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Fountain Hills Theater Announces Their 2018-19 Season

FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ, April 6, 2018: — Fountain Hills Theater publicly announced their 2018-19 Season on March 25th, at their “Review Preview Review.” There are a total of 14 knockout titles, including 10 musicals and four plays for its Mainstage, Mainstage Too! and Youth Theaters. For tickets, and ShowHopper Flex Passes, please call the Box Office at 480-837-9661 x3 or email play@fhtaz.org.

- WHAT:** **Fountain Hills Theater 2018-2019 Season**
- WHERE:** **Fountain Hills Theater**
11445 N Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
www.fhtaz.org
- WHEN:** **August 11, 2018 - June 16, 2019**
- COST:** **Individual Adult Tickets \$30; Youth 17 and under and Students with valid ID, \$12. Adult and youth tickets to any youth production, \$12. Group rates available for 10+ on adult ticket prices only. Veteran, Active Duty, and Senior Discounts. Season ShowHopper Flex Passes also available. Please inquire.**
- HOW:** **Reservations: (480) 837-9661 x3 Visa/MC/Amex/Discover or visit fhtaz.org**

ON THE MAINSTAGE in 2018-19

Jesus Christ, Superstar

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER, Lyrics by TIM RICE

Aug 31 – Sept 16, 2018

Groundbreaking! Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock masterpiece brings passion of the last seven days of Jesus' life to the stage. A global phenomenon that has wowed audiences for over 40 years, “**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**” is a timeless work set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of

events but seen through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Groundbreaking! *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR* is presented by arrangement with *The Musical Company, LP*.

Steel Magnolias

By ROBERT HARLING

October 12 – 28, 2018

Southern comfort! Sometimes laughter is a matter of life and death in the funniest play to ever make you cry. The celebrated Southern classic of family and friendship, this is the story of a group of strong and beautiful women who cluster around Truvy's Beauty Parlor in a small Louisiana parish. The story centers on Shelby, who moves from wedding to childbirth to medical complications with a love of life and a willingness to face its possibilities bravely. *STEEL MAGNOLIAS* is presented through special arrangement with *Dramatists Play Service*.

The Producers

A New Mel Brooks Musical

Book by MEL BROOKS and THOMAS MEEHAN, Music and Lyrics by MEL BROOKS

By Special arrangement with StudioCanal

January 25 – February 10, 2019

Springtime for Hitler! Bialystock and Bloom aim to produce the biggest flop on Broadway in Mel Brooks' laugh-out-loud spectacle. Max Bialystock and Leopold Bloom have discovered a surefire way to make a fortune on Broadway: raise millions from little old lady investors, produce the worst play in a long history of flops, and then run off with the money when the play closes on opening night. They think they've found their play in *Springtime for Hitler* – but anything can happen when the lights go down on Broadway! *Adult language. THE PRODUCERS* is presented through special arrangement with *Musical Theater International (MTI)*. All authorized theater materials are also presented by *MTI*. www.MTIShows.com.

The Foreigner

By Larry Shue

March 8 – 24, 2019

Positively antic! When everyone thinks Charlie speaks no English, everyone confides their darkest secrets to him. *The Foreigner* may be one of the funniest American plays ever written. A shy Englishman takes a much-needed holiday to a rural fishing lodge in Georgia with his good friend, Froggy. When Froggy informs the other inhabitants of the lodge that Charlie speaks no English in order to avoid unwanted conversation, the cast of outrageous characters freely reveals to him one secret after another, unleashing intrigue, outrage, and a once-in-

a-lifetime opportunity. *THE FOREIGNER* is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

Pippin

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SCHWARTZ, Book by ROGER O. HIRSON

April 19 – May 5, 2018

Extra- Ordinary! From the composer of 'Wicked', Pippin, is a young prince who longs to find passion and adventure in his life. What does it mean to live an extraordinary life? This is the question that drives Pippin through the adventures of war, sex, politics and love – all the while guided by the malicious hand of the Leading Player. While the Players strive to steer Pippin towards the perfect, theatrically tragic end of his story, Pippin begins to discover what it truly means to be extraordinary in our world. Full of dance, passion, and Schwartz's iconic music (including "Corner of the Sky," "Magic to Do," and "Extraordinary"), “**PIPPIN**” is the ultimate theatrical experience that will leave audiences debating what boundaries are crossed for love. *Adult language and themes. PIPPIN is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theater International.*

ON MAINSTAGE TOO! in 2018-19

Ring of Fire

Conceived by WILLIAM MEADE and Created by RICHARD MALTBY, JR.

August 10 – 26, 2018

The Man in Black! From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes this musical about love and faith, rowdiness and redemption. From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. More than two dozen classic hits, including *I Walk the Line*, *A Boy Named Sue*, *Folsom Prison Blues*, and the title tune, paint a musical portrait that promises to be a footstompin', crowd-pleasin' salute to a uniquely American legend. *RING OF FIRE is presented through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.*

The Rat Pack Lounge

Written by JAMES HINDMAN and RAY RODERICK, Musical arrangements by JOHN GLAUDINI

November 2 – 18, 2018

Ring-A-Ding-Ding! “It’s a Wonderful Life” meets “Ocean’s Eleven!” With over 30 hit songs, this delightful musical romp will leave you singing and swinging. Frank, Dean and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on earth. It seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the

owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. **“THE RAT PACK LOUNGE”** will leave you singing and savoring the days of highballs and high rollers. *THE RAT PACK LOUNGE is presented by arrangement with Miracle or 2 Theatrical Licensing*

12 Days of Christmas

By PETER J. HILL

December 7 – 23, 2018

A Merry, Magical Musical! 12 delightful, funny and touching Holiday tales woven with traditional and unique music of the season. A perfect family show! Whether it's finding the perfect gift, visiting Santa or spending the Holiday with 'them', everyone has Holiday memories that they cherish or dread. 12 of those memories are all boxed and wrapped in the music of the season in this funny, and sometimes touching, new musical.

An Act of God

By DAVID JAVERBAUM

January 4 – 20, 2019

Divine Comedy! The new, very edgy, hit play from the creator of, well, everything. Written by God. Transcribed by 13-time Emmy Winner David Javerbaum. God has taken corporeal form for only the second time in Christian history (it appears to be working out better this time) – in order to correct mankind's dire misconceptions about His thinking and His works. The new comedy **“AN ACT OF GOD”** reveals the mysteries of the Bible while answering the existential questions that have plagued mankind since Creation – in just 90 minutes. The One with the first and last word on everything is on stage to set the record straight...and He's not holding back! *AN ACT OF GOD is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.*

Disenchanted!

By DENNIS T. GIACINO

May 10 – 26, 2018

Disney Princesses meets Bridesmaids! Poisoned apples. Glass slippers. Prince Charming. Who needs 'em? Snow White and her posse of sassy princesses prove that everyone has a dark side when they toss of their tiaras in an absurdly cheeky (and definitely NOT for the kiddies!) theatrical romp that's anything but Grimm. Cinderella is kind of a nitwit, Snow White can be a little mean, and Sleeping Beauty? Narcoleptic, apparently. When it comes to fairy-tale princesses, those are the Big Three, but they're not the way Disney, let alone the Brothers Grimm, drew them. *Adult language and themes. DISENCHANTED! is presented through special arrangement with Dennis T. Giacino (www.officialdisenchantedmusical.com).*

YOUTH THEATER in 2018-19

Narnia

Book by JULES TASCA, Music by THOMAS TIERNEY, Lyrics by TED DRACHMAN

September 21 - October 7, 2018

The first and most famous story of *The Chronicles of Narnia* has become a musical presentation of this unique, enchanted world filled with creatures and spirits of myth and fable, both good and evil, demonic and transcendent. The principal inhabitants, however, are the intelligent talking animals ruled by the majestic King Aslan, the great lion of Narnia. Though Aslan is often absent from the land (so that his very existence is doubted by some), he returns when the need for him is greatest. And entering Narnia at a moment of high adventure are some children—plucked from our world in unexpected ways to help Narnia and to learn from their Narnia odyssey lessons of courage, unselfishness and wisdom that will help them grow. Narnia wants to sing, and from the excitement of the opening song, "Aslan's on the Move," to the joy of "Narnia (You Can't Imagine)," your spirits will soar with all those in Narnia. *NARNIA is presented through special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing.*

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Book by RACHEL SHEINKIN, Music by WILLIAM FINN

February 15 – March 3, 2019

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box. Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. *THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theater International.*

James and the Giant Peach

From the book by ROALD DAHL, Dramatized by RICHARD R. GEORGE

March 29 – April 14, 2019

A magical peach! An imprisoned boy! Insect friends! An incredible journey! This amazing adventure of James Henry Trotter will fulfill the fantasy of anyone who has ever dreamed of escape. Roald Dahl's story comes hilariously to life in this delightful dramatization that reveals the wickedness of some, the goodness of others,

and the indecision encountered by many when they are faced with crises. You will see James (as he cleverly gets the Peach out of danger), the wise Old-Green-Grasshopper and the pessimistic Earthworm. You will also see James' mean Aunt Spiker and cruel Aunt Sponge come to a suitably sticky end. *JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH* is presented through special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing.

Pinkalicious

Book by VICTORIA & ELIZABETH KANN, Music and lyrics by JOHN GREGOR

May 31 - June 16, 2019

This is the tale, based on the popular book by Victoria Kann and Elizabeth Kann, of Pinkalicious, who can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe – a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this pink predicament. *Pinkalicious the Musical* is about learning the power of self-control and the importance of moderation. *PINKALICIOUS* is presented through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide

SHOW AND TICKET INFO

Mainstage and Mainstage Too! performances at Fountain Hills Theater are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30PM and Sundays at 2PM. Youth performances are Fridays, Saturdays at 7:00PM and Sundays at 2PM. Ticket prices are \$30.00 for adults, \$12.00 for children under 17 or with valid student I.D., and \$12 for youth and adults to any youth performance. Seniors receive a \$5.00 discount on all Thursday performances. Group rates, student rush, senior and veteran discounts are available. All performances are at Fountain Hills Theater at 11445 N. Saguaro Blvd. (The Corner of Saguaro and Rand). Tickets are available through the Theater Box Office at (480) 837-9661 x3. Box Office Hours are 12:00 PM-5:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday). Visit our website at www.fhtaz.org.

THE SHOWHOPPER FLEX PASS

With excitement, Fountain Hills Theater introduces ShowHopper Flex Passes. ShowHopper Flex Passes, enable the Theater to offer group rate pricing to individuals. This is a discounted ticket package with two options: 5 tickets for \$135 (a savings of \$15); or 10 tickets for \$250 (a savings of \$50). Much like Season Tickets, these packages allow theater-goers to reserve seats ahead of time; but offers the flexibility of using the individual tickets for any combination of shows during the season. Use all of the tickets for one show...or spread them throughout the 2018-19 Season. Purchase more ShowHopper Flex Passes throughout the season as needed! The purchase of ShowHopper Flex Passes also provides eligibility to receive invitations to "members-only" events and advance seat reservations. For more info, or to purchase, call 480.837.9661 x3. Also available online at fhtaz.org.

ABOUT FOUNTAIN HILLS THEATER

Fountain Hills Theater presents 3 regularly scheduled seasons of productions in their two theaters. The Theater's year-round offering includes Mainstage, Mainstage Too!, and Youth productions. Additionally, special events, community outreach, and educational arts programming for our youth is also offered. The Mainstage (often called the "big") theater seats 130 and is devoted to medium and large-scale popular musicals and plays including the best of Broadway and Off-Broadway. No seat is more than 35 feet from the stage. The Youth/Mainstage Too! (also called the "little" theater) is a smaller, more intimate 90-seat, thrust style auditorium that offers thought-provoking, inspiring and sometimes challenging productions including Broadway musicals, original plays, musicals, and art works. Most of the youth productions are performed in the more intimate, smaller theater. Both stages often run productions concurrently. Special events are offered throughout the season on both stages as well as in community centers. The Theater has been in operation as a professionally-directed community theater for over 30 years. The Mission of Fountain Hills Theater is "to engage, inspire and entertain diverse audiences, train and support our youth, and celebrate the essential power of the performing arts." Fountain Hills Theater is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible. The Theater is 100% funded by ticket sales and donations. Volunteer opportunities are available. Fountain Hills Theater is located at 11445 N. Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Phone: 480.837.9661. Fax: 480.837.5972. The Box Office is open Tues.-Fri., 12pm-5pm and Sat. 10am-5pm (closed Sun. and Mon.). The website is fhtaz.org.

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