

90th SEASON



WILMINGTON **DRAMA** LEAGUE

THE PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG

sunday in the
park with
GEORGE

ANDREW LIPPA'S
THE **WILD**
PARTY

**STREET
DREAMS**
THE INNER CITY MUSICAL

The
WIZARD
of
OZ

ARCADIA

DREAMGIRLS

**BOEING
BOEING**

Disney
FREAKY FRIDAY
A NEW MUSICAL

2022/2023

President's Letter

The Wilmington Drama league is very excited to introduce its 90th season! 90 seasons! My, that's a long run. Think about that. Back in 1933, *Let 'Em Eat Cake* (Gershwin) was the new show on Broadway. *Roman Scandals* (United Artists) was number one at the box office and *Stormy Weather* (Ethel Waters) was the big hit on the radio. *The Wizard of Oz* was still 6 years away! This was one of the worst years of the depression, the year of The New Deal! (you know, from *Annie*?). Back then a loaf of bread cost 7 cents and a gallon of gas only 10 cents. Is that really \$2 for a 20 gallon tank! Even with all this, it was important enough to theatre lovers to start the Wilmington Drama League. Since then we have gone from presenting mainly dramas and comedies to mostly musicals. Times have changed and WDL has weathered depressions, storms and pandemics and will continue to do so with the support of our patrons. For that we thank you all and invite you to see what's coming this season.

After spending so much time away things are shaping up for a fabulous 90th season. We open the season with *The Play That Goes Wrong*, an Olivier Award-winning comedy and a hilarious mash-up of Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes. This is sure to be a riot! The season continues with a Sondheim classic, *Sunday in the Park with George*, an award winning musical (A Pulitzer Prize, two Tonys, several Drama Desk Awards and the Olivier Award for Outstanding Musical) that brings a famous painting to exuberant life. Following that, anyone looking for a crazy time is sure to enjoy the 2002 Drama Desk Award Winner for Outstanding Musical, *The Wild Party*. Performed in our Black Box setting, this is an Andrew Lippa (*The Addams Family*, *The Little Princess*) musical that invites its audience to an outrageous party during the roaring '20s. Next, ushering in the Christmas season is a *Wizard of Oz* like you've never seen before! Sure to delight and enjoy with family and friends. Starting off the new year in January, *The Scottsboro Boys*, a musical with a record 12 Tony nominations, is a thoughtful and engaging examination of a difficult part of our nation's history.

Boeing Boeing is a devastatingly funny farce about a pilot desperately trying to juggle three different women at once. Our second Black Box production of the season is *Arcadia*, considered by many to be the finest play by one of our country's finest playwrights (Tom Stoppard). *Arcadia* is an award winning and a fascinating study of how the past is interpreted by the present. In early spring we have the winner of 6 Tony Awards, *Dreamgirls*, an infectious musical story of the stars of Motown as they break gender and racial boundaries in the 60's. This is a show not to be missed! Closing out the season we have a tuneful comedic romp about the ultimate teen/parent role reversal, based on the popular movie, *Freaky Friday*.

In addition to the great shows coming this season, we continue to make improvements around the facility. WDL was recently awarded a Delaware Community Reinvestment Grant which will help us make some much needed upgrades in the facility. Some of the improvements to look forward to are new seating, improved sound and lights, and possibly even some other more obvious improvements. The board and I would like to thank all the patrons and volunteers who have supported us through these 90 years. Here's to another 90! Come check us out. You won't be disappointed.

Tony DelNegro
Board President

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June 2023							THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG SEP 9 - 18, 2022							SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE OCT 14 - 23 , 2022						
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Ticket Prices: Adult: \$20 Senior/Student: \$17 Child: \$12

Fridays/Saturdays @ 8pm Sundays @ 2pm

Black Box audiences may be seated on the stage.

* these performances of *Wizard of Oz* are Matinees (2PM)

One Acts & WDL Black Box shows are General Admission: \$15/\$12/\$10

THE WILD PARTY
NOV 3 - 6, 2022 #

Ruby Stanley
One-Act Festival
FEB 10 - 11, 2023

DREAMGIRLS
APR 28 -
MAY 7, 2023

FREAKY FRIDAY
JUN 9 - 18, 2023

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

SEPTEMBER 9 - 18, 2022

by:
**HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER
& HENRY SHIELDS**

director:
KRISTYN WALKO

The Play That Goes Wrong is by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service.

sunday in the park with **GEORGE**



OCTOBER 14 - 23, 2022

music & lyrics:
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

book:
JAMES LAPINE

director: **SAMUEL LEE LEWIS**
music director: **KELLY KLINE**

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Orchestrations: Michael Starobin Originally Produced on Broadway by
The Shubert Organization and Emanuel Azenberg
By arrangement with Playwrights Horizon, Inc. New York City

Sunday in the Park with George is by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International.



NOVEMBER 3 - 6, 2022

book, music, & lyrics: **ANDREW LIPPA**

**WDL
BLACK
BOX**

director/choreographer: **PATRICK MURRAY**
music director: **MEGHAN HICKEY**

Based on the Poem by Joseph Moncure March
Partially Developed and Received Readings at
The O'Neill Theater Center during the 1997 National Music Theatre
Conference Originally Produced in New York City

The Wild Party is by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International.

The Chrysalis Players Proudly Present:



DECEMBER 9 - 28, 2022

by **FRANK BAUM**

music & lyrics: **HAROLD ARLEN & E. Y. HARBURG**

background music: **HERBERT STOTHART**

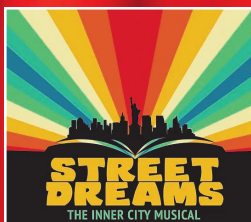
dance and vocal arrangements: **PETER HOWARD**

orchestration: **LARRY WILCOX**

director: **CHRISTY LEWIS** music director: **LAURA HANNAGAN**
choreographer: **ASHLEY SCHERER**

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner
Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

The Wizard of Oz is by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC.



JAN 27 - FEB 5, 2023

Book/Lyrics: **EVE MERRIAM** Music: **HELEN MILLER**

director: **DARRYL THOMPSON** music director: **CAMERON STRINGHAM**

The Street Dreams is by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

RUBY STANLEY
ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 10 - 11, 2023

Named for our wonderful long-time volunteer,
Ruby Stanley,

it features original works by local playwrights and
culminates in a festival at which audience members
vote for their favorite play.



MARCH 10 - 19, 2023

by
MARC CAMOLETTI

translated by
BEVERLEY CROSS & FRANCIS EVANS

director:
GENE DZIELAK

Boeing Boeing is by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

ARCADIA

MAR 30 - APR 2, 2023

by
TOM STOPPARD

director:
JENNA COLE



Arcadia is by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.



APR 28 - MAY 7, 2023

book & lyrics: **TOM EYEN** music: **HENRY KRIEGER**
original Broadway production directed & choreographed by
MICHAEL BENNETT

orchestrations: **HAROLD WHEELER**

director: **ALLIYAH THORPE**

music director: **ANTHONY VITALO**

choreographer: **EPHESIA MOODY**

Produced on Broadway by Michael Bennett, Robert Avian,
Geffen Records and The Shubert Organization

Dreamgirls is by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.



The Chrysalis Players Proudly Present:

FREAKY FRIDAY
A NEW MUSICAL

JUNE 9 - 18, 2023

book: **BRIDGET CARPENTER**
music: **TOM KITT**/lyrics: **BRIAN YORKEY**

director: **CHRIS TURNER**
music director: **JANE HARACZ**

based on the novel *Freaky Friday* by
MARY RODGERS and the Disney films

Freaky Friday is by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International.