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THEATREWORKS FLORIDA'S 2018-19 SEASON

Professional, Award-Winning Musical Theatre in Davenport, FL!

DAVENPORT, FL (June 7, 2018) – TheatreWorks Florida is thrilled and proud to announce Season 2018-19 at TheatreWorks Florida Theatre in downtown Davenport! We are bringing our award-winning professional musical productions to the community of Davenport, FL and are so excited to share the magic of theatre with Polk County and all of Central FL.

The season will open with the internationally acclaimed hit musical, *Nunsense*, at our theatre location: TWF Theatre, 8 W. Palmetto St., Davenport, FL 33837. Now in our second year at our new venue, we are beyond thrilled to continue bringing our professional, high quality arts & culture programming to our hometown!

TheatreWorks Florida's 2018-19 season includes: *Nunsense* - Sept 7-16, 2018, *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical* - Dec 7-16, 2018 and *Nunsense 2: The Second Coming* - Mar 8-17, 2019. For more information on each show, please visit our website at: Theatreworksfl.org

TheatreWorks Florida's 2018-19 season shows will be directed by Scott A. Cook, the Artistic Producer of TheatreWorks Florida. TheatreWorks Florida has brought exciting and colorful productions to the Central Florida stage in the past, including *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* (2018), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (2017), *Rock Of Ages* (2016 – Central FL regional premiere), *Hands On A Hardbody* (2016 – Central FL regional premiere), *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* (2015 Tour – National Endowment for The Arts), *Sweeney Todd* (2014 – winner of Best Set, Best Musical Direction and Best Lead Actress In A Musical; BroadwayWorld Orlando 2014), *Nunsense* (2013), and *Legally Blonde: The Musical* (2012 - Central FL regional premiere; winner of Best Musical; BroadwayWorld Orlando 2012). Cook has developed show designs and concepts for companies such as Universal Studios Florida and the Walt Disney World Company, and won numerous producers' honors including the Pierrots Award, Best Musical for *Cats* at Theatre Winter Haven (Winter Haven, FL) in 2006 and multiple awards at the Orlando Fringe Festival including Best In Fest 2010 & 2012 for *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, respectively.

Says Cook of TheatreWorks Florida's new theater venue and Season 2018-19: "I have lived in Davenport, FL for 18 years. TheatreWorks Florida has been based here since 2007 but most of our work has been outside our community because there was no solid audience for arts & culture. We had no home venue to speak of, save for borrowing limited space from our creative partner, Florida Southern College (Lakeland, FL). In the beginning years, we never really needed a home because we were touring and installing shows for other theatres. All that changed in 2014 when we received our first of four National Endowment for the Arts awards that supported our community outreach program, TheatreCares. Overnight, we needed a place to produce completely on our own. Through a gracious series of events, Polk County Public Schools opened the doors of the Davenport Community Campus, an old School of The Arts that had been shut down, and let TheatreWorks Florida utilize the space. The facility had been left in the dark for so long but when I turned the lights on in the dance studio for the first time in years, a million ideas went racing through my mind. A beautiful rehearsal studio, theatre, shop space and more – it was like Christmas! I knew we had found a long-awaited home.

The city of Davenport is now the 2nd fastest growing city in Florida. With growth comes people and strong communities need strong arts and culture programming to thrive and improve the quality of life. As an established theatre company, we have made a solid commitment to Davenport by becoming heavily involved in our local community and creating new ideas and fresh programming that our growing population desperately needs. We still need a lot of funding and support but now, 4 years later, we have completed our inaugural

theatre season 2017-18 for the community of Davenport and it was wildly successful! TheatreWorks Florida has so much to offer Davenport, Polk County and all of Central FL. It is beyond thrilling to be at the helm of a company that will offer year-round programming that is sure to be exciting, empowering and transforming to a community that has never had it. We are ready to propel the arts to a whole new level in Polk County.”

TheatreWorks Florida is proud to announce the outstanding designers and staff of Season 2018-19:

Scott A. Cook (Artistic Producer-Director), Frida Söderdahl (Music Direction), James F. Beck (Scenic & Lighting), Jolene Richardson (Costumes), Heather Franklin (Hair & Makeup), Ty Menard (Props & Set Decoration), Alfredo Montes (Audio), Jennifer Roman (Production Manager), Abel Gonzales (Company Manager), Alexis Senge Johnson (Development Director) and Mark S. Graham (Marketing Associate).

Key partnering organizations include: The National Endowment for the Arts, Ledger Media, J & N Stone, Haven Magazine, Aegis Community Management Solutions, Florida Southern College, Surface Prep Supply, Cielo Gift Baskets, DanceWear Corner and Polk County Public Schools.

Media attendance at any of the performances is strongly encouraged. For further information on press passes, please contact Abel Gonzales, TWF Company Manager, at: abel@theatreworksfl.org or 407.340.0473.

Season subscriptions are on sale now at a 15% savings from single show tickets; Adult: \$61.00, Student: \$51.00. Individual shows tickets for each show in the season go on sale July 15, 2018; Adults: \$24.00, Student: \$19.00. All seating is general admission. Show times for all performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8PM, Sundays at 2PM. Tickets can be purchased at the TheatreWorks Florida website at TheatreWorksfl.org or by calling the box office at 407.340.0473.

Simultaneously, TheatreWorks Florida’s highly successful outreach program, TheatreCares, has reopened the “TheatreCares’ Arts Access Pass” program. The purpose of the program is to make the arts accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. The pass allows participants to reserve up to 2 free tickets per TheatreWorks Florida event. Online applications for enrollment are available now. Applications can be found at our website. For more detailed information contact Abel Gonzales, Company Manager at theatrecares@theatreworksfl.org or visit TheatreWorksfl.org under the TheateCares section.

ABOUT THEATREWORKS FLORIDA

TheatreWorks Florida is a 501(c)(3) professional Central Florida-based theatre company. Formed in 2007, TheatreWorks offers some of the finest theatrical musicals available today as well as produces new, original works from area artists and artists from around the country. For more information, visit Theatreworksfl.org.

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