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The Broadway Rose Theatre Company's 20th Anniversary Season Includes Hairspray and the World Premiere of Ripper

Tigard, OR – Individual tickets for The Broadway Rose's 20th anniversary season of musicals goes on sale January 3. Season tickets are also available.

The season opens with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a sentimental favorite of company co-founder and artistic director Sharon Maroney. "Joseph was the first show that Broadway Rose produced when we opened the theater in 1992. As the opening of our 20th season it just feels right," stated Maroney. The musical will be directed by company co-founder and general manager Dan Murphy. The season continues with the musical revue *I Left My Heart: A Salute to the Music of Tony Bennett* directed by Sharon Maroney. The summer brings two big musicals, *Hairspray* directed by Peggy Taphorn, and the world premiere of the Victorian thriller *Ripper* by Duane Nelsen and directed by Abe Reybold. In the fall the company will produce the 2006 off-Broadway musical *I Love You Because* directed by Dan Murphy. The season will close with the holiday musical revue *A Very Merry PDX-MAS*, conceived and directed by Abe Reybold.

"I am particularly excited about our 20th anniversary season," states Maroney. Not only does it mark a rewarding milestone, it is probably our most diverse line-up of musicals to date, targeting many different ages and tastes. I look forward to an artistically rewarding year."

The 2011 Broadway Rose Theatre Season Up-Close:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
A Classic Family Musical

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Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Directed by Dan Murphy
New Stage
February 10 – March 13, 2011

This colorful retelling of the story of Joseph, his coat of many colors and his amazing ability to interpret dreams is a blockbuster of Biblical proportions! The musical parable features a delightful array of musical styles, from country-western to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, entertaining young and old alike with such hits as "Go Go Go Joseph," "Close Every Door" and "Any Dream Will Do."

I Left My Heart: A Salute to the Music of Tony Bennett

Created by David Grapes and Todd Olson
Arrangements by Vince di Mura
Directed by Sharon Maroney
New Stage
April 14 – May 8, 2011

Take a walk down memory lane in this jazzy new musical revue featuring the music that Bennett recorded over four decades. Sprinkled through with biographical tidbits and anecdotes, *I Left My Heart* sports a thrilling score of 33 Bennett standards, including: "Because Of You," "Stranger In Paradise," "Top Hat, White Tie And Tails," "The Best Is Yet To Come," "Cold, Cold Heart," "I Wanna Be Around," "The Good Life," "Rags To Riches," and his best-known hit, "I Left My Heart In San Francisco."

Hairspray

Big musical. Big comedy. Big hair.
Book by Mark O'Donnell & Thomas Meehan
Music by Marc Shaiman
Lyrics by Marc Shaiman & Scott Whittman
Based on the 1988 John Waters film
Directed by Peggy Taphorn
Deb Fennell Auditorium
June 30 - July 24, 2011

It's 1962 Baltimore, where the '50s are out – and change is in the air. Loveable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing, and wins a spot on the local TV dance program. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to defeat the program's reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without mussing her hair? A winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Ripper

A Musical Victorian Thriller

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Book, music, and lyrics by Duane Nelsen
Directed by Abe Reybold
Deb Fennell Auditorium
August 3 – 21, 2011

The PennyWise Music Hall is home to an illusionist who saws women in half while real murders are taking place on the streets outside. Reporter Chester Talbot sets out to unravel the story, but what he sees may not be what it seems. A truly original take on a well-known story that still provides suspense, surprises, and a refreshing approach. Broadway Rose is pleased to present the world premiere of this thrilling new musical.

Parental guidance suggested.

I Love You Because

A Modern Day Musical Love Story
Music by Joshua Salzman
Book and lyrics by Ryan Cunningham
Directed by Dan Murphy
New Stage
September 22 – October 16, 2011

It's New York City, and Austin has just discovered the woman he planned to spend his life with has other plans. His brother, Jeff, decides it's time for both of them to get back into the dating scene and arranges dates for them both through an online dating service. Jeff and Diana hit it off straight away - after all, they're only after a bit of fun. Things don't go as smoothly for free spirited Marcy and straight-laced Austin. Full of mishaps, misunderstandings and mistakes, *I Love You Because* is a fun, contemporary, romantic comedy.

Parental guidance suggested.

A Very Merry PDX-MAS

A Broadway Rose Christmas Revue
Conceived by Abe Reybold
Original music by Abe Reybold & Jay Tumminello
Directed by Abe Reybold
New Stage
November 23 – December 18, 2011

Combining classic carols, holiday pop songs and original offbeat material created especially for Portland audiences, *A Very Merry PDX-MAS* lovingly pokes fun at our "Ever Green" city with the perfect mix of local humor and holiday heart. *A Very Merry PDX-MAS* is a sidesplitting exploration of seasonal traditions and how the holidays continue to enchant us, inspire us, and drive us to the brink of INSANITY. Songs include: "PDX- MAS," "Carol of the Fans," "The Twelve Days After Christmas," "The Re- Gifters Lament," "Shalom Santa," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

Ticket Information

Six, five and four show subscriptions to Broadway Rose Theatre's 2011 season range from \$108 to \$178.50 and are now on sale. To purchase a subscription or to receive more information, call the Broadway Rose Box Office at (503) 620-5262, or visit Broadway Rose's website at www.broadwayrose.com. Individual tickets go on sale January 3, 2011.

The New Stage is located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. The Deb Fennell Auditorium is located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard.

The title corporate sponsor is Platt Electric.

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a not-for-profit arts organization, has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney. As the only professional musical theater company in Washington County, Broadway Rose plays an important role in enriching the community's cultural arts. Committed to increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts and working to retain Portland's talent pool and attract new talent to the area, Broadway Rose is resolved to keeping live theater affordable and making their productions accessible to all ages and members of the community. The Broadway Rose Theatre was selected as one of the "100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon" by Oregon Business Magazine in 2009 and 2010, and was selected as the 2009 "Business of the Year" by the Tigard Chamber of Commerce.

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