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## MILLER AUDITORIUM ANNOUNCES 2011-12 BROADWAY SEASON

### HUGE BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTERS COME TO MILLER AUDITORIUM!

Miller Auditorium is proud to announce the 2011-12 PNC Broadway in West Michigan Series, complete with West Michigan premieres and returning Broadway favorites. Audiences will be dancing in their seats with the West Michigan premiere of the 2006 Tony Award® Winner for Best Musical, **JERSEY BOYS**.

The PNC Broadway in West Michigan series opens with a show hailed as "the perfect musical," **MY FAIR LADY** (October 18-19). Next, get ready for a full helping of holiday cheer and awe-inspiring feats with **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** (November 29-30). Then, enjoy the show that is "too good to be true!" **JERSEY BOYS** comes to Miller Auditorium, featuring such hits as "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Oh, What a Night" and more (March 20-April 1). Finally, the PNC Broadway in West Michigan Series concludes with the monstrously funny new Mel Brooks musical **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN** (April 24-25).

Two *Broadway Plus* shows are also part of the 2011-12 season and may be added to any subscription package; Broadway smash-hit rock musical **ROCK OF AGES** (January 31) and Broadway's most exciting and joyous new show, **IN THE HEIGHTS** (February 24).

The PNC Broadway in West Michigan and PNC Broadway Plus series tickets are on sale now for new and returning subscribers. Prices for Broadway subscriptions start as low as \$94 for all four shows in the series! Patrons renewing their subscriptions receive priority seating through May. Miller Spotlight events will be announced after May 2 and Flex Pass subscriptions will be available at that time. Single tickets will go on sale to the general public several weeks prior to each performance.

Groups of 20 or more can call (269) 387-2312 for discount information and to make reservations.

## **2011/12 Season Details**

(In Chronological Order)

### **MY FAIR LADY**

The World's Greatest Musical

Tuesday & Wednesday

October 18 & 19, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Big League Productions Inc. presents a sparkling new production of the musical by which all others are measured. Based on Shaw's play and Pascal's movie "Pygmalion," with book, music and lyrics by Lerner and Loewe, **MY FAIR LADY** is triumphant. With "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time" and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," it's no wonder everyone – not just Henry Higgins – falls in love with Eliza Doolittle.

The show's 1956 Broadway production was a smash hit, setting a new record for the longest run of any major theatre production in history. It was followed by a hit London production, a popular film version starring Audrey Hepburn-which won eight Academy Awards and numerous revivals. It has been called "the perfect musical."

### **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE**

Tuesday & Wednesday

November 29 & 30, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

**CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** is "*so full of energy it could end our dependence on oil*" according to the New York Daily News and "*stuffed with so much holiday cheer and audacious acts, Scrooge would exit with a big ol' smile on his face*" proclaims the Erie Times News about this "**Broadway-worthy spectacle.**"

Renowned director Neil Goldberg, creator of the groundbreaking Broadway hit **CIRQUE DREAMS JUNGLE FANTASY**, re-imagines the holiday season with **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE**. An international cast of over 30 multi-talented and brilliantly costumed artists come to life and perform astonishing feats of disbelief. Experience gingerbread men flipping mid air, toy soldiers marching on thin wires, snowmen daringly balancing, icemen powerfully sculpting, penguins spinning, puppets dancing and reindeer soaring high above a landscape of holiday wonderment. An original music score and some seasonal favorites accompany hundreds of spectacular costumes and holiday dreams in a setting of gigantic gifts, colossal candy canes and 30-foot towering soldiers. The perfect way to come in from the cold, forget the holiday stresses and rediscover the magic of the season.

Don't miss the international sensation that "**Dazzled...at The Kennedy Center**" according to the Washington Post...**CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE**.

## **ROCK OF AGES**

Tuesday

January 31, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.

It's five-time, Tony Award® nominated smash-hit musical **ROCK OF AGES**, a hilarious, feel-good love story. In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the 80's. **ROCK OF AGES**, an arena-rock love story told through the mind blowing, face-melting hits of **JOURNEY, NIGHT RANGER, STYX, REO SPEEDWAGON, PAT BENATAR, TWISTED SISTER, POISON, ASIA, WHITESNAKE** and many more. Don't miss this awesomely good time about dreaming big, playing loud and partying on!

"Impossible to resist!"

- Charles Isherwood, New York Times

"Rock and comedy in perfect proportion!"

- David Cote, Time Out

## **IN THE HEIGHTS**

Friday

February 24, 2012 @ 8 p.m.

**IN THE HEIGHTS**, winner of four 2008 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL!, is a sensational new show about chasing your dreams and finding your true home.

With an amazing cast, incredible Tony Award-winning dancing and a thrilling Tony Award-winning score, **IN THE HEIGHTS** is an exhilarating journey into a vibrant Manhattan community - a place where the coffee is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music.

Experience the next chapter of the classic American story at the most joyous and exciting musical on Broadway. Find out what it takes to make a living, what it costs to have a dream, and what it means to be home...**IN THE HEIGHTS**.

## **JERSEY BOYS**

March 20-April 1, 2012

Times vary

2006 Tony Award® Winner for Best Musical. "It's just too good to be true!" (Clive Barnes, New York Post) Broadway's biggest success story takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons-and, as The New York Times says, "the crowd goes wild!" Follow the rags-to-rock-to-riches tale of four blue-collar kids working their way from the streets of Newark to the heights of stardom. Featuring such hits as "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Oh, What a Night" and more.

**JERSEY BOYS** is directed by Des McAnuff, with book by Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice, music by Bob Gaudio and lyrics by Bob Crewe.

## **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**

Tuesday & Wednesday

April 24 & 25, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.

IT'S ALIVE! From the creators of the record-breaking Broadway sensation *The Producers* comes this monster new musical comedy.

A wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend based on Mel Brooks' classic comedy masterpiece, the story follows bright young Dr. Frankenstein (that's Fronkensteen) as he attempts to complete his grandfather's masterwork and bring a corpse to life. Together with his oddly shaped and endearing helper Igor (that's Eye-gor), his curvaceous lab assistant Inga, and in spite of his incredibly self-involved madcap fiancé Elizabeth, Frankenstein succeeds in creating a monster -- but not without scary and quite often hilarious complications.

With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz," **The New MEL BROOKS Musical YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN** is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment ... and the only place you'll witness a singing and dancing laboratory experiment in the largest tuxedo ever made.

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### **At a Glance:**

**What:** **Miller Auditorium's 2011-12 PNC Broadway in West Michigan Series**

**When:** Season subscriptions are now available!

**Where:** All 2011-12 season events take place at Miller Auditorium on the campus of Western Michigan University

**How:** Subscriptions are a great way to save money and select premium seats. To purchase your subscription, visit the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office or call (269) 387-2300 or (800) 228-9858. For more information, visit [www.millerauditorium.com](http://www.millerauditorium.com).

Group discounts are available at (269) 387-2312.