

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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*Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a Blockbuster
Musical of Biblical Proportions*



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company presents a colorful retelling of the story of Joseph, his coat of many colors, and his fantastical ability to interpret dreams in ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***, a family-friendly musical packed with hits from Broadway greats, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Preview performance is Thursday, June 29, with opening night on **Friday, June 30**, and performances continuing through **July 23**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Audio description is available at the 7:30 p.m. Friday showing on July 21. Performances are held at the **Deb Fennell Auditorium** located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard.

Tickets are priced from \$30 to \$60 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.

From the legendary musical theatre duo of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice (*Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*), this musical parable features an exuberant score. Noted for its family-

friendly storyline, universal themes, and catchy music, *Joseph* is a sentimental favorite of company cofounder and Producing Artistic Director Sharon Maroney. “*Joseph* was the first show that Broadway Rose produced when we opened the theater in 1992,” states Maroney. The musical will be directed and choreographed by company cofounder and Managing Director Dan Murphy, with music direction by Brian Michael.

Joseph is a retelling of the biblical story of Joseph, his devoted father, jealous brothers, and his incredible series of adventures. The musical was only 20 minutes long when an unknown 19-year-old named Andrew Lloyd Webber first created it for a British school choir in 1968. He asked his friend Rice to write the lyrics and soon they expanded it to 40 minutes and took it to the London stage. Since then, *Joseph* has continued to grow, both in length and popularity.

Filled with youthful energy, *Joseph* combines a wide variety of musical styles – everything from country to calypso to rock 'n' roll – in a series of memorable musical numbers. Described as a high voltage extravaganza, *Joseph* includes such classic songs as the contemplative "Any Dream Will Do," the Caribbean infused "Benjamin Calypso," the dazzling "Jacob and Sons/Joseph's Coat," the rockabilly sensation "Song Of The King (Seven Fat Cows)," and the unforgettable "Go, Go, Go Joseph."

Broadway Rose is known for producing large musicals each summer at the Deb Fennell Auditorium and *Joseph* is no exception with a cast of 18 in addition to a children's choir. “The children add so much to this musical and they will gain valuable experience performing in a professional stage show,” says Director Dan Murphy.

Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber. The Broadway Rose production will be directed and choreographed by Dan Murphy with music direction from Brian Michael. Scenic design by Emily Rusmiser, lighting design by Kristeen Willis, costume design by Allison Dawe with additional costume design by Kimberly Hergert, properties design by Mary Smalley Acuff, sound design by Brian Karl Moen, with Seth Renne as production manager, Raef Wheaton as technical director, and Emily Fekkes as production stage manager.

The cast comprises Alex Foufos (Joseph), Danielle Valentine (Narrator), Kevin-Michael Moore (Jacob), Maximilian Tapogna (Reuben), Alexis Read (Simeon/Potiphar), Chad Craner (Levi), Aidan Brown (Naphtali), Dylan Macabitas (Issachar), Antonio Lopez-Villarreal (Asher/Baker), Shane Smith (Dan), Nick Serrone (Zebulon/Pharaoh), Robert Altieri (Gad/Butler), Rodney McKinner III (Judah), Ryder Thompson (Benjamin), and Lydia Fleming (Mrs. Potiphar), with the ensemble including Tatiana Bernardo, Brit Eagan, Amy Lichtenstein, and the Children's Choir.

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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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