

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Broadway Rose Presents a Splashy American Classic



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company presents Cole Porter’s beloved musical *Anything Goes*. Preview performance is on Thursday, July 31, with opening night on **Friday, August 1**, and performances continuing through **August 17**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. A post-show talkback will be hosted at the Saturday matinee on August 9; audio description is available at the Saturday matinee on August 16. Performances are held at the **Deb Fennell Auditorium** located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard.

Climb aboard this summer for a tap-filled classic. *Anything Goes* is a splashy, high-energy musical comedy set aboard the S.S. *American* ocean liner bound for London. Featuring mistaken identities, romantic entanglements, tap-dancing sailors, and a dose of good old-fashioned farce, the show sails on the timeless songs of Cole Porter, including “I Get a Kick Out of You,” “You’re the Top,” and the show-stopping title number, “Anything Goes.” It’s a madcap voyage full of laughs, love, and toe-tapping tunes.

Director and choreographer Peggy Taphorn is ecstatic to be back at Broadway Rose to bring to life such a classic musical theatre favorite. “What I love about directing *Anything Goes* is the sense of joy in the tuneful music and lyrics. I strongly believe in the poignancy of *Anything Goes* and its ability to bring renewed excitement to today’s audiences during these trying and uncertain times. Everyone can find connection through good dialogue, good laughs, and lots of dancing!”

Having gone through many revisions since it originally debuted on Broadway in 1934, Broadway Rose is excited to showcase this renewed classic with its updated sensibilities for a more modern era. It’s delightful, delicious, and de-lovely.

Joining director and choreographer **Peggy Taphorn** is music director **Barney Stein**. Audiences will be treated to scenic designs by **Reuben Lucas** and costume design supervision by **Debbie Bray**. Credit to **Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre** for providing the costume and set rental. Lighting design by **Kristeen Willis**, props design by **Sam Manilla**, and sound design by **Brian Karl Moen**. Completing the production team is **Jessica Junior** as production stage manager, **Morgan Bailey** as stage manager, **Raef Wheaton** as technical director, and **Karen Hill** as production manager.

The cast comprises **Courney Fero** as Reno Sweeney, **Matt Casey** as Billy Crocker, **Joe Theissen** as Moonface Martin, **Matthew Henry Curl** as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, **Jennifer Davies** as Hope Harcourt, **Karin Terry** as Erma, **Lisa Knox** as Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt, and **Jim Peerenboom** as Elisha Whitney. Also featured will be **Norman Wilson** as the Captain, **Joel Walker** as the Ship’s Purser, **Kai de Mello-Folsom** as Spit, and **Bryce Earhart** as Dippy. **Liberty Dolence**, **Brie Graham**, **Ashlyn Nicole**, and **Jadyn Smith** are featured as the four angels Chastity, Virtue, Purity, and Charity. Rounding out the ship’s crew and passengers are **Ezekiel Cunningham**, **Xander Dean**, **Majd Murad**, **Emerson Skogen**, **Steven Spanopoulos**, **Haunz Stroschein**, **Manny Tijerina**, **Hayden Tyler**, **Melody Wells-Benitez**, and **Blythe Woodland**.

Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$70 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. Two \$5 tickets are available for each Oregon Trail Card holder for this performance 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.

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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

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