

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S Musical



Tigard, OR – Get out your dictionaries! Broadway Rose Theatre Company kicks off its 25th anniversary season with the Tony Award-winning musical comedy, ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***, playing at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Thursday, January 28 with opening night on **Friday, January 29**, and performances continuing through **February 28, 2016**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, February 6, 13, and 20. Performances are held at the New Stage located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. **Tickets are priced from \$30 to \$44** for adults (depending on date), with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit www.broadwayrose.org, call 503.620.5262, or visit the box office at 12850 SW Grant Ave., Tigard.

Six awkward tweens vie for the coveted spelling championship in this fast-paced, Tony Award-winning comedy. As they fight to stay in the contest, the students – each with their own quirky and engaging personality – share hilarious and touching tales from their home lives, ultimately learning that winning isn't everything. Featuring an addictive original score and riotous competition, *Spelling Bee* is an instant musical theater favorite.

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At each performance, four audience volunteers are selected and invited on stage to participate in the Bee, making each performance unique. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is recommended for theatergoers 13 and over.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee opened Off-Broadway at Second Stage Theatre where it was an instant hit, prompting it to move to Broadway's Circle-in-the-Square Theater. Nominated for six Tony Awards including Best Musical, it took home two 2005 Tony Awards for Best Book of a Musical and Best Featured Actor in a Musical.

The cast of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* features Lyle Arnason (Vice-Principal Douglas Panch), Amy Jo Halliday (Rona Lisa Perretti), Brian Demar Jones (Mitch Mahoney), Catherine Olson (Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre), Troy Pennington (William Barfee), Daniel Purdy (Olive Ostrovsky), Alex Salazar (Chip Tolentino), David Swadis (Leaf Coneybear), and Audrey Voon (Marcy Park).

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee has music and lyrics by William Finn, a book by Rachel Sheinkin, conception by Rebecca Feldman, and original direction by James Lapine. It is directed by Annie Kaiser, choreographed by Dan Murphy, and includes music direction from Jeffery Childs. The creative team includes Sandy Skodrus (Set Designer), Brynne Oster-Bainnson (Costume Designer), Peter West (Lighting Designer), Brian Moen (*Sound Designer*), Jeff Duncan (*Prop Designer*), and Jessica Junor (*Production Stage Manager*).

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a nonprofit arts organization, is Oregon's premier musical theater company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been successfully producing musical theatre 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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