

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Broadway Rose Theatre Presents The Music Man



Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 2014 season of brass ‘n’ sass with the iconic Broadway musical *The Music Man* playing at the **Deb Fennell Auditorium**. Preview performance is Thursday, June 26 with opening night on **Friday, June 27**, and performances continue through **July 20, 2014**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, July 5, 12, and 19. The Deb Fennell Auditorium is located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard. **Tickets start at \$30** for adults, with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit www.broadwayrose.org or call the box office at 503.620.5262.

A sparkling homage to a bygone era, *The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys’ band he vows to organize – despite the fact he doesn’t know a trombone from a treble clef! His plans are foiled when he falls for spirited Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain’s fall. With songs such as “Seventy-Six Trombones,” “Till There Was You,” and “Lida Rose,” this award-winning classic boasts a brilliant, nostalgic score of rousing marches, barbershop quartets, and sentimental ballads

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that have earned a place among musical theater's most cherished standards.

The Music Man was based on a story by Meredith Willson and Frank Lacey with book, music, and lyrics by Meredith Willson. Peggy Taphorn will direct and choreograph the Broadway Rose production, with musical direction by Alan D. Lytle. The creative team also includes Gene Dent (*Lighting Designer*), Tim Richey (*Sound Designer*), Deb Dahling (*Prop Designer*), and Jessica Downs (*Production Stage Manager*).

The cast includes Joe Theissen as Professor Harold Hill, Chrissy Kelly-Pettit as Marian Paroo, Norman Wilson as Marcellus Washburn, Thomas Prislac Jr. as Mayor Shinn, Rachelle Riehl as Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn, Annie Kaiser as Mrs. Paroo, and Josiah Bartell as Winthrop Paroo.

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a non-profit arts organization, is Oregon's premier musical theater company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 and 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 keep live theater affordable and make its productions accessible to all ages and members of the community.

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