

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company kicks off its 2017 Season of Spellbinding Musicals with ***Company***, Stephen Sondheim’s musical comedy at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Thursday, January 26 with opening night on **Friday, January 27**, and performances continuing through **February 26, 2017**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18. Performances are held at the New Stage located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. **Tickets are priced from \$30 to \$46** 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.

Company is a musical comedy based on a book by George Furth titled *Threes*, and was one of the first musicals to deal with adult themes and relationships. A trailblazer of the dark-comedy, *Company* continues to bewitch audiences with clever storytelling and emotional resonance. On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor Robert contemplates his unmarried state. Through a series of humorous and touching vignettes, his married friends

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illustrate the pros and cons of taking on a spouse, forcing Robert to question his adamant retention of singlehood. Set to a brilliantly brisk and energetic score containing many of Stephen Sondheim's most popular show-stoppers, *Company* is sophisticated, whip-smart funny, and profoundly alive.

Company originally opened on Broadway in 1970, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by George Furth, orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick, and was directed by Harold Prince. The production was nominated for a record-setting fourteen Tony Awards and won six including Best Musical. *Company* was revived on Broadway in 1995 and 2006.

Broadway Rose's production is directed by Annie Kaiser, with music direction from Jeffery Childs and choreography by Dan Murphy. The creative team includes Larry Larsen (Set Designer), Brynne Oster-Bainnson (Costume Designer), Jon Ares (Lighting Designer), Brian Moen (Sound Designer), Jim Crino (Prop Designer), and Jessica Junor (Production Stage Manager).

Heading up the cast is Jared Q. Miller as Bobby. The ensemble includes many of Portland's finest musical theater talent including Caitlin Upshaw (Sarah), Norman Wilson (Harry), Dru Rutledge (Susan), Joel Walker (Peter), Emily Sahler (Jenny), Colin Wood (David), Andrea Enright (Amy), Tim Suenkel (Paul), Luisa Sermol (Joanne), Kurt Raimer (Larry), Renée Lawrence (Marta), Caroline D'Ambrosio (Kathy), and Justine Davis (April).

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY is Oregon's premier musical theatre company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been producing professional musical theatre in the Portland area since 1992, enriching the region's cultural life and increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts. Broadway Rose is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to keeping live theatre affordable and making its productions accessible to all members of the community.

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