**, so get your tickets now!

• **Mainstage Season Ticket**

This package is our best value, saving you 33% all by itself! Buy tickets to 6 Mainstage shows and receive the 7th FREE! It includes all seven of our sensational Mainstage shows with the same confirmed seats for each show. But hurry! It's only available through **September 29, 2019**.

• **Flex Pass Membership**

This package is truly one of our best kept secrets! It saves you 22% and gets you four tickets that you can use however you want to anything we do (fundraisers excluded)! Use all four coupons at one show, one coupon at four different shows, or come up with your own combination - the ultimate in flexibility! Because it's so flexible, it's available through the end of our season - **June 27, 2020**.



In addition to our restaurant partners, WCT partners with a variety of local businesses and organizations to offer the quality live entertainment you've come to expect and to give back to the Waukesha community. Some of these partners include: ACAP, Berg Management, Bunny Gumbo, Cantrell's Carpet Cleaning, Carroll University, Century Fence, DustFree Cleaners, Electronic Tele-Communications, The Freeman, Orange Hat Publishing, Pop's Kettle Corn, TopFloor, Van James Photography, Water Doctors, Waukesha County Business Alliance, Waukesha Reads, Waukesha State Bank, Waukesha STEM Academy, Wilde Automotive, Wisconsin Arts Board, and Wisconsin Public Radio.

Only a handful of community theatres across the nation can claim the honor of a half-century or more of consecutive operation and we are thrilled to open our 63rd consecutive Mainstage season this July! For more information and to see our full season, visit us online at www.waukeshacivictheatre.org. Or feel free to call the Box Office: 262-547-0708.

See you at the Theatre!

The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow! "Annie" Auditions/Performances Coming To The Greenwald Foundation PAC

The Village Players in Mukwonago will be producing the musical "Annie" to be performed at the Greenwald Foundation Performing Arts Center at Mukwonago High School this holiday season. Show dates are scheduled the weekend of Midnight Magic in December.

This year marks the Village Players' 47th season of bringing wonderful entertainment to the south-east Wisconsin area. Director Pat Hitt will lead the production crew of "Annie," holding auditions on October 1st and 2nd from 6:30 till 9pm at Hillside Community Church in Mukwonago. This will be Hitt's 8th holiday production since establishing the annual event in 2005.

"We'll be looking for singers, dancers and actors ages 12 through adult," said Hitt. Auditions generally consist of a reading from the script, and singing 16 bars from a song of your choosing. An accompanist is provided at auditions. The auditions are open to seasoned performers, and newcomers as well.

"We also invite anyone who would like to help 'behind the scenes' to get in touch. It's such a fun, rewarding experience." The rehearsals typically run evenings, Monday through Thursday for about 7 weeks, with time off for Thanksgiving weekend, leading up to the performance dates of December 6th, 7th and 8th.

Tickets will be available starting November 1st at various ticket outlets in Mukwonago, online at brownpapertickets.com, or by calling the players at (262)470-4786. More information about auditions

and performances can be found at the Village Players website, mukwonagovillageplayers.org.



AUDITIONS

October 1st and 2nd, 6:30pm
Hillside Community Church, Mukwonago

PERFORMANCES

December 6th, 7th and 8th
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