EVERY PLAY IS A JOURNEY

2018-2019 SEASON LINE-UP
AND THE JOURNEY BRINGS YOU HOME TO THE ACU THEATRE

We produce quality theatre influenced by a CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW featuring a wide variety of shows including family fare, musicals, dramas, classics, contemporary and dinner theatre. Productions are part of the training for ACU THEATRE majors reflecting a cutting-edge and contemporary curriculum.

BY PURCHASING SEASON TICKETS

- You secure first choice seating for all shows.
- You retain the ability to exchange tickets at any time.
- You receive substantial savings.
- You support our missions of training and preparing young artists of faith to enter the world in ways that will impact our culture.

Dinner theatre options are available on select nights for the winter and spring shows. A gourmet meal will be served in our elegant lobby at 6:15 p.m. These dates are identified in BOLD on the return page. Season subscribers receive a $2 DISCOUNT on each dinner.

We are happy to continue our educational emphasis by offering TALKBACKS* following designated shows. A Talkback is a short presentation immediately after the show consisting of background information followed by a time of audience questions and comments with the director, designers, cast and crew. Talkback dates are identified with an * on the return page.

For our winter and spring shows we will open on Thursday and then play Friday-Saturday for two weeks. This is a CHANGE from last year when we offered Sunday matinees.

Our Shakespeare shows are FREE admission. Season ticket SUBSCRIBERS will have priority seating.
Directed by Adam Hester

Shakespeare’s hilarious and brilliantly constructed farce, The Merry Wives of Windsor, finally comes to the Abilene Shakespeare Festival. Adam Hester has reimagined this piece as a variety show capturing current social and political themes through the lens of Saturday Night Live. Imagining that Mistress Ford and Mistress Page have fallen for him, the fat knight Sir John Falstaff decides to seduce them both, as much for their husbands’ money as for their personal charms. Wise to the old rogue’s tricks, the women turn the tables on him with a series of humiliating assignations and a very damp, extremely smelly laundry basket.

Fulks Theatre
June 21-22, 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
First come, first served
Season Subscribers will be seated first
Recommended for ages 10 and older
FREE ADMISSION

Directed by Gary Varner

Gary Varner brings an exciting new take on Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice using five actors to play all the roles, except for Shylock, the antagonist and tragic character (played by Adam Hester) at the center of the drama. This uncompromising production explores the tense relationship and prejudices between those that have, and those that don’t. Dark in its humor and romantic hijinks, The Merchant Of Venice takes audiences on a journey of love, mercy and justice.

Fulks Theatre
June 23, 29-30, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
First come, first served
Season Subscribers will be seated first
Recommended for ages 10 and older
FREE ADMISSION

YOUR SHOT WITH EEAN COCHRAN!

Currently on tour with Hamilton, ACU Theatre alum Eean Cochran has experienced a meteoric rise in professional theatre. He has performed in tours of Newsies, Bring It On!, Dreamgirls and Freaky Friday.

LIGHTS UP! FUNDRAISER

National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, 102 Cedar St.
(This event is available as an add-on purchase to season package)
Friday, September 21 at 7:30 pm
Tickets $40 includes light hors d’oeuvres

ABILENE
SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
SUMMER 2018

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR!
Two sisters. One incredible city. Unlimited possibilities. Join Ruth and Eileen Sherwood as they leave behind their mundane Ohio lives in pursuit of making it big in New York City. Chock-full of swinging show tunes, breathtaking choreography and effervescent charm, *Wonderful Town* captures the thrill of chasing one’s dreams like no other musical. Don’t miss this lavish revival of Leonard Bernstein’s classic musical, featuring one of the largest orchestras in Homecoming history conducted by Steven Ward! 

**Abilene Civic Center**  
October 12, 13 & 14, 2018  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.  
Recommended for all ages  
Tickets range in price from $25-$7 (Student Rush)
Set against the background of a changing America between 1950 and 1990, this truly original musical sheds a heart-warming light on the power of family. With a cast of only two people, *John & Jen* is a tour-de-force, taking them from playful childhood, through awkward adolescence, and far beyond. Audiences will find themselves uplifted by this sentimental gem, perfect for anyone who values the love, connection, and commitment of family.

**FULKS THEATRE**
November 12*-17*, 2018
Monday – Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
*Talkback following all performances
Recommended for ages 10 and older
Tickets $15
Steel Magnolias is a hilarious and heart-warming play set in a Louisiana beauty shop. It follows the hopes, dreams, triumphs and tragedies of six colorful characters and inspired the 1989 film which starred Julia Roberts, Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine and Dolly Parton. It’s a story exploring the bond between a mother and daughter, and friendships of those who feel like family. When tragedy strikes, however, the women pull together in this play about life, laughter, love, loss, and the inner strength that helps us go on.

FULKS THEATRE
February 14-16, 22*-23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
*Talkback on February 22 | Dinner on February 23
Recommended for ages 10 and older
Tickets $18

DANCE PREMIERE
Choreographed by Lily Balogh
FULKS THEATRE
December 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets $20 - Includes light hors d’oeuvres
Recommended for all ages

Highlighting ACU Theatre’s new dance track in our BFA program will be this thrilling night of dance featuring new dance faculty member Lily Balogh. Don’t miss her innovative and original choreography along with electric performances by the BFA dance track majors and other ACU Theatre dancers.
Inspired by a real event and featuring the Grammy-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway’s *Bright Star* tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and ’40s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past – and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. The story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion, beautiful melodies and powerfully moving performances. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tight in its grasp, *Bright Star* is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful.

**FULKS THEATRE**
April 11-13, 26*-27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
*Talkback on April 26 | Dinner on April 27
Recommended for ages 10 and older | Tickets $18
Mail-in Form  Complete this form, select your preferred dates and mail with payment to the box office.

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2  Select Your Preferred Dates  * Denotes Talkback following the performance

**Wonderful Town**  
**ONE WEEKEND ONLY**
- 10/12, Friday (8 p.m.)
- 10/14, Sunday (2 p.m.)
- 10/13, Saturday (8 p.m.)

Show starts at 7:30 p.m. each night  Talkback* following each performance

**John & Jen**  
**ONE WEEKEND ONLY**
- 11/12, Monday*
- 11/13, Tuesday*
- 11/14, Wednesday*
- 11/15, Thursday*
- 11/16, Friday*
- 11/17, Saturday*

**YOUR SHOT with Eean Cochran!**
- 9/22, Saturday (7:30 p.m.)

**One Night Only**
- 12/8, Saturday (7:30 p.m.)

**Steel Magnolias**  
**FIRST WEEKEND**
- 2/11, Thursday
- 2/12, Friday
- 2/13, Saturday

**SECOND WEEKEND**
- 2/14, Saturday (7:30 p.m.)
- 2/16, Sunday (2 p.m.)

**Bright Star**  
**FIRST WEEKEND**
- 4/11, Thursday
- 4/12, Friday
- 4/13, Saturday

**SECOND WEEKEND**
- 4/26, Friday*
- 4/27, Saturday

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