

Greetings from the ACU Theatre!

What a strange season we are in! I hope you are all safe and well. Along with the rest of the art world we have needed to do some reconfiguring as we all find our way through the new situation COVID-19 has created.

Because there are still so many unknowns as we navigate this new normal, we felt it best to suspend our 20-21 Season Ticket subscriptions. At this point we are not certain what would be safe in terms of rehearsal and performance. We do not know how social distancing will affect our seating arrangements or venues. There are simply too many unknowns to offer a season subscription with dates and seats reserved in advance. Season tickets are the lifeblood of a theatre, and we take our commitment to you very seriously.

So, here is what we are planning to do:

- We will consider all of our 2019-20 Season ticket holders to be current season subscribers.
- We will reserve the seats those subscribers had last year and hold them for our 2021-22 Season.
- If and when tickets go on sale for a production this year, we will notify our season subscribers before we advertise with the general public.
- We imagine our productions will most likely need to be general admission to allow for social distancing requirements. Season subscribers will have the opportunity to enter and choose their seats first.
- At this point our box office will move to online-only but Donna Hester will be available by email at hesterd@acu.edu.

ACU THEATRE 2020-21 SEASON

Homecoming Musical
Rodgers & Hammerstein's
CINDERELLA

Music by Richard Rodgers
Lyrics and Original Book by Oscar Hammerstein II
New Book by Douglas Carter Beane
Directed by NYC Guest Artist, Jeff Smith
Choreographed by Lily Balogh

Fall in love all over again in this funny and magical fairy tale. The Broadway adaptation of this beloved musical features new characters, a hilarious libretto, surprising twists,

and an unforgettable score from Rodgers and Hammerstein. A perfect fit for the entire family!

October 16-18, 2020
Abilene Convention Center

Cornerstone Drama
AMERICAN SON
by Christopher Demos-Brown
Directed by Vincson Green

This explosive new drama examines our nation's racial divide through the eyes of an estranged, interracial couple. Over the course of one evening, the couple's disparate backgrounds collide as they confront an unexpected crisis involving their son, the police, and an abandoned car. Christopher Demos-Brown's play is a gripping tale about who we are as a nation, and how we deal with family relationships, love, loss and identity.

November 19-21, 2020
Fulks Theatre

Winter Comedy
BEAU JEST
by James Sherman
Directed by Hannah Sanza

Sarah is a good Jewish girl with a serious problem - her boyfriend isn't Jewish! There is NO WAY her opinionated parents will ever approve. So, to placate them, Sarah hires a male escort, Bob, to portray the perfect Jewish boyfriend. Only one problem: Bob isn't Jewish! Things get even more complicated when Sarah's family and Sarah find themselves falling for Bob!

February 11-13, 2021
Fulks Theatre

Spring Musical
**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING
TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**
Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Directed by Dawne Meeks
Choreographed by Lily Balogh

Audiences love *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!* Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's high-octane musical features wild costumes, eye-popping sets, dazzling, athletic choreography and an unforgettable, eclectic score. We dare you not to be caught up in the infectious melodies of "Any Dream Will Do," "Close Every Door," "Go! Go! Go! Joseph," and many more. *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a musical of biblical proportions and the ultimate show to share with your friends and family!

April 15-24, 2021
Fulks Theatre

Abilene Shakespeare Festival

Love's Labour's Lost

Directed by Adam Hester

In this delightful Shakespearean soufflé, a lusty king and his three pals renounce worldly pleasures for the sake of higher learning, then forsake their vows to woo a French princess and her ladies in waiting. This clever romantic comedy uses the songs of Gershwin, Cole Porter, and their contemporaries for an inspired old-style Hollywood musical.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Directed by Gary Varner

They're back! The fairies, the mortals, the rustics, the mayhem and the love! When the merry sprite Puck meddles with a magical love potion, young lovers lost in the woods mysteriously find themselves infatuated with the wrong person in this hilarious, fairytale fantasia that proves the course of true love never did run smooth.

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Thank you again for your support. We hope to see you at the shows!