

# BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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*Broadway Rose Theatre Presents the Legendary Musical West Side Story*



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with ***West Side Story***, playing at the **Deb Fennell Auditorium**. Based on Shakespeare's greatest love story, *Romeo and Juliet*, *West Side Story* has earned its place as one of the most powerful and revered musicals in history. Preview performance is Thursday, June 30 with opening night on **Friday, July 1**, and performances continuing through **July 24, 2016**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, July 16 and 23. Performances are held at the Deb Fennell Auditorium located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard. **Tickets are priced from \$30 to \$50** 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](http://www.broadwayrose.org), call 503.620.5262, or visit the box office at 12850 SW Grant Ave., Tigard.

*West Side Story* places ill-fated lovers Tony and Maria amidst racial tensions and rival street gangs in 1950s New York City. Their struggle to escape hate, violence, and prejudice to find a place together remains a heart wrenching and relevant story for our time. With its brilliant, passionate score by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim and pioneering choreography by Jerome Robbins, *West Side Story* has set the bar for all musical theatre for more than 50 years.

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The cast of *West Side Story* features Andrew Wade (Tony), Mia Pinero (Maria), Austin Arizpe (Bernardo), Kayla Dixon (Anita), Drew Shafranek (Riff), and Feliciano Tencos-Garcia (Chino). The adults are played by Garland Lyons (Lt. Shrank), Mark Pierce (Doc), and Jeremy Southard (Officer Krupke).

Based on a conception of Jerome Robbins and William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *West Side Story* was written by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The original choreography was by Jerome Robbins. The Broadway Rose production is directed by Peggy Taphorn, with choreography by Jacob Toth, and music direction from Alan D. Lytle. The creative team includes Allison Dawe (Costume Designer), Phil McBeth (Lighting Designer), Brian Moen (Sound Designer), Jim Crino (Prop Designer), Jane Holmes (Wig Designer), and Jessica Junor (Production Stage Manager). New York casting by Michael Cassara, CSA. Scenery provided by Music Theatre Wichita.

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**BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**, a nonprofit arts organization, is Oregon's premier musical theatre 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 keeping live theatre affordable and make its productions accessible to all ages and members of the community.

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