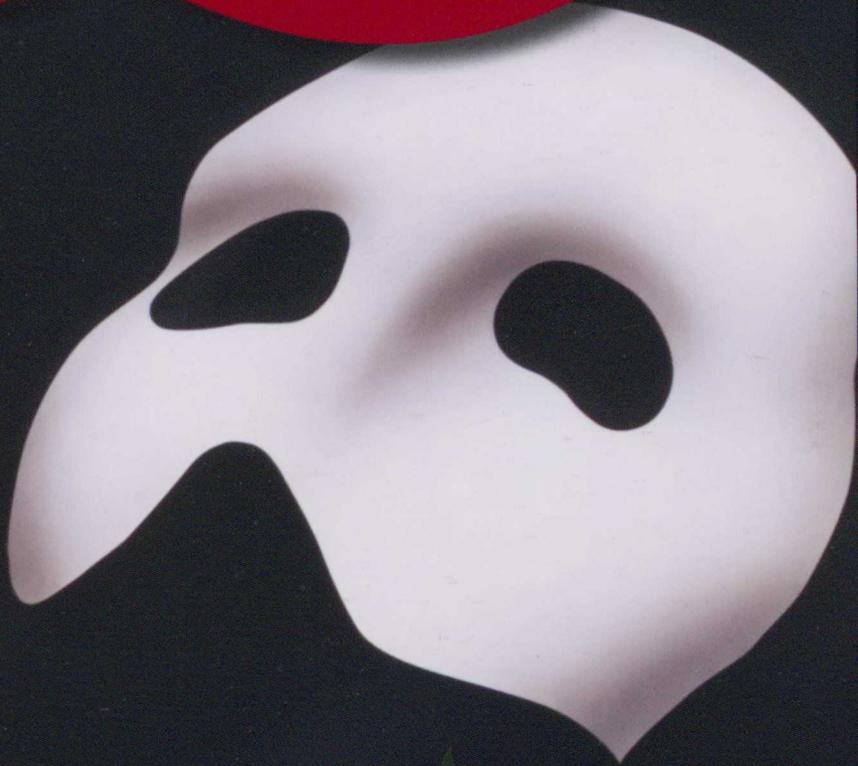


 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

SEASON  
*of*

*Love*



  
Theatre & Dance

# Minnesota State Mankato Department of Theatre & Dance 2011-12 Mainstage Season

## Rent

Music, lyrics & book by Jonathan Larson, based on Puccini's *La Bohème*

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-9, 2011**

*Sponsored by HickoryTech Corporation*

It is Christmas Eve on the lower East side of New York City. A group of friends comes together and shares the night in a special way. Over the next year, as relationships grow and change, they have to struggle with paying the rent, eviction, death, drugs and living one day at a time. Winner of a Pulitzer Prize and Tony for Best Musical, songs include "Seasons of Love" and "Over the Moon." This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut. **This show contains mature language and themes.**

## Wait Until Dark

By Frederick Knott

**Oct. 13-16 & 19-23, 2011**

Frederick Knott's thriller is the story of Susy Hendrix, a recently blinded housewife who unwittingly possesses a doll filled with illicit drugs. Harry Roat, a brutal and sophisticated criminal, coerces two small-time thugs into helping him con Susy into giving up the doll. A battle of wits ensues as Susy and the young girl upstairs launch a counterplot against the thieves. Minnesota State Mankato presented *Wait Until Dark* in the summer 1984 and in 1997.

## Altar Boyz

Book by Kevin Del Aguila, conceived by Ken Davenport and Marc Kessler, music and lyrics by Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker

**Nov. 10-12 & 17-20, 2011**

*Sponsored by Blethen, Gage & Krause*

*Altar Boyz* is a foot-stomping, rafter-raising, musical comedy about a fictitious Christian boy-band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour. The Boyz, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham, sing their signature hits such as "Girl You Make Me Wanna Wait" and "Jesus Called Me on My Cell Phone." Winner of the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Off-Broadway Musical, *Altar Boyz* caused a sensation for over 2,000 performances. This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut.



## DANCE PROGRAM

### Fall Dance Concert

**7:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 2 & 2:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011**

**Student Dance Showcase 2:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

in the Ted Paul Theatre

### Spring Dance Concert

**7:30 P.M. Friday, April 27, 2012**

**& 2:00 P.M. Saturday, April 28**

**Student Dance Showcase 2:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, April 29**

in the Ted Paul Theatre

### Guest Artist Performances

#### Dance Zorongo

**4:00 P.M. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2012**

in the Ostrander Auditorium,  
Centennial Student Union

#### Flying Foot Dance Company

**7:30 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012**

in the Ted Paul Theatre

## I Hate Hamlet

By Paul Rudnick

**Jan. 26-29 & Feb. 1-5, 2012**

Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise. Minnesota State Mankato presented *I Hate Hamlet* in the summer of 1995.

## The Imaginary Invalid

By Moliere

**Feb. 16-18 & 23-26, 2012**

The eccentric and wealthy hypochondriac Argan decides to marry his strong-willed daughter Angelique off to a doctor. But Angelique loves another man, and her attempts to persuade her father to let her marry him lead to outrageous tricks and disguises. Moliere's 17th century farce is a true classic of the world theatre. This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut.

## The Phantom of the Opera

Composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Charles Hart, additional lyrics by Richard Stilgoe, and a book by Lloyd Webber and Stilgoe. Based on the classic novel "Le Fantôme de l'Opéra" by Gaston Leroux

**April 5-7 & 12-15, 2012**

*Sponsored by Community Bank Mankato,  
Mankato Ford and Radio Mankato*

*The Phantom of the Opera* tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House. He falls madly in love with an innocent young soprano, Christine, and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents. The astonishing score includes "Music of the Night," "All I Ask of You," and the title song. This Olivier and Tony Award-winning production opened on Broadway in 1988 and has become the longest-running production in Broadway history. This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut.

## STUDIO SEASON 2011-12 *Studio shows are intended for adult audiences.*

### The Shape of Things

By Neil LaBute

**Sept. 14-17, 2011**

How far would you go for love? For art? Such are the painful questions explored by Neil LaBute. After a chance meeting in a museum, Evelyn, a sexy, aggressive artist, and Adam, a shy, insecure student, become embroiled in an intense affair. Before long, it veers into the kind of dangerous, seductive territory that LaBute does best. This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut.

### Why We Have a Body

By Claire Chafee

**Nov. 28 & 30, Dec. 2, 2011**

*Sponsored by the Minnesota State  
Mankato Women's Center*

*Why We Have a Body* proceeds poetically and looks into the transportation of the female psyche. In it, four women are taught few skills with which to navigate their lives, but in each case, the women's chosen fields are a flight from traditional roles. They have been propelled by a fear of getting stuck in a groove of routine. This is its Minnesota State Mankato premiere.

### Endgame

By Samuel Beckett

**Nov. 29, Dec. 1 & 3, 2011**

This evocative masterpiece, from Nobel Prize-winning Samuel Beckett, focuses on Hamm, an aged master who is blind and not able to stand up, and his servant Clov, who cannot sit down. The two characters, mutually dependent, have been fighting for years and continue to do so. Clov always wants to leave but never seems to be able. Minnesota State Mankato presented *Endgame* in 1970.

### The Gingerbread Lady

By Neil Simon

**March 21-24, 2012**

Evy Meara is a popular singer who has hit the skids. After a short stay in rehab, her best friend, the age-defying Toby, her daughter Polly and Jimmy Perry, a gay actor, try to help her adjust to sobriety with a jolly birthday party. Enter Lou Tanner, a former lover, who ends up giving her a black eye. The party is a wash out, and the "gingerbread lady" falls off the wagon once again. This is its Minnesota State Mankato debut.

### True West

By Sam Shepard

**April 18-21, 2012**

*True West* is a character study by Pulitzer Prize-winning Sam Shepard that examines the relationship between Austin, a screenwriter, and his older brother Lee. Austin is house-sitting while their mother is in Alaska, and there he is confronted by his brother, who proceeds to bully his way into staying at the house and using Austin's car. The brothers find themselves forced to cooperate in the creation of a screenplay that will make or break both of their lives. Minnesota State Mankato presented *True West* in 1992.



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## Tickets

	Regular	Discount*	Minnesota State Mankato Student**
Mainstage Season Subscription (6 shows)	\$100.00	na	na
Mainstage Single Show Tickets	*		
Rent	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$15.00
Wait Until Dark	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
Altar Boyz	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$15.00
I Hate Hamlet	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
The Imaginary Invalid	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
The Phantom of the Opera	\$22.00	\$19.00	\$15.00
Studio Shows and Dance Events	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00

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**BOX OFFICE OPEN 4-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY BEGINNING SEPT. 20 AND ONE HOUR BEFORE PERFORMANCES.**

\* Discounts apply to senior citizens (65 and older), children under 16 and groups of 15 or more people.

\*\* Minnesota State Mankato students must present a current student ID.

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- Minnesota State Mankato tickets will be available online at [www.MSUTheatre.com](http://www.MSUTheatre.com). For an additional service charge, you may order individual show tickets at any time of the day beginning September 20.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- The Ted Paul and Andreas Theatres are handicap accessible. If you need special arrangements, please specify when ordering tickets.
- Your season tickets will be mailed to you as soon as the order is processed.
- Minnesota State Mankato Theatre productions are NOT recommended for children under 6; infants will not be permitted.
- It is recommended that all patrons arrive at least 15 minutes prior to curtain to assure timely seating.

### TICKET POLICIES / NO REFUNDS:

- Exchanges may be made for the same show subject to availability if arrangements are made at least 24 hours prior to the ticketed performance. Tickets must be brought to the Box Office for exchange.
- Performances are almost never canceled due to weather.
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Altar Boyz	Nov	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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I Hate Hamlet	Jan/ Feb	<input type="checkbox"/>	26	27	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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The Shape of Things	Sept	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	15	16	17			
Why We Have A Body	Nov/Dec	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	2			
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True West	April	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	19	20	21			
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SPECIAL DANCE EVENTS										
Dance Zorongo, 4 P.M., Jan. 27, Ostrander Auditorium, CSU										
Flying Foot Dance Company, 7:30 P.M., Feb. 29, Ted Paul Theatre										

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