



SpotLight

Musical Theatre Program

If you enjoyed coming to see *Annie*, you'll love the SpotLight Musical Theatre Awards!

Come join us on Sunday, June 14 at 7 p.m. when some of the most talented young musical theatre performers take the stage here at the Orpheum Theatre.

What is the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program?

Hennepin Theatre Trust established the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program after recognizing that none existed to honor excellence in high school musical theatre. SpotLight is now in its fourth successful year encouraging and celebrating students who participate and excel in this area. The program's benefits include the opportunity to work with theatre educators and professionals who offer insight through critical feedback, workshops and a collaborative conference. The experience culminates at the SpotLight Awards, a gala event that recognizes high school musical theatre accomplishments in much the same way that the Tony Awards acknowledge Broadway excellence. This non-competitive celebration, which features student performances as well as award presentations, will be held this year at the Orpheum Theatre on Sunday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

2008–2009 Participating High Schools — Is your school involved?

Blaine	Forest Lake	Main Street School	Totino Grace
Cennennial	Fridley	Maple Grove	Visitation/St. Thomas
Chaska	Hill-Murray	Minnetonka	Academy
Cretin-Durham Hall	Hopkins	Mound-Westonka	Washburn
Eagan	Jefferson	Park	Wayzata
Eastview	Kennedy	Robbinsdale Cooper	
Edina	Lakeville North	The Blake School	

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Tomorrow's Here!



THE BRAND NEW PRODUCTION

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**ORPHEUM THEATRE
HENNEPIN THEATRE DISTRICT
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

Welcome to KIDS' NIGHT at the ORPHEUM THEATRE!

Orpheum Theatre: Did you know?

- The Orpheum Theatre opened on October 16, 1921; it will celebrate its 88th birthday this year!
- Among the performers on the first playbill were the Marx Brothers and over 70,000 guests attended the opening week run.
- In the 1920's the best seat in the house cost 47 cents for adults and nine cents for children. What can you buy for nine cents today?
- *Annie* takes place during the Great Depression—during this time children were admitted free into the Orpheum Theatre in exchange for bringing food or clothing for the needy



Check everything you can find at the theatre?

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| <input type="radio"/> The box office | <input type="radio"/> The marquee |
| <input type="radio"/> An usher | <input type="radio"/> The red carpet |
| <input type="radio"/> The orchestra pit | <input type="radio"/> The chandeliers (how many are there?) |
| <input type="radio"/> The balcony | <input type="radio"/> The stage curtain |

In 1933, the year *Annie* takes place, what was happening at the Orpheum?

- The marquee (the lighted sign out front) was built
- The theatre showed movies like "Flying Down to Rio" and "Invisible Man"
- Big bands played the Orpheum stage led by famous band leaders like Bennie Goodman and Count Basie. The bands would put on three shows a day!

Circle what you CAN do in the theatre;

Cross out what you CAN'T do in the theatre

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| Applaud | Stand up and dance |
| Laugh when something's funny | Sing along at the top of your lungs |
| Send text messages | Have fun! |
| Talk on the phone | What else can you do? Write it here: |
| Bring your cat | _____ |
| Unwrap candies | _____ |

Tonight you'll see a performance of



Here are some fun facts: Did you know?

- *Annie* opened on Broadway in 1977 and went on to win seven Tony Awards
- The first cast of *Annie* played for President Carter in the White House
- Mikey (the dog that plays Sandy) is driven from city to city in a customized van. His owner will not put him in a crate on a plane. He even has his own dressing room back stage.
- Some famous actresses who have played *Annie* include Sarah Jessica Parker and Molly Ringwald

What do you think?

In the play, *Annie* learns much about family.

- What is a family?
- Did your idea of what a family is change at all after you saw *Annie*?
- What do all families have in common?

Annie is based on a comic strip.

- Do you read comic strips? Do your parents?
- What is your favorite one?
- Which one would you make into a musical if you could?

Annie takes place in 1933.

- What do you know about this time period? Ask your family to see what they know about it.
- What was "The Great Depression?"
- What are the differences between then and now? What are the similarities?

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Please join us for the next
KIDS' NIGHT
on Wednesday, February 25
at the Orpheum Theatre
for *Fiddler on the Roof*
starring Chaim Topol!