

# BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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### *Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a New Rock Fable*



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with ***Fly By Night***, playing at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Thursday, September 22 with opening night on **Friday, September 23**, and performances continuing through **October 23, 2016**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, October 1, 8, and 15. 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](http://www.broadwayrose.org), call 503.620.5262, or visit the box office at 12850 SW Grant Ave., Tigard.

A gypsy prophecy pulls melancholy sandwich-maker Harold and two bewitching sisters through a star-crossed journey of love and connection. Featuring a catchy score and inventive story-telling, this darkly comic rock fable culminates during the Northeast blackout of 1965. *Fly By Night* is a tale of finding light in a world filled with darkness.

The musical was developed at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto, California and premiered in 2011. The show starred former Portland actor Wade McCollum as the narrator. The production received outstanding reviews and was the winner of the 2011 Edgerton Foundation New American Play Award. The writing team finessed the piece a bit before Dallas Theatre Center presented the show in 2013, again receiving audience and critic praise: “The most paradoxical of musicals – hilarious and bittersweet, deeply immersed in tradition but utterly original” (*Dallas News*).

The following year the show premiered Off-Broadway in New York City at Playwrights Horizons, earning four Drama Desk Award nominations including Best Musical and praise from critics such as *the New York Post*: "Earnest 'Fly by Night' will enchant audiences...its unabashed emotionalism - when time stops for lovers, it's no figure of speech - could turn it into more than a hit. It could turn it into a cult phenomenon."

Broadway Rose is proud to be the first theatre to license the show after it became available through Samuel French.

“This musical is about connection,” says director Isaac Lamb. “We are all connected, though we don’t always know it or feel it. No matter your faith, no matter your race, no matter your age. There is great comfort in that. This quirky, warm-hearted, romantic show, beckons you to explore the meaning of home, love, and loss.”

The cast of *Fly By Night* features Benjamin Tissell, Gary Norman, Malia Tippetts, Rebecca Teran, Tim Blough, David Caldwell, and Joe Theissen as the narrator.

*Fly By Night* was written by Will Connolly, Michael Mitnick, and Kim Rosenstock. The show is directed by Isaac Lamb, with music direction from Jon Quesenberry. The creative team includes Sean O’Skea (Set Designer), Brynne Oster-Bainnson (Costume Designer), Gene Dent (Lighting Designer), Brian Moen (Sound Designer), Liz Carlson (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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