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## **2023 is full of golden moments at the corner of West & Main Streets** **Theatre Arlington proudly announces its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Arlington, TX, December 14, 2022:

Executive Producer Steven D. Morris is thrilled to begin work on Theatre Arlington’s historic 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It’s been five busy and exciting decades full of live performances, education, expansions, development and a commitment to bettering the community around them that has enabled Theatre Arlington to reach its Golden Anniversary. A goal that those *Potluck Players* back in 1973 could not have even dreamt was possible! With the theater’s recent renovations, Theatre Arlington is better than ever – with a new look, new equipment and a new cabaret stage in the lobby – all to enhance not only their production quality but also the experience of every patron, young or old. The 2023 season will offer three great musicals, family-friendly shows, a fun all-youth musical, prize-winning dramas, hysterical comedies and the return of Theatre Arlington’s Club Series, which includes Club Cabaret, Comedy Club and the Play-Reading Club. All Club Series performances are presented in the beautiful, intimate lobby space with great access to Theatre BARlington. Combined with the theater’s targeted efforts to become a more diverse theater better representing the community, onstage and in the seats, Theatre Arlington will shine even brighter as the heart of the city’s cultural district.

### **THEATRE ARLINGTON’S MAINSTAGE SEASON**



#### **GYPSY**

*Musical*

Book by Arthur Laurents | Music by Jule Styne | Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
Suggested by the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee

**February 10 - March 5, 2023**

Director **Steven D. Morris** | Music Director **Vonda K. Bowling** | Choreographer **Nicole Carrano**

The Mother of All Musicals! Regarded by many theater professionals as the finest musical ever created, *Gypsy* is the ultimate tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success - while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920s and 30s, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart and sophistication.

*Adult content*



#### **NOISES OFF**

*Comedy*

By Michael Frayn

**March 31 – April 16, 2023**

Director **Cheryl Denson**

Called “the funniest farce ever written,” *Noises Off* presents a manic menagerie of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called *Nothing’s On*. Doors slamming, on and offstage intrigue, and an errant herring all figure in the plot of this hilarious and classically comic play.

*Adult humor*



# ON GOLDEN POND

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*Drama*

By Ernest Thompson

May 5 – 21, 2023

Director **Steven D. Morris** | Starring **Deborah Brown & David Coffee**

This is the love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the forty-eighth year. He is a retired professor, nearing eighty, with heart palpitations and a failing memory—but still as tart-tongued, observant and eager for life as ever.

Ethel, ten years younger, and the perfect foil for Norman, delights in all the small things that have enriched and continue to enrich their long life together. They are visited by their divorced, middle-aged daughter and her dentist fiancé, who then go off to Europe, leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. The boy quickly becomes the "grandchild" the elderly couple have longed for, and as Norman revels in taking his ward fishing and thrusting good books at him, he also learns some lessons about modern teenage awareness—and slang—in return. In the end, as the summer wanes, so does their brief idyll, and in the final, deeply moving moments of the play, Norman and Ethel are brought even closer together by the incidence of a mild heart attack. Time, they know, is now against them, but the years have been good and, perhaps, another summer on Golden Pond still awaits.



# FLY BY NIGHT

## FLY BY NIGHT

*Musical*

Conceived by Kim Rosenstock | Written by Will Connolly, Michael Mitnick & Kim Rosenstock

June 16 – July 2, 2023

Director **Major Attaway** | Starring **David Coffee**

A star-crossed prophecy. Two charming sisters and a luckless sandwich maker. A lot of music.

Just not a lot of light. In this darkly comic rock-fable, a melancholy sandwich maker's humdrum life is intersected by two entrancing sisters. A sweeping ode to young love set against the backdrop of the Northeast blackout of 1965, Fly By Night is a tale about making your way and discovering hope in a world beset by darkness.



# SUPERIOR DONUTS

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*Comedy*

By Tracy Letts

July 21 – August 6, 2023

Directors **Larry Cure & Sharon Kaye Miller**

Arthur Przybyszewski owns a decrepit donut shop in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago. Franco Wicks, a black teenager who is his only employee, wants to change the shop for the better. This comedy-drama by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Letts explores the challenges of embracing the past and the redemptive power of friendship.

*Adult language*



# AVENUE Q

## AVENUE Q

*Musical*

Music & lyrics by Jeff Marx & Robert Lopez | Book by Jeff Whitty

Based on an original concept by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx

AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Director **Bryan Stevenson** | Music Director **Mark Mullino** | Choreographer **Nik Blocker**

A puppet-filled comedy follows a group of twenty-somethings seeking their purpose in big-city life. The laugh-out-loud musical tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton, who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that, although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his

new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates and their ever-elusive purpose in life. Although the show addresses humorous adult issues, it is similar to a beloved children's show; a place where puppets are friends, monsters are good and life lessons are learned.

*Adult content, language and humor*

The logo for 'American SON' features the word 'American' in a blue, cursive font above a horizontal bar with a red, white, and blue pattern. Below this, the word 'SON' is written in large, bold, black capital letters.

### AMERICAN SON

*Drama*

By Christopher Demos-Brown

**October 6 – 15, 2023**

Director **Kenja Brown**

An estranged bi-racial couple must confront their feelings about race and bias after their son is detained by the local police following a traffic stop incident. Their disparate histories and backgrounds inform their assumptions as they try to find out what happened to their son.

*Adult situations & language*

The logo for 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL: The Radio Show' features the words 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL:' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this is a small illustration of a vintage radio. Underneath the radio, the words 'The Radio Show' are written in a red, cursive font.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE RADIO SHOW

*Comedy*

By David Alberts

**December 1 – 17, 2023**

Director **Steven D. Morris** | Starring **B.J. Cleveland**

It's Christmas Eve, and with the actors snowed in and unable to make it to the studios of WXMS for the live radio performance of A Christmas Carol, the sound effects person decides to take the audience through the classic tale himself. In an impressive and amusing feat, this telling is performed as a 1940s radio play with one person providing all of the characters' voices and sound effects. This rollicking, creative adaptation of Dickens' classic work is sure to warm the hearts of even the chilliest audience members.

*Appropriate for ages 6+*

## THEATRE ARLINGTON'S FAMILY SERIES



### CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG, JR.

*All-Youth Musical*

Music & lyrics by Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman

Adapted for the stage by Jeremy Sams | Licensed script adapted by Ray Roderick

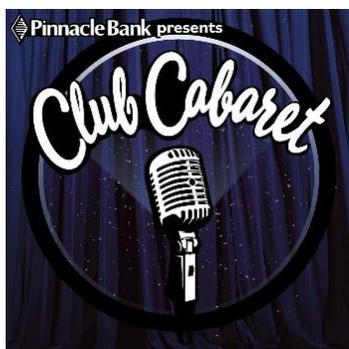
**November 3 – 12, 2023**

Director **Cindy Honeycutt**

Take a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas. Eccentric inventor, Caractacus Potts, sets about restoring an old race car with the help of his children Jeremy and Jemima. They soon discover the car is magic, and has the ability to float and take flight. When the evil Baron Bomburst desires the magic car for himself, the family joins forces with Truly Scrumptious and Grandpa Potts to outwit the dastardly Baron and Baroness and their villainous henchman, the Child Catcher.

*Appropriate for audiences ages 3+*

## THEATRE ARLINGTON'S CLUB SERIES



### CLUB CABARET

Theatre Arlington's popular cabaret shows return with the Metroplex's best performers for a relaxed evening of music and fun in an intimate environment.

January 27, 2023	May 27, 2023
January 28, 2023	September 15, 2023
March 10, 2023	September 29, 2023
March 11, 2023	September 30, 2023
April 28, 2023	October 27, 2023
April 29, 2023	October 28, 2023
May 26, 2023	November 17, 2023
	November 18, 2023

*Performers and more details to be announced later*

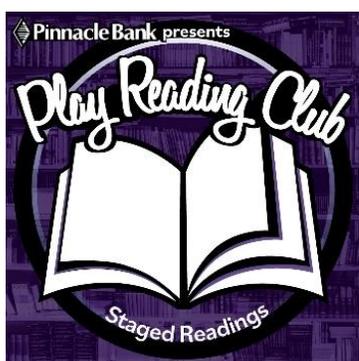


### COMEDY CLUB

The second Sunday of each month, our newly formed comedy troupe will present a fun night of comedy that includes a mix of improv, sketches, musical numbers and stand-up.

February 12, 2023	August 13, 2023
March 12, 2023	September 10, 2023
May 14, 2023	October 8, 2023
June 11, 2023	November 12, 2023
July 9, 2023	December 10, 2023

*More details to be announced later*



### PLAY READING CLUB

Enjoy staged readings of new plays by local playwrights plus the debut of Theatre Arlington's Playwriting Contest. All with talkbacks with cast and director.

April 21 & 22, 2023 <i>The Game</i> by Brian George	July 7 & 8, 2023 TBA
June 2 & 3, 2023 World premiere of brand-new musical in conjunction with <a href="http://musicalwriters.com">musicalwriters.com</a>	August 11 & 12, 2023 TBA
	September 22 & 23, 2023 Theatre Arlington Playwriting Contest Winner

For more information about Theatre Arlington's 2023 Season: <https://theatrearlington.org/2023-season/>

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#### ABOUT THEATRE ARLINGTON:

Located in the center of Arlington's Cultural Arts District, Theatre Arlington is one of the largest semi-professional, non-profit theaters in the Southwest with roots that date back to 1973 and a gypsy theater group known as The Potluck Players. Forty-eight years later, the staff and board of directors are still as dedicated to *enhancing the quality of life in North Texas by presenting superior, diverse, artistic experiences through performance, production and education* as they were during their humble beginnings.

In addition to a regular season featuring seven productions, an all-youth musical and a club series, the theater runs a year-round theater school including spring break and summer camps, and partners with the Arlington ISD and local community organizations to provide free and low-cost art enrichment programs for area children and teens. The theater is also proud to perform under an Actors' Equity Small Professional Theatre contract. Theatre Arlington has become a key player in enriching the city's cultural environment.