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WASHINGTON'S OLDEST NATIONAL
AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY THEATRE

101st
SEASON



A Little Night Music, 2019

2019-2020

Order your season tickets today!

A SEASON OF FIRSTS

Who would have guessed that our 100th year would be such an amazing ride? Seven tremendous productions celebrating our history; year-round education for youth and adults that grew 200%; special events like *Sophie* and *The Veteran's Day Project*; seven *Off the Shelf* staged readings; two improv groups to laugh with; fun-filled Murder Mystery Dinners; and Tacoma's own Gritty City Sirens brought us one of our most successful seasons. In addition, the cast and crew of *The Pillowman* have just returned from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the AACTFest National Community Theatre Competition. We're proud to say that we are now Washington's Oldest National Award-Winning Community Theatre. All of this was accomplished because of YOU, and your tremendous support for our Performing Arts community!

We're calling this season "A SEASON OF FIRSTS", because it truly is! All seven shows that are part of our season have never been performed on the TL stage. From a group of women celebrating life in *Calendar Girls*, to the political intrigue of *The Manchurian Candidate*, this season will be one to remember. We're also very excited that *Shattering* is a world premiere production that TL is presenting as part of the AACT NewPlayFest. Only six theatres from across the country were selected to present six different world premieres in this wonderful and exciting program.

Becoming a Season Ticket Holder at Tacoma Little Theatre is the best way to experience what we have to offer. You will not only save money, you will have the same seat for each of our productions and **100% TICKET FLEXIBILITY**. (If something comes up—call the Box Office at least 24 hours before your performance and we'll be glad to move your ticket to another performance of that production with no fees.) Season Ticket Holders also get **FREE ADMISSION** to our "Off the Shelf" staged readings, a different bonus item at each of our Mainstage shows, and **FREE PARKING** in a nearby lot.

Our Annual Opening Gala and Silent Auction will once again start our season on September 7th. Tickets are on sale now, and it is a favorite of many, letting you have a sneak peek of the upcoming shows, and is an opportunity to meet the directors of each production. We're also excited to begin our fourth year of partnering with The Social Bar and Grill Restaurant Group for our three Murder Mystery Dinners, one of which will be held at a different and exciting venue.

TLT has survived for over a century because of the generous support of our community. YOU are the driving force behind TLT's sustainability and growth. If you are able, and have the means, please consider donating to TLT and making sure that we continue to provide a home for the Performing Arts in our community. There are also some great ways to help out TLT without even trying. Amazon, Fred Meyer, Thrivent, and your workplace giving programs are all great examples. Remember, TLT is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization, so please check with your tax professional to see how a donation to us can help you.

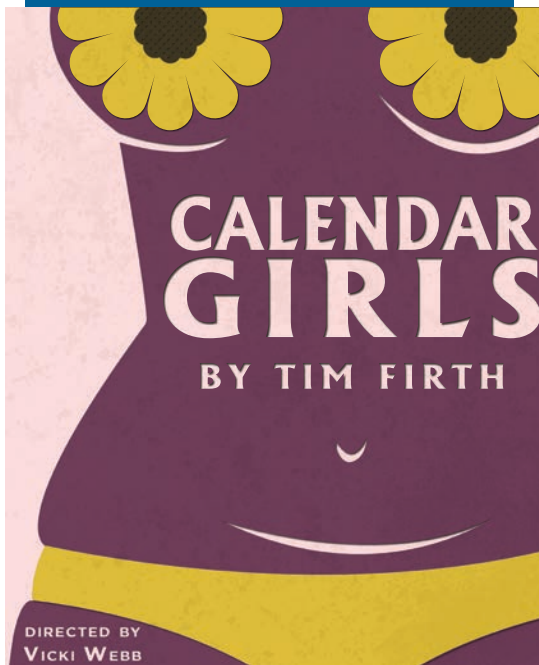
We can't wait to begin our next century with you as a part of the audience. Thank you again for the many ways in which you continue to support Washington's Oldest National Award-Winning Community Theatre. See you at the show!

Enjoy,

Chris Serface
Managing Artistic Director



A Doll's House, 2019

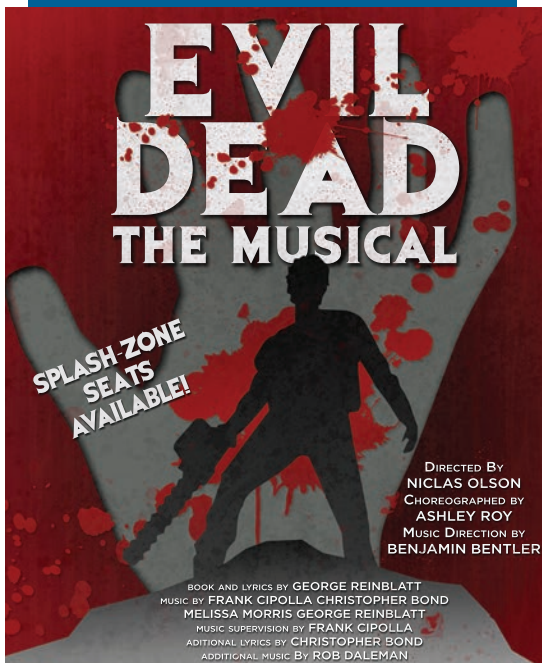


SEPTEMBER 13 -
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Ages 12+

Funny, sincere, and just a wee bit naughty!

When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and best-friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow Women's Institute (WI) members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame.

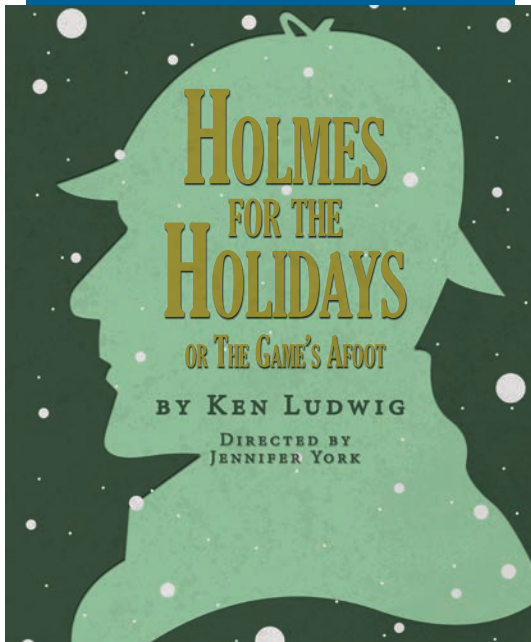


Just in time for Halloween comes everyone's favorite 80's cult horror comedy!

Five college students go to an abandoned cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them all into demons. It's all up to Ash (a housewares employee turned demon-killing hero) and his trusty chainsaw to save the day. Blood flies. Limbs are dismembered. Demons tell bad jokes ... and all to music. This show has fun with the horror genre and, in doing so, appeals to a wide audience. It's the only show with a "Splatter Zone"—a section of the audience that gets covered in fake blood. And with this combination of blood, jokes, cheesy effects and awesome musical numbers, *Evil Dead The Musical* is unlike any show you've ever seen.

OCTOBER 25 -
NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Ages 16+



DECEMBER 6 -
DECEMBER 29, 2019

Ages 12+

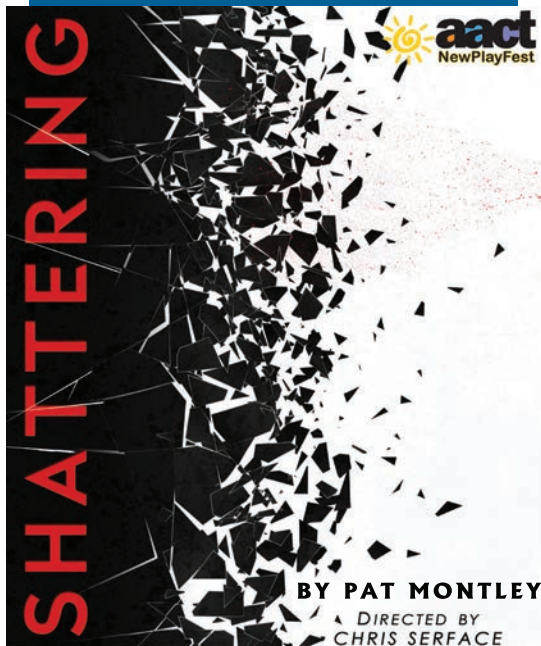
A hilarious, quirky, and thrilling alternative to your standard holiday entertainment.

It is December 1936, and Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play *Sherlock Holmes*, has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. It is then up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays.

➤ Don't miss our bonus holiday show, *Ken Ludwig's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas* featured on the Special Events page!



Scroogel The Musical, 2018



A world premiere play on the TLT Stage. Winner of the AACT NewPlayFest.

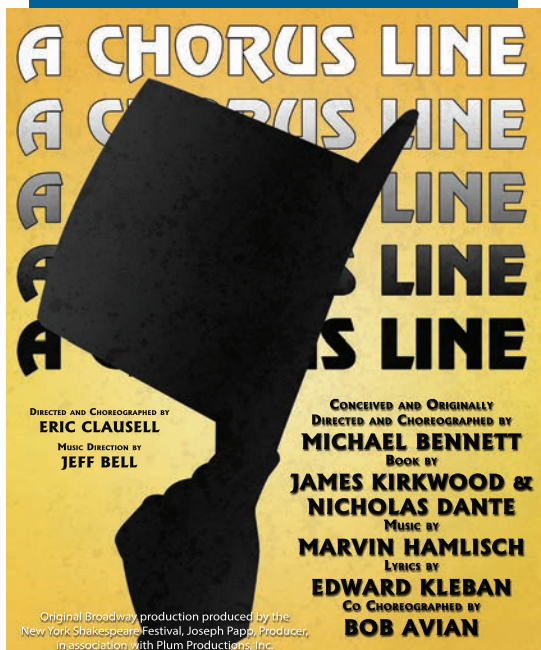
Jonah is released from juvenile commitment into the foster care of Jacqueline, whose estranged son was murdered by a gang that Jonah was in. She witnessed the crime and testified against the other two perpetrators. The gang leader who organized the crime wants to teach a lesson to “snitches”, and orders Jonah to kill Jacqueline—or be killed himself. The order comes through Jonah’s girlfriend LaBelle, whose investment in the outcome is intensified by her pregnancy. Both plot the murder, even as Jonah’s relationship with the strict but caring Dawson develops, and his imagined visits with her dead son jar his conscience.

It will be ONE singular sensation when this classic show takes the stage!

From the pen of legendary composer Marvin Hamlisch, comes this Tony Award and Pulitzer Prizewinning singular sensation! Casting for a new Broadway musical is almost complete, and for 17 dancers, this audition is the chance of a lifetime and what they’ve worked their whole lives for. The iconic score features such classics as “What I Did for Love,” “One,” “I Hope I Get It”, and more! With its celebration and true-to-life depiction of performers and their struggle to achieve greatness on the Broadway stage, *A Chorus Line* has earned unanimous praise as one of the true masterpieces of live theatre.

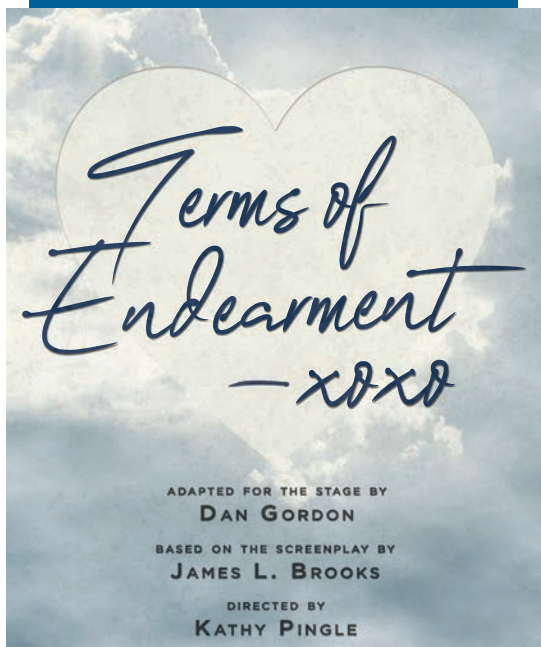
JANUARY 24 -
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Ages 14+



MARCH 6 -
MARCH 29, 2020

Ages 12+

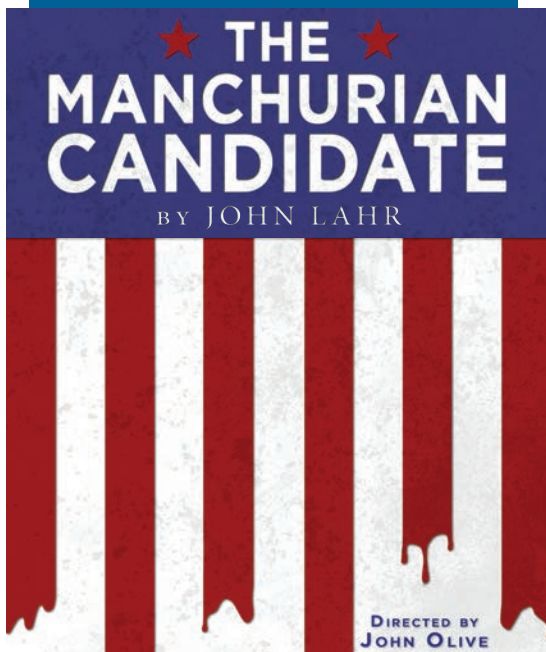


APRIL 24 -
MAY 10, 2020

Ages 12+

Larry McMurtry's beautiful and touching story comes to life in this new stage adaptation.

Though Emma is often exasperated by her highly-opinionated mother, Aurora, they talk every day about their problems, from Aurora finding unexpected love even as she becomes a reluctant grandmother, to Emma's struggle in her troubled marriage. But when they need one another most, will they be able to find courage in each other? This funny and touching story captures the delicate, sometimes fractured bonds between mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, and lovers, both old and new.



JUNE 5 -
JUNE 21, 2020

Ages 12+

Mystery and intrigue surround you in this political thriller.

Set in 1999, young American hero Raymond Shaw is decorated for saving his troops in a peace-keeping mission in the Middle East. He returns to the U.S. to find his wealthy widowed mother has married the right-wing racist Senator John Iselin. Their goal of reaching the White House gets closer and closer as a game of solitaire figures prominently in the murder of everyone who blocks their way. As a tightly wound plot of espionage, brain-washing, and ruthless ambition unwinds, Raymond Shaw doesn't appear as the war hero everyone thought he was.

off the SHELF



Laura, 2019



Hay Fever, 2019

Tacoma Little Theatre continues its highly successful

"Off the Shelf" program, a series of one-night only staged readings for our audiences. These scripts are wonderful pieces that we think you should hear. With "Off the Shelf", local directors and actors will be bringing some scripts to life that you will find entertaining, challenging, and educational.

We hope that you'll sit back and enjoy "Off the Shelf." You never know, you might see one of these shows on our Mainstage in the future.

All performances are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7:30pm

September 19, 2019 **Outside Mullingar**

October 30*, 2019 **Fuddy Meers** **Special Wednesday Performance*

December 12, 2019 **4000 Days**

January 30, 2020 **The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later**

March 12, 2020 **Marisol**

April 30, 2020 **On A Note Of Triumph**

June 11, 2020 **Motherhood Out Loud**

Tickets:

Season Ticket Holders: Free

Single Tickets: \$10



TLT's classes help students of all ages to grow to their full potential as performers, and more importantly, as human beings! TLT's vision is to allow students to step into our classes and camps to learn new techniques and theatrical styles that will help them fully thrive as theatre artists and also supply them with skills they need for life.

Our classes are designed to enhance homeschooling curriculums, as well as build upon traditional schooling by bringing the importance and value of art into students learning a consistent routine.

TLT is excited to further our mission of enriching our community with quality live theatre experiences. Come join the fun!

After-School @ TLT (enrollment begins August)

These wonderful six-week sessions are held either Mondays & Wednesdays or Tuesdays & Thursdays (Students can enroll in both sessions) from 4:00pm-6:00pm during the school year and culminate in a fully staged play or musical production for friends and family to come enjoy. [Classes are open to students in grades 1-9.](#)

Homeschool @ TLT (enrollment begins August)

Modeled on our after school program, this class is designed for the homeschool families in our community. These classes take place over a six-week period, and culminate in a fully staged production for friends and family to come and enjoy. Tacoma Little Theatre is a certified Community Based Instructor (CBI). [Classes are open to students in grades 1-9.](#)

Improv (times vary)

Learn the skills necessary to think on your feet and say "Yes, and...". These tools help young and adult actors with their onstage skills, as well as off stage in school and work. Classes vary from evening to weekend times; please be sure to check our website for the latest specifics on class time. [Classes are available for 11-18 year olds and adults.](#)

Voice Lessons (times vary)

Need to brush up for an audition? Looking to learn how to sing? TLT is happy to partner with several wonderful voice teachers who will schedule a time for your private one-on-one lesson in our studio. Students will perform in two recitals during the year to showcase their talent. [Lessons are available for all ages.](#)



Aladdin, Spring 2019



Hairspray Jr, Summer 2018

Dance (times vary)

Getting ready for an audition or just wanting to build on some current skills? Come join us for these fast-paced classes. Classes offered at a variety of levels and skill sets: ranging from the basics of ballet, jazz and musical theatre; to more intensive specific styles of musical theatre. Students will spend 6 weeks focused on a specific style or skill set, ending on the final class with a showcase of what they have learned.

Classes are available for all ages.

Adult Classes @ TLT (times vary)

TLT has extended our education program to include our adult actors. These programs start for students 18 and up, they include classes in intro to acting, advanced acting, improv classes, and dance classes. [Check in to see what's available online or email \[education@tacomalittletheatre.com\]\(mailto:education@tacomalittletheatre.com\)](#)

SUMMER CAMP @ TLT (enrollment begins in Winter 2020)

We host an intensive four week summer program, designed to immerse students in all aspects of the Performing Arts. Camp is available to a large range of ages and skill sets. TLT has found that being in a larger group, students are able to learn from each other no matter their ages or skill levels. [Camps are open to students entering 1st-12th grades.](#)

- Students learn and work on audition materials for the production, including: acting audition, dance audition and vocal audition.

- Students spend three and a half weeks learning all the music, choreography, and character work needed for the performance.

- Students participate in set work, ranging from costume creation to set painting.

- Students participate in workshops to help strengthen their acting skill set. Past workshops have included: stage combat, vocal training, improv work, character work, and many more.

- Students end the final weekend of camp learning the technical process of putting on a show.

Contact us for more information!

education@tacomalittletheatre.com or 253.272.2281

CLUB

TLT



Cyrano de Burger Shack, Summer 2018

CLUB TLT

A unique club that offers year-round education dedicated to middle and high school students, ages 13-19. Fall, Winter, and Spring will offer a variety of classes for students to take, where they can focus on more specific areas to help build up for the summer production! Students will have opportunities to focus on their audition skills to help prepare for school auditions and any community auditions they are working on! Students will also have opportunities to learn more about writing and directing their first play. Students can work their improv skills to help build confidence to mold into a variety of characters for their theatrical endeavors.

-Workshops and master classes will be offered in specific areas: performance, direction, design, stage management, and play writing.

-Special events and activities will offer student opportunities to attend performances and volunteer at TLT and other local schools and theatres.

-Students will work together to create performances especially suited for teenagers.



Cyrano de Burger Shack, Summer 2018

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Students On Stage

Our outreach program is designed to bring the entire educational experience to your school! Our programs range from a variety of musical and non-musical options, all designed to bring the importance and value of art into students learning. TLT will supply instructors, minimal sets, costumes and props to your school. You and your school will coordinate enrollment, rehearsal and performance space, and other school support. Previous shows have included *Wizard of Oz* (non-musical), *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Jungle Book Kids*.

-Students will spend 5-6 weeks rehearsing the production

-All programs end with a single performance or weekends worth of shows.

-Students will learn new techniques and theatrical styles to will help them as artists and also supply them with skills for school and beyond.



Sophie

From her earliest childhood, Sophie used to write about things and events and people that interested her, and as she became older,

she often wrote as well about her own thoughts and feelings. This one-act show takes place at an outdoor railway station, where a young Sophie (age 13) talks with her older self (age 19).

This 45 minute touring show provides a fantastic educational and artistic experience for students of all ages. We are excited to start bringing this performance around to local schools in the Puget Sound.



TLT BECOMES A NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY THEATRE

This past June, TLT participated in the American Association of Community Theatre AACTFest with our production of *The Pillowman*. Community theatres from AACT's 10 regions enter productions for adjudication and advancement from state to regional to national level in this biannual event. AACTFest is thus a celebration of theatre and a learning experience for those who take part.

TLT was honored with the following awards:

- **National Adjudicator Award for Excellence -Best Ensemble**
- **Best Scenic Design**
-Blake R. York
- **Best Supporting Actor**
-Sean Neely as Michal
- **Best Scenic Design in the Overall Design Competition**
-Blake R. York

While there, Managing Artistic Director, Chris Serface, was also presented with the AACT Shining Star Award, which recognizes an individual AACT Member with significant leadership & service on a national level.





Photo by Gary Speers

special EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

OUR 101ST SEASON OPENING GALA & SILENT AUCTION

Join us for a sneak peek of all seven shows along with hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and entertainment

Saturday, Sep 7, 2019 • 6:00pm

Tickets: \$35 per person



MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS

3 different mysteries for 3 different seasons!

Join us for fine dining, fine wine, murder, and mystery at Shakabrah or The Social Bar & Grill.

Oct 10-13, 2019 | Feb 20-23, 2020 | Apr 16-19, 2020

Tickets: \$55 per person

KEN LUDWIG'S 'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS


Saturday, December 14, 21 & 28
at 11:00am and 2:00pm

Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 22 at 6:00pm

Adults \$15.00 Children 12 and under \$12.00

Recommended for all ages



'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, creatures were stirring, including a mouse! Kick off your family's yuletide season with this comic take on the classic poem. When Santa's Naughty or Nice list has gone missing, it's up to a pair of dancing mice, a spunky girl, and an Elf-B-I agent to solve the mystery before Santa boards his sleigh.

FOOLS PLAY IMPROV

Join the fools for a night of improv theatre. Each performance is something entirely new, and will have you laughing. All performances are at 8:00pm.

Jul 27 | Aug 24 | Oct 5 | Nov 23, 2019

Jan 11 | Feb 15 | Apr 11 | May 23 | Jun 27, 2020

Tickets: \$10 per person

Special Events subject to change.



GRAB A SEAT AND ENJOY! AUDITORIUM UPGRADE UPDATE

Get ready for a new and improved auditorium at TLT! We have been working with Wedderman Architecture and Jim Merritt on our redesign and are thrilled to announce that we will begin the process of upgrading the auditorium at the close of this season. Next summer will be filled with the sounds of construction as we remove all the old seats, take out the floor, and completely change the layout and entrances to the theatre.

Here are the exciting things that you can expect when we debut the auditorium in September of 2020.

- Brand new seats with cupholders and five inches of padding
- New carpet and flooring with larger aisles
- A new seating chart that gives everyone the best seat in the house
- An improved ADA section that offers better comfort and access to our patrons
- A new projector and screen for special events
- Improved sound and lighting
- An Assistive Listening System (ALS) for our patrons who may need it

We appreciate all of you that have purchased chairs for the auditorium. We are still in the process of raising funds for this campaign, so if you would like more information on how you can help, and naming rights that are available, please feel free to contact us at tlt@tacomalittletheatre.com.

support TLT

Tacoma Little Theatre survives through the support of its patrons. If you are able, please support us by making a tax-deductible donation to help keep us flourishing. **To donate, please call, stop in, or visit our website.**



Next time you are shopping with Amazon, make sure that you visit smile.amazon.com and pick Tacoma Little Theatre as your charity. It's the easiest way to help us out while getting something for yourself.



Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to TLT at: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

STAY CONNECTED WITH TLT!

tacomalittletheatre.com

Make sure you check out our website and stay in touch with us via your favorite social networking sites. It's the best way to know what's happening all the time at TLT!



ticket POLICIES



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SEASON TICKET

1. A Season Ticket is good for one seat to all of our regular season productions.
2. If necessary, you can exchange your Season Ticket seat by calling the Box Office at 253.272.2281 at least 24 hours in advance.

FLEX PASS

1. Flex Passes can be redeemed for tickets by calling the Box Office at least 24 hours before the performance.
2. Flex Passes are only valid for regular season performances. They are not valid for SPECIAL EVENTS.
3. Flex Passes can be used however the patron prefers. There are 6 punches available.
4. Once reservations are made with the Flex Pass, there are no refunds, but we offer an exchange for no extra fee.

2019-2020 Season Tickets & Flex Passes are only valid from September 13th, 2019 to June 21st, 2020.

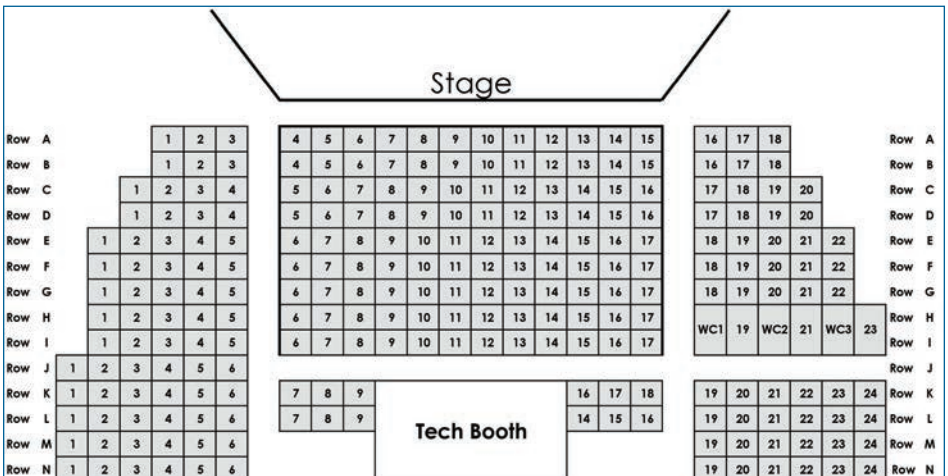
SINGLE TICKETS

Adults: \$25 plays | \$27 musicals

Seniors/Students/Military: \$23 plays | \$25 musicals

Children 12 and under: \$20 plays | \$22 musicals

Group rates available for 10 or more.



NAME _____ PHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

- I am **RENEWING** my same seats and series with **NO CHANGES** if available
- I am renewing with **CHANGES** (please note requests below)
- I am a **NEW SUBSCRIBER** (please note requests below)

Please Circle (one weekend & one day)

WEEKEND	First	Second	Third
DAY	Friday (7:30pm)	Saturday (7:30pm)	Sunday (2:00pm)

Quantity	Item	Regular Cost	Subscription Price	Total
	Adult Season Subscription	\$179	\$145	\$
	Seniors (60 & over), Students, Military Season Subscription	\$165	\$135	\$
	Children (12 & under) Season Subscription	\$144	\$120	\$
	FLEX PASS (6 Admissions)	\$150	\$135	\$
	My Tax Deductible Donation			\$
	GRAND TOTAL			\$

Seating Preference (New Subscribers or Change requests)

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

Credit Card Visa MC AMEX Check Enclosed

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Signature _____ CV Code _____

ALL TICKET SALES FINAL-EXCHANGES ALLOWED 24 HOURS BEFORE PERFORMANCE

Please mail completed form with payment to
Tacoma Little Theatre, 210 North I Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

Questions? Call the Box Office at 253.272.2281





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The Foreing, 2018



A Doll's House, 2019

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