

2024-2025 Bradenton Kiwanis Theater

Last month, Producing Artistic Director, Rick Kerby, announced the shows that the Manatee Players will perform for the 2024-2025 Mainstage Musical Series. This month, he is announcing the five productions in the Bradenton Kiwanis Theater. They are...



The Fantasticks running September 19-29. **The Fantasticks** is the longest-running musical in the world and with good reason: at the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers.

On Golden Pond plays November 7-17. A heartwarming and hilarious show about generations of a family learning to communicate and care.

Steel Magnolias will delight audiences from January 23-February 2. Through laughter, tears, and a thick fog of hairspray, these women face trials and triumphs armed with their greatest strength: each other.

The American classic **Death of a Salesman** hit the stage February 27-March 9. Arthur Miller's play is the story of a traveling salesman whose illusions of picture-perfect business and family life cave in on him.

The 39 Steps will make its premiere April 10-20. Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have **The 39 Steps**, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre!

Single-show tickets will go on sale Monday, July 8th at 9 AM, but you can add Bradenton Kiwanis Theater shows when you purchase or renew your Mainstage subscription today!

Don't forget to renew or purchase your Manatee Players Mainstage Subscription by May 1st to guarantee your seat.

If you are not a current subscriber but are interested in reserving your seats

for these great shows, you can call to book your tickets.

Did you know being a subscriber comes with perks? As a subscriber...
You get a:

1. NEW! You can exchange one or two of the mainstage musicals for a like number of Manatee Players Kiwanis Theater Shows.
2. NEW! Second Saturday of mainstage shows will be matinees and all evening performances will begin at 7:30 PM.
3. 12% discount off additional select shows at the performing arts center.
4. You can purchase Manatee Players tickets for the Bradenton Kiwanis Theater for only \$25.88 each (available now with subscription renewal).
5. You can enjoy your favorite seat on your subscription night for every show if you renew or purchase before May 1st.
6. You can exchange your tickets for another performance of the same show without paying an exchange fee (note: you are responsible for additional fees if you upgrade to a higher-priced performance date or seating section).
7. You will receive exclusive opportunities to purchase additional productions before tickets are released to the general public.



Maximize Your Support April 9-10!

On April 9-10 from Noon to Noon, the first \$100 of your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by The Patterson Foundation (no limit on the amount we raise)

AND

Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by one of our angel donors (up to the first \$25,000 we receive)

AND

Your gift will be matched by another angel donor (up to the first \$13,000 we receive).

That means a \$100 gift from each person will become a \$400 investment towards our goal of \$125,000.

Your investment in our organization helps us meet our mission in a variety of ways:

1. Building artistic and cultural access for all of us through high-quality, live performances
2. Education, training, and mentorship for our youth through onstage/backstage opportunities
3. Socialization, skill building, and performance opportunities for challenged

- youth and adults through our Penguin Programs
4. Building and enriching our community through organizational partnering, family-friendly events, and local support
 5. Addressing important social issues for everyone through relevant performances, director talk-backs, and cross-community interactions

On April 9th at Noon, click [HERE](#) to give or call us at [\(941\) 748-5875](tel:9417485875)

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1. Share our newsletter with family and friends by forwarding this email and inviting them to sign up with us.
2. Share our social media posts from Facebook and Instagram.
3. Tell a friend about this year's Giving Challenge.
4. Ask us how you can help us reach out to more people in our community (and beyond).
5. Sign up to volunteer behind the scenes or front of house.

Our Giving Challenge QR Code
(Go to the link using your smartphone's camera)



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“We are committed to being the community’s premier theater and the region’s center for cultural, educational, and artistic expression. Our team works tirelessly to ensure that we deliver engaging excellence for all ages, through the talent we present, the services we offer, and the experiences we create. Our goal is not just to entertain you...we want to inspire you.”

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