

2010-2011 Season

# Theatre & Dance

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

## RAZZLE DAZZLE





# Minnesota State Mankato Department of Theatre & Dance 2010-11 Mainstage Season

## Chicago

Music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse

**Sept. 30-Oct. 3 & Oct. 7-10, 2010**

*Sponsored by HickoryTech Corporation*

In roaring '20s Chicago, chorus girl Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune and acquittal. This sharp-edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse and the 2002 Academy Award-winning blockbuster film.

## Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

By Edward Albee

**Oct. 14-17 & 20-24, 2010**

George, a professor at a small college, and his wife, Martha, have just returned home, drunk, from a Saturday night party. Martha announces, amidst general profanity, that she has invited a new young professor and his wife to stop by for a nightcap. The drinks flow and suddenly inhibitions melt. The couple was memorably portrayed on stage and screen by Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. Winner of the 1963 Tony Award for Best Play, Minnesota State Mankato presented *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in the summer of 1968. *Note: This production contains adult language and situations.*

## The Odyssey

By Homer, adapted from the translation by Robert Fitzgerald and originally directed by Mary Zimmerman

**Nov. 11-14 & 18-21, 2010**

*Sponsored by Blethen, Gage & Krause*

The epic story mainly centers on the Greek hero Odysseus (or Ulysses, as he was known in Roman myths) and his 10-year journey home following the 10-year Trojan War. In his absence, it is assumed he has died, and his wife Penelope and son Telemachus must deal with a group of unruly suitors competing for Penelope's hand in marriage. This classic tale is vibrantly brought to life in this 2006 retelling, from the author of *Metamorphoses*, which Minnesota State Mankato presented in 2004.

## STUDIO SEASON 2010-11

*Studio shows are intended for*

### Copenhagen

By Michael Frayn

**Sept. 15-18, 2010**

Werner Heisenberg was a German physicist who went to Copenhagen where he lived and worked with the older Niels Bohr on quantum theories. The play, a fictional dialogue based on historical figures and events, is based on a meeting between Bohr and Heisenberg in Copenhagen in 1941 not long before the advent of the atomic bomb. It debuted in London in 1998.

### Evil Dead: The Musical

Book & lyrics by George Reinblatt, music by Frank Cipolla/Christopher Bond/Melissa Morris/George Reinblatt

**Dec. 1-4, 2010**

*Evil Dead: The Musical* is a hilarious parody that is one of the craziest theatrical experiences of time! Five college students go to an abandoned cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force that turns them into demons. *Note: This production contains adult language and situations.*



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**MSUTheatre.com**  
Subscriptions available  
beginning Sept. 1

## Born Yesterday

By Garson Kanin

**Jan. 27-30 & Feb. 2-6, 2011**

*Sponsored by Community Bank Mankato*

An uncouth, corrupt tycoon, Harry Brock, brings his showgirl mistress, Billie Dawn, with him to Washington, D.C. When Billie's ignorance becomes a liability to Brock's shady business dealings, he hires a journalist, Paul Verrall, to educate her. In the process of learning, Billie realizes how corrupt Harry is and begins interfering with his plans. The 1950 movie captured the Best Actress Oscar for star Judy Holliday. Minnesota State Mankato presented *Born Yesterday* in 1958 and 1995.

## Dracula

Adapted by Hamilton Deane & John Balderston

**Feb. 17-20 & 24-27, 2011**

This is an adaptation of the classic horror story by Bram Stoker, the vampire story that started it all. *Dracula* is a 1924 stage play adapted by Hamilton Deane and substantially revised for American audiences by John L. Balderston in 1927. It was the first adaptation of the novel authorized by Stoker's widow and has influenced many subsequent adaptations. That first Broadway production starred Bela Lugosi, who then made a career of it. Minnesota State Mankato presented *Dracula* in 1983 and 1998.

## The Producers

Adapted by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan  
from Brooks' 1968 film of the same name

**April 7-10 & 14-17, 2011**

*Sponsored by Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Health System*

*The Producers* is a musical romp concerning two theatrical producers who scheme to get rich by overselling interests in an assumed Broadway flop. Complications arise when the show unexpectedly turns out to be successful. Featuring such songs as "Springtime for Hitler" and "I Wanna Be a Producer," the original production that opened on Broadway in 2001 ran for 2,502 performances, winning a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards, including three for Mel Brooks himself (Best Musical, Best Score, Best Book).

## DANCE PROGRAM

### Fall Bridges Concert

**7:30 P.M. Dec. 3 & 4,**

**and 2:00 P.M. Dec. 4, 2010**

in the Ted Paul Theatre

### Spring Collection Concert

**7:30 P.M. April 28 & 29,**

**and 2:00 P.M.**

**April 30, 2011**

in the Ted Paul Theatre

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adult audiences.

## A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking

By John Ford Noonan

**March 30-April 2, 2011**

This two-character comedy takes place in the suburban Westchester County, NY, kitchen of Maude Mix, who is having a tough day. Hannah Mae Bindler badgers Maude into friendship and they join forces against their errant and erring husbands.

## Frozen

By Bryony Lavery

**April 20-23, 2011**

One evening, ten-year old Rhona goes missing. Her mother, Nancy, retreats into a state of paralytic hope, "frozen," as it were, in the expectation her daughter will be returned safe and sound. Agnetha, an academic, comes to England to research a thesis titled "Serial Killings: A Forgivable Act?" This play was nominated for the 2004 Best Play Tony.



# Here's How it Works

Everyone's subscription package includes a ticket to each of the six Mainstage productions—that's four shows in the Ted Paul Theatre (including two big musicals) and two shows in the ever-changing and versatile Andreas Theatre. Order a season subscription and get priority seating for *Chicago*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *The Odyssey*, *Born Yesterday*, *Dracula* and *The Producers* (Friends of the Theatre get the best seats). Being a season ticket holder also allows you to buy additional tickets for any Mainstage show at regular prices before they go on sale to the public, as well as tickets to our intriguing Studio shows AND entertaining Dance Concerts.

Mainstage productions open on Thursday evening. Each Mainstage show will also include at least THREE matinee performances on Saturdays and Sundays during the run.

When giving us your performance preference, don't forget to circle your first choice and cross over your second choice. The Box Office will do everything it can to give you your first choice. **Please specify any special needs so we may accommodate you.** Save yourself the wait in line later and purchase tickets NOW for our Dance Concerts in December and April, each including a Saturday 2 P.M. matinee. Visit **MSUTheatre.com** for the latest on these shows and the department.

## Become a Friend of the Theatre

Consider joining the ranks of the Friends of the Theatre. By adding a minimum gift of \$100 or more when ordering your season subscription before Aug. 31 – by mail OR online – you get priority seating and help keep quality theatre a Southern Minnesota tradition. Priority seating is a thank you for your donation. There is a **maximum of 4 subscriptions per donation**; if your family has more than 4 members on your donation, please call us immediately at 507-389-2118.

### Friends of the Theatre Benefits

#### Patron's Club \$100-\$249

- › First choice of season subscriptions until September 1
- › Exclusive invitation to the Theatre & Dance Spring Gala
- › Recognition in all of the theatre programs during your membership year
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## Tickets

	Regular	Discount*	Minnesota State Mankato Student**
Mainstage Season Subscription (6 shows)	\$85.00	na	na
Mainstage Single Show Tickets			
Chicago	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?	\$14.50	\$13.00	\$10.00
The Odyssey	\$14.50	\$13.00	\$10.00
Born Yesterday	\$14.50	\$13.00	\$10.00
Dracula	\$14.50	\$13.00	\$10.00
The Producers	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$14.00
Studio Shows and Dance Events	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00

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

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Order Form

The deadline for all subscriptions is **October 10**. To receive priority seating as a Friend of the Theatre, we must receive your subscription form and donation **before** August 31.

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MAINSTAGE SEASON		Evening performances at 7:30 P.M. All matinees at 2:00 P.M.						PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SINGLE-PERFORMANCE MAINSTAGE TICKETS Season subscribers may purchase additional tickets for any show in addition to their season package.			
		Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat Matinee	Sat Evening	Sun Matinee	Preferred Date	Qty	Price Each	Total
Chicago	Sept/ Oct		30	1	2	2	3				
			7	8	9	9	10				
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?	Oct		14	15	16	16	17				
		20	21	22	23	23	24				
The Odyssey	Nov		11	12		13	14				
			18	19	20	20	21				
Born Yesterday	Jan/ Feb		27	28	29	29	30				
		2	3	4	5	5	6				
Dracula	Feb		17	18		19	20				
			24	25	26	26	27				
The Producers	April		7	8	9	9	10				
			14	15	16	16	17				

TOTAL THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS                      Quantity                      Price Each                      Total  
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STUDIO SHOWS AND DANCE CONCERTS		All are 7:30 P.M. curtain except matinees, as noted				Tickets: \$9 / \$8 / \$7			
		Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Qty	Price Each	Total	
Copenhagen	Sept	15	16	17	18				
Evil Dead: The Musical	Dec	1	2	3	4				
U-Rep Fall Concert 2 P.M. Matinee	Dec			3	4				
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Coupla White Chicks...	Mar/ Apr	30	31	1	2				
Frozen	April	20	21	22	23				
Spring Concert 2 P.M. matinee	Apr		28	29					
					30				

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- Beginning with Season Ticket sales, Minnesota State Mankato tickets are now 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 21.
- 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.
  - If you cannot use a ticket, please pass it along to a friend or make it a tax-deductible donation by calling the Box Office at 507-389-6661 and/or turning in your ticket.

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