LYCEUM THEATER

2026-2027

VANGUARD UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT

2026 SHOWS

Oct 15–Nov 1 | ONCE UPON A MATTRESS | A CLASSIC MUSICAL COMEDY

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Dec 16–20 | CHRISTMAS CABARET | A HOLIDAY CLASSIC

May 27–June 12 | OTHELLO | A SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY

June 17–July 3 | NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812 | AN ELECTRO-POP OPERA

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THE LYCEUM THEATER PRESENTS

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

A CLASSIC MUSICAL COMEDY

Music by Mary Rodgers
Lyrics by Marshall Barer
Book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer
Directed by Susan K. Berkompas
Music Director David Diiorio

The beloved musical that catapulted comedic genius Carol Burnett to stardom, Once Upon a Mattress, flips the classic fairytale 'Princess and the Pea' story on its head! This is a raucous, vibrant musical comedy filled with silly, fast-paced humor and buckets of physical comedy, often highlighting the battle of wits between Winnifred and the Queen! The plot hinges on a restrictive royal marriage ban where no one can marry until the prince does, forcing Lady Larken and Sir Harry to seek a bride for him...enter Princess Winnifred! This is your show if you love to laugh out loud!

"...deliciously over-the-top comic performances blending slapstick and heart!" –Theater Mania

OCT 15-NOV 1

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$22
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$18
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

RESERVE TICKETS

PURCHASE TICKETS AT VANGUARDTICKETS.COM

THE LYCEUM THEATER PRESENTS

Little Women

A CLASSIC HEARTWARMING DRAMA

Adapted by Marisha Chamberlain
From the novel by Louisa May Alcott
Directed by Katelyn Spurgin

The perfect holiday show! Under the guidance of their beloved mother, the four young March sisters – tempestuous Jo, motherly Meg, shy Beth, and spoiled baby Amy – struggle to keep their family going while Father is away in the Civil War. In this beautifully dramatized adaptation of the classic novel, even as turmoil, illness, and sibling rivalry cast their shadows, each girl strives to find her true self.

DECEMBER 3-13

SHOWTIMES

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$17
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$15
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

RESERVE TICKETS

PURCHASE TICKETS AT VANGUARDTICKETS.COM

AMERICAN COAST THEATER COMPANY'S

CHRISTMAS CABARET

A 70-MINUTE SONG AND DANCE CABARET CELEBRATING THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Directed by Susan K. Berkompas

Audiences can't get enough of our annual ACTC Christmas Cabarets! Follow our three young couples, the Munck family and friends, through one more Christmas of new and traditional songs and life experiences from this fabulous and funny sextet with gorgeous piano accompaniment by David Diiorio! Rollicking toe tappers and soaring ballads will have our audiences on their feet once again! Always a new program of songs!

DECEMBER 16-20

SHOWTIMES

SATURDAY	2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
SUNDAY	2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$22
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$18
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

RESERVE TICKETS

PURCHASE TICKETS AT ACTCTICKETS.COM

THE LYCEUM THEATER PRESENTS

Sense & Sensibility

A JANE AUSTEN ROMANTIC DRAMA

By Kate Hamill
Based on the Novel by Jane Austen
Directed by Susan K. Berkompas

Kate Hamill's playful new adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of the Dashwood sisters – sensible Elinor and hypersensitive Marianne – after their father's sudden death leaves them financially destitute and socially vulnerable. Set in gossipy late 18th-century England with a fresh female voice, the play is full of humor, emotional depth, and bold theatricality. When reputation is everything, how do you follow your heart?

"...an unconditional delight ...invigorating...a bouncy, jaunty, take on Austen...remains remarkably true to the values and priorities of its source, and equilibrium in life are all rendered brightly and legibly here". –The New York Times

FEBRUARY 18-28

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$17
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$15
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

RESERVE TICKETS

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THE LYCEUM THEATER PRESENTS

ANYTHING GOES

A GOLDEN AGE MUSICAL COMEDY

Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter
Original Book by P.G. Wodehouse & Guy Bolton
and Howard Lindsay & Russel Crouse
Directed & Choreographed by Broadway Veteran Nikki Snelson
Music Director Scott Cokely

Artist in Residence Nikki Snelson is back to helm one of the most beloved Golden Age musical comedies of our time! Stowed away aboard the SS American en route from New York to London, Billy is on a mission to stop the marriage of his muse, Hope Harcourt, to the millionaire Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Aided by the show-stopping Reno Sweeney, sailors, showgirls, and even public enemy #13, Billy is going to woo and win back his true love while mischief and mayhem abound aboard in this madcap

classic musical comedy. It's the perfect night out at the theater!

"...contagiously fun and pure -musical comedy joy."
–New York Post

APRIL 8-25

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$22
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$18
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

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AMERICAN COAST THEATER COMPANY'S

OTHELLO

A SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY

By William Shakespeare

An intense military thriller focusing on racism, power, and unbridled jealousy. Othello, a brilliant and respected Moorish general in the Venetian army, has it all: a thriving career and a passionate new marriage to Desdemona, a noble Venetian lady. But his happiness is threatened by his "trusted" subordinate, Iago. Passed over for a promotion, the envious Iago hatches a diabolical, intimate plot to take down the General. Exploiting Othello's deep love and insecurity, Iago weaves a web of lies, fabricating a scandalous affair between Desdemona and a young lieutenant, Cassio. Set against a modern backdrop of war and intrigue, this high-stakes thriller explores how easily trust can be corrupted by jealousy, leading to a shocking and irreversible climax. A raw, emotional drama about how appearances can deceive, and how the closest relationships can turn deadly.

MAY 27-JUNE 12

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$20
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$15
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

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AMERICAN COAST THEATER COMPANY'S

NATASHA, PIERRE, & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812

AN ELECTRO-POP OPERA

An immersive and explosive theatrical event that blends eclectic Russian folk and classical musical with contemporary indie rock based on a section of Tolstoy's War and Peace. When the innocent and romantic Natasha arrives in glittering 1812 Moscow, she expects to quickly reunite with her fiancé, Andrey, who is away fighting Napoleon's army. But the glamorous, vodka-soaked nightlife quickly ensnares her when she is seduced by the dashing but married rogue, Anatole. As her reputation is threatened, it falls upon Pierre to pick up the pieces, redeem her shattered name, and ultimately find his own salvation. A vibrant and emotional rock and roll experience!

"...a vibrant, ravishingly sung, and deliriously inventive adaptation turning the most serious novel of all time into the most gorgeous new musical in town." – New York Times

JUNE 17-JULY 3

SHOWTIMES

THURSDAY – SATURDAY	7:30 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	2:00 PM

PRICING

GENERAL	$26
SENIORS/STUDENTS	$20
VU ALUMNI	$11

Fees not included

RESERVE TICKETS

PURCHASE TICKETS AT ACTCTICKETS.COM

SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

OPTION 1

GENERAL $80
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INCLUDES ALL 5 SHOWS + ACTC'S CHRISTMAS CABARET

(Not Including Fees)

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