

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a Musical Superhero Parody



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company kicks off its 2020 Season of Boundless Vision with *Up and Away*, at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Thursday January 23, with opening night on **Friday, January 24**, and performances continuing through **February 23**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22. There will be a special Thursday matinee performance on Thursday, February 20. Performances are held at the New Stage located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. **Tickets are priced from \$30 to \$50 for adults** (depending on date). Tickets in the upper section for ages 6-18 are \$20 and ages 19-35 are \$25. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. \$5 tickets are available for Oregon Trail Card holders through the Arts for All program. 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 Avenue, Tigard.

Not much happens in Farmtown, USA, home of brothers Joe and Jerry Jessup. So, when Joe realizes he has superpowers, he hightails it out of town to seek fame and fortune in “Big

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City.” When he finds trouble instead, jittery Jerry is forced to follow – and their boring life is turned upside down into a rip-roarin’ adventure! Toss in an eccentric billionaire, a plucky reporter, and dastardly villains, and you’ve got one epic tale of the world’s FIRST superhero.

“I saw the premiere of the show in Pittsburgh two years ago,” said director and Broadway Rose co-founder Dan Murphy. “The show was so fun that I knew we needed to bring it to Broadway Rose.” A musical comedy spoof of comic book crusaders, *Up and Away* combines old fashioned stage magic with rapid-fire character changes and plot twists to sweep audiences off their feet. Five actors play over 40 characters!

Book and lyrics by Kevin Hammonds with music by Kristin Bair. The Broadway Rose production will be directed and choreographed by Dan Murphy, with music direction from James Pick. The creative team includes Phil McBeth (Set Supervisor/Technical Director), Vanessa Elsner (Costume Supervisor), Joel Ferraro (Lighting Designer), Brian Karl Moen (Sound Designer), and Jessica Junor (Production Stage Manager).

The cast comprises Paul Wrona as Joe Jessup, Colin Stephen Kane as Jerry Jessup, and Malia Tippets as Susie Dare., and supporting cast members Joe Theissen and Danielle Valentine.

Broadway Rose’s 2020 season is funded in part by the **Regional Arts & Culture Council**, the **Oregon Arts Commission**, and the **City of Tigard**. The Title Sponsor is **Pearson Financial Group**. The Show Sponsor is **Bonnie Conger**, and **The Oregonian** is the Media Sponsor.

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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