

# Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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**Ace Hardware and Town & Country Markets present THE PRODUCERS  
October 9 – 25: Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30 p.m. + Sundays @ 3:00 p.m.  
+ Pay-What-You-Can Preview: Thursday, October 8 @ 7:30 p.m.**

In Mel Brooks' comedy-musical, 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 the opening production of Bainbridge Performing Arts' Theatre Season October 9 - 25. THE PRODUCERS is outrageous, hilarious, a teeny bit offensive, off the wall, and the winner of a record 12 Tony Awards.

Based upon his 1968 film, *The Producers*, which ranked in the Top 20 on the American Film Institute's list of the Top 100 comedy films of all-time, Brooks' stage version uses musical conventions to both celebrate and poke endless fun at the theatrical form.

Director **Teresa Thuman** says THE PRODUCERS offers "satirical elements, biting humor and huge, dynamic musical numbers. With characters spanning a manic, infantile Nazi; a super sexy Swede; a neurotic, repressed accountant; a nymphomaniac old lady; the pretentious yet vacuous temperamental director; and his devoted, effeminate lover...what's not to love?" While the financial crisis, mortgage sharks, and the revelations of Bernard Madoff offer a contemporary context through which to look at the show, Thuman believes that, at its heart, THE PRODUCERS is an "Odd Couple"-like love story."

With Vocal Direction by **Lynda Sue Welch**, and Choreography by **Jessica Low**, Thuman says, "we have a wonderfully talented cast," which includes **Rusty Flounders, Tim Davidson, Rebekah Krupke, Jason Fowler, Kirk Nordby, Justin Lynn, Jim Welch, Robert Craighead, Denise Harris, Carter Kight, Lee Ann Hittenberger**, with ensemble members **Hollis Heron, Emily Kight, Molly Tellekson, Ruth Urbach, Mikaela Karter, Mary Herman, Mimi Barcomi Rooney, Meredyth Branaman, Barbara W. ten Hove, Tom Condon, Arielle Boucher, BryAnn Bingham, Bob Cederwall, Peter Denis, Dee McComb, Scott Breitbarth, Charles Hamilton, and Gabe Carbajal.**

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THE PRODUCERS appears at BPA October 9 - 25, with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m., and a special Pay-What-You-Can Preview on Thursday, October 8 @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$24 for adults, and \$18 for seniors, students, youth, military, and teachers, may be purchased online at [www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org](http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org), by phone at 206.842.8569, or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. BPA Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance. THE PRODUCERS is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International and is suitable for PG audiences. A special Opening Night Reception will be held Friday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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