



2026/2027 SEASON



Mainstage Musical

By L Frank Baum

Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Directed by Lisa Chase

September 18th - October 3rd, 2026

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, featuring the iconic musical score you know and love and the story you cherish from the original MGM film. Join Dorothy, Toto and their friends as they travel over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz

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Mainstage Comedy

By Joseph Kesselring

Directed by Alicia Spiegel

October 16th - 25th, 2026

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 24th at 2 p.m.

Drama critic Mortimer Brewster's engagement announcement is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunts' window seat.

Mortimer rushes to tell Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha before they stumble upon the body themselves, only to learn that the two old women aren't just aware of the dead man in their parlor, they killed him.

Between his aunts' penchant for poisoning wine, a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and another brother using plastic surgery to hide from the police – not to mention Mortimer's own hesitancy about marriage – it'll be a miracle if Mortimer makes it to his wedding. *Arsenic and Old Lace* is a classic dark comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: family.

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Black Box Musical

Developed and Directed by Jim Russell

November 13th - 22nd, 2026

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 21st at 2 p.m.

Patsy, Dolly, Tammy and Loretta are four old friends who find themselves together on Christmas Eve in Honky Tonk Heaven, a country dive bar in an ethereal realm. Over a few drinks, a few laughs and a few tears, they reminisce about their careers, lives and loves.

Featuring the greatest hits of Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn, plus their gentlemen friends Conway Twitty, George Jones, Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers, this nostalgic country-western fantasy highlights iconic music from the hearts and souls of the Honky Tonk greats.

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Mainstage Holiday Classic

By Charles Dickens

Adapted for the Stage by Jim Russell

Directed by Samantha Sacasa

December 4th - 20th, 2026

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

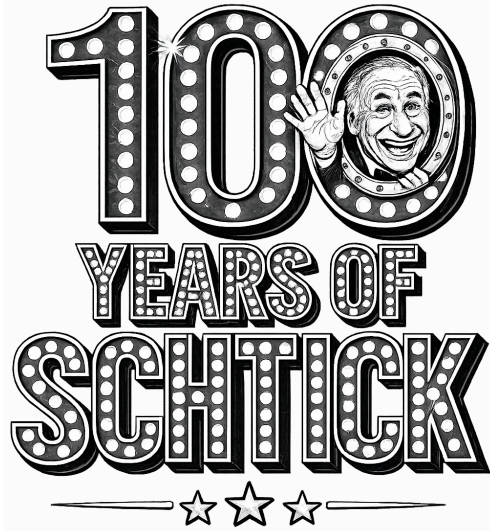
Saturdays, December 12th and 19th at 2 p.m.

Scrooge is back and SHE is as ill-tempered as ever! By popular demand, Charles Dickens' famous tale returns to Carrollwood Players with all the traditional magic, moments and characters you know and love - plus this exciting twist will make this year's Scrooge more fascinating than ever!

Will Madame Scrooge change her ways in time for Christmas? Will Tiny Tim and the Cratchits find hope? Will the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future successfully complete their mission in old London town this snowy, wintry Christmas Eve?

Bring the whole family for a magical journey through time as we present this beautiful story that will inspire you to laugh, be of good cheer, and experience a heartwarming message about the power of love and kindness.

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Black Box Comedy

Developed and Directed by Thomas Pahl

January 8th - 17th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

On screen and on stage, filmmaker, director, comedian, actor and songwriter Mel Brooks has been making people laugh for over 70 years.

In celebration of his 100th birthday, we present an evening of his funniest songs, bits, scenes and more.

Featuring hilarious moments from the mind of the master of schtick, this hilarious comedy musical revue includes scenes and songs from *The Producers*, *Space Balls*, *High Anxiety*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Blazing Saddles*, *Men in Tights*, *The History of the World, Part One* and more.

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PRESCRIPTION: MURDER

Mainstage Mystery Thriller

By William Link and Richard L. Levinson

Directed by Marc S. Sanders

January 22nd - February 7th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Sundays at 2 p.m.

Prescription: Murder is the original gripping suspense/mystery play that introduced the iconic razor-sharp detective, Columbo. When a brilliant psychiatrist carefully plots the perfect crime, he believes every detail has been accounted for. But an unassuming detective with a rumpled coat and a relentless eye for detail begins to unravel the truth one small clue at a time.

Filled with clever twists, psychological tension, and moments of sly humor, this classic thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end. As the battle of wits intensifies between murderer and detective, *Prescription: Murder* delivers an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

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Black Box Short Play Festival / Festival de Obras Cortas Black Box

Directed by Mariló Trujillo / Dirigido por Mariló Trujillo

February 12th - 21st, 2027 / 12 al 21 de febrero de 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. / Viernes y sábados a las 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m. / Domingos a las 2 p.m.

A shining example of Carrollwood Players' investment in diversity, youth and new works, this original production celebrates creativity, possibility, and the joy of storytelling. *Pure Imagination* goes a step further by inviting local young people to be part of the creative process—calling on area youth to submit their own original scripts - in Spanish and English - to be considered for inclusion. The result is a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience - performed by adult actors - that empowers young voices and truly looks to the future.

Un brillante ejemplo de la inversión de Carrollwood Players en la diversidad, la juventud y las nuevas obras, esta producción original celebra la creatividad, las posibilidades y la alegría de contar historias. *Pure Imagination* va un paso más allá al invitar a jóvenes de la comunidad a formar parte del proceso creativo, convocando a jóvenes del área a presentar sus propios guiones originales —en español e inglés— para ser considerados para su inclusión. El resultado es una experiencia teatral única —interpretada por actores adultos— que impulsa las voces jóvenes y mira verdaderamente hacia el futuro.

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Mainstage Musical

Book by Bridget Carpenter

Music by Tom Kitt

Lyrics by Brian Yorkey

Directed by Joie Marsh

February 26th - March 14th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 6th at 2 p.m.

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again.

Freaky Friday, based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a heartfelt, comedic, and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic.

By spending a day in each other's shoes, Katherine and Ellie come to appreciate one another's struggles, learn self-acceptance, and realize the power of the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter.

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Black Box Classic Comedy

By William Shakespeare

Adapted and Directed by Allison Duque

March 19th - 28th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Chaos, comedy, and mistaken identity collide in William Shakespeare's wildly entertaining farce, *The Comedy of Errors*. When two sets of long-lost twins unknowingly arrive in the same bustling city, confusion reigns as servants are mistaken for masters, strangers for spouses, and everyone seems to be chasing the wrong person. Packed with rapid-fire wit, slapstick humor, and increasingly outrageous misunderstandings, this timeless classic proves that sometimes the biggest laughs come from the simplest mix-ups.

Beneath the hilarity lies a surprisingly heartfelt story about family, reunion, and finding where one truly belongs. Perfect for audiences of all ages, *The Comedy of Errors* delivers an evening of energetic fun, colorful characters, and theatrical joy. Whether you're a lifelong Shakespeare fan or discovering his work for the first time, this fast-paced comedy is a delightful celebration of language, laughter, and the beautiful absurdity of life.

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Mainstage Comedy

By Leslie Kimball

Directed by Marc S. Sanders

April 2nd - 17th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 10th at 2 p.m.

Retirement has never been so riotous! In the laugh-out-loud comedy *Four Old Broads*, a group of spirited senior women at Magnolia Place Assisted Living are convinced something suspicious is going on when residents begin disappearing under mysterious circumstances.

Determined to uncover the truth, these feisty ladies trade bingo cards for detective work, embarking on a wildly entertaining investigation filled with outrageous antics, quick wit, and nonstop surprises.

Packed with colorful characters, playful humor, and a touch of old-fashioned mischief, *Four Old Broads* is a heartwarming celebration of friendship, independence, and proving you're never too old for adventure.

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Black Box Musical

Developed and Directed by Jim Russell

April 30th - May 9th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Sundays at 2 p.m.

You can check out - but don't expect to leave.

This wildly imaginative comedy blends science fiction, classic rock, and larger-than-life characters into a theatrical experience unlike anything else in the season.

Set in a mysterious hotel where reality bends and time plays by its own rules, *Hotel Califorbia* features a parade of wildly colorful guests, unexpected twists, and a soundtrack packed with iconic classic rock hits.

Funny, surreal, and bursting with energy, it's a bold original that proves anything can happen once you step inside the *Hotel California*.

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Mainstage Musical

Book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

Directed by Thomas Pahl

May 14th - June 5th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Sister Act is the feel-good musical comedy based on the hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet!

When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior.

Using her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community but, in doing so, blows her cover. Soon, the gang is giving chase, only to find them up against Deloris and the power of her newly found sisterhood.

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Lend Me a Soprano



Mainstage Comedy

By Ken Ludwig

Directed by Penni Willen

July 30th - August 14th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Mistaken identities, backstage chaos, and soaring egos collide in *Lend Me a Soprano*, a sparkling farce that delivers nonstop laughter with an operatic flair.

Set in 1930s Cleveland on the eve of a major performance, the play follows a frantic theater manager whose world unravels when a world-famous soprano unexpectedly goes missing. As understudies, assistants, and scheming admirers scramble to save the evening, doors slam, disguises multiply, and misunderstandings spiral delightfully out of control.

A fresh and modern reimagining of the classic comedy *Lend Me a Tenor*, this witty production flips the script with a glamorous female lead and a sharp contemporary sensibility. Packed with larger-than-life characters, rapid-fire comedy, and theatrical mayhem, *Lend Me a Soprano* is a joyful celebration of live theater and the beautiful chaos behind the curtain.

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2026/2027 SPECIAL EVENTS



Special Mainstage Spooky Event

Developed and Directed by Se'a Ryan

October 29th - 31st, 2026

Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.

Saturday at 2 p.m.

Back by popular demand following our smash hit spooky event in 2024, this special limited engagement performance of classic scary tales - read by some of CWP's most accomplished actors - is sure to get you primed for Halloween.

Featuring Edgar Allen Poe's terrifying "The Tell Tale Heart," W.W. Jacobs' bloodcurdling "The Monkey's Paw," Charlotte Perkins Gilman's unsettling "The Yellow Wallpaper," and Bram Stoker's horrifying "The Judge's House" - plus a few surprises!

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THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW

Special Black Box Comedy Event

Directed by Alicia Spiegel

January 19th - March 10th, 2027

Most Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Following last year's sold out blockbuster hit, *The Carol Burnett Show* returns to our Black Box theatre with all-new sketches from the most popular TV comedy variety show of all time - with weekday matinees featuring our new troupe, *The Daytime Players*.

Join us as that familiar theme song begins to play, and our own cast of cut-ups takes to the stage as Carol Burnett, Tim Conway, Vicki Lawrence, Harvey Korman and special guests perform a collection of the show's funniest and most memorable comedy sketches. And you never know what might happen when this funny foursome and their friends go off script!

This special event is not included in any season ticket package. Season ticket holders will receive priority ticket access, 10% off tickets and reserved VIP seating.

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Special Mainstage Comedy Event

By Anthony Wilkinson

Directed by Kevin Still

June 18th - 27th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

A hilarious and heartfelt sequel to the hit comedy *My Big Gay Italian Wedding*, this over-the-top family reunion finds the outrageous clan you met and loved last year gathering for one unforgettable funeral. As relatives, ex-lovers, nosy neighbors, and dramatic family friends descend upon the ceremony, long-buried secrets and explosive confrontations turn a solemn occasion into complete comedic chaos. Packed with sharp one-liners, colorful characters, and nonstop surprises, *My Big Gay Italian Funeral* celebrates family in all its messy, loving glory.

Beneath the laughter and larger-than-life antics lies a touching story about love, loss, acceptance, and the bonds that hold families together—even when they drive each other crazy. Equal parts sitcom-style comedy and heartfelt tribute, this crowd-pleasing hit delivers outrageous fun with genuine emotional warmth, making it a perfect night of laughter for audiences of all backgrounds.

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Special Black Box Comedy Event

July 9th - 18th, 2027

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Sundays at 2 p.m.

The hugely popular Carrollwood Players One Act Play Festival returns, presented this year in our intimate Black Box theatre featuring 8 short plays in one theatrical experience.

This year, our goal is to make you laugh!

We'll be seeking submissions of original, never-before-seen short comedies from aspiring playwrights who were born with the gift of comedy.

Your job is easy: let us tickle your funny bone!

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