

# Bainbridge Performing Arts 2008-2009 Season

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## **Bainbridge Performing Arts' 2009-2010 Season Offers Something for Everyone**

Enthralling sights and sounds take center stage in Bainbridge Performing Arts' 2009-2010 Season. Travel from Mel Brooks' musical-comedy **THE PRODUCERS**, to the Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)/Bainbridge Dance Center (BDC) collaboration of the beloved holiday classic **PETER PAN**, to Frank Galati's stirring adaptation of John Steinbeck's classic **THE GRAPES OF WRATH**, to the musical story of the "mad" knight, Don Quixote in **MAN OF LA MANCHA**, and on to the melodious harmonies of the **Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra**. BPA's 2009-2010 Season offers escape to the adventurous and memorable worlds of Tony Award winning entertainment. Subscribe now to receive the best seats and the fabulous opportunity to win two tickets to BPA's New Year's Eve party ("A Night at the Moulin Rouge") and accommodations on the Island.

### **October 9 - 25, 2009: THE PRODUCERS**

Based on the Mel Brooks film "The Producers" | Adapted by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan

Lyrics by Mel Brooks and Music by Mel Brooks and Glen Kelly | Directed by Teresa Thuman

After putting together another Broadway flop, beleaguered producer Max Bialystock teams up with timorous accountant Leo Bloom in a get-rich-quick scheme to stage the world's worst show. As opening night draws near, what can go wrong? Find out in this winner of a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards.

### **December 11 - 20, 2009: PETER PAN**

#### **A special collaboration with Bainbridge Dance Center**

Written by J. M. Barrie | Adapted by Steven Fogell | Directed by Steven Fogell & Lee Ann Hittenberger

*Follow Peter and Wendy on a magical journey to Neverland!*

BPA and BDC join talents to bring audiences of all ages a new version of the classic PETER PAN. Follow Peter to the enchanted world of Neverland, and meet mermaids, lost boys, pirates, fairies, and a very hungry crocodile! Beautiful dance numbers, choreographed by Bainbridge Dance Center, fill this beloved holiday classic!

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## **March 19 - 27, 2010: THE GRAPES OF WRATH**

Based on the classic John Steinbeck novel of the same name | Adapted for the stage by Frank Galati

Directed by Kate Carruthers

This American classic addresses issues of social and economic justice while underscoring the importance of family, hope for the American Dream, and the retention of human dignity and spirit in the face of adversity.

Tony Award for Best Play 1990

## **May 7 - 23, 2010: MAN OF LA MANCHA**

A Musical by Dale Wasserman | Music by Mitch Leigh | Lyrics by Joe Darion

Based on The Adventures of Don Quixote, by Miguel de Cervantes

Directed by Corey McDaniel

The show that introduced “The Impossible Dream” to the world tells the story of the “mad” knight, Don Quixote, as a play within a play, performed by Cervantes and his fellow prisoners as he awaits a hearing with the Spanish Inquisition. The original 1965 Broadway production won five Tony Awards, and became one of the most enduring works of musical theatre.

## **November 14 & 15, 2009 | February 20 & 21, 2010 | April 17 & 18, 2010: BAINBRIDGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Led by Music Director **David Upham** in partnership with Bainbridge Performing Arts, the **Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra** serves a musically rich role in the community — uniting artists spanning generations, and coming from all walks of life, to share their love of music. The symphony’s 2009-2010 programming embraces new repertoire and beloved favorites, and showcases the talents of local musicians. Don’t miss this enticing season for music lovers of all ages.

BPA Board President **Zan Merriman** says “BPA’s season just gets stronger every year. We are doing theater that happens only in one’s dreams. The BPA staff is due full credit for making it happen in a community that supports art.”

BPA has been entertaining locally for over 53 years. Great things happen when you have an Island full of talented actors, musicians, singers, writers, poets, dancers, and designers. BPA’s upcoming 2009-2010 Season promises rich entertainment with Tony Award winning BPA Productions, beautifully crafted music performances from the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Music Concerts, uplifting comedy from The EDGE Improv, innovative Theatre School productions for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, advanced theatrical training for

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adults, and community-inspired co-productions that bring the artistic heart of Bainbridge onto the BPA stage. All that is missing is you!

BPA is pleased to offer a variety of performance subscription packages, which are available now. All subscribers will be entered into a fabulous drawing for a festive night for two on Bainbridge Island for New Year's Eve. Subscribing is the best way to guarantee the opportunity to see the hits in BPA's new season, in the best seats. Season tickets make a great gift. While the benefits to subscribing are plentiful, patrons may also purchase single tickets for events throughout the year, ensuring the flexibility to select performances that mesh with busy schedules. Subscribe today at 206.842.8569.

All BPA events are held at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Tickets, information, and registration, unless otherwise noted, are available at the BPA Box Office, by phone at 206.842.8569 or online at [www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org](http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org). BPA Box Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and one hour prior to each performance.

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