

PRESENTING THE 2019-20 SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE SEASON

PLAZA SUITE

Neil Simon
AUG. 22-25 + AUG. 29 – SEPT. 1, 2019

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples who over time occupy the same suite in the famous Plaza Hotel in New York City. A suburban couple takes the suite while their house is being painted. What a coincidence, it's the same suite that they shared on their honeymoon twenty-three years ago. Or was it twenty-four? This tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of a highly successful and frequently divorced Hollywood producer. He calls a childhood sweetheart, now a suburban housewife, for a little sexual diversion. Over the years she has idolized him and longed for him from afar, and now she is more than he bargained for. The final scene is for the parents. Imagine. It's the day of your daughter's wedding. The beautiful event is being held in The Green Room at the Plaza. The bar is open, the orchestra is playing, and the guests are gathered. But where is the bride? She's locked in the bathroom. The mother and father fight about the best way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom. Desperately, her mother yells, "I want you to come out of that bathroom and get married!" Will she or won't she?



THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE



Conceived by Rebecca Feldman; additional material by Jay Reiss. Music and Lyrics by William Finn; book by Rachel Sheinkin
OCT. 17-20 + 24-27, 2019

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching secrets from their home lives, the tweens (played by adults) spell their way through a series of words, (some made up) hoping never to hear the

soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves. At least the losers get a juice box. Hilarious fun, complete with audience participation

A TUNA CHRISTMAS

By Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams
DEC. 12 –15 + 19 – 22, 2019

Come celebrate the Yuletide season with Tuna, Texas OKKK radio personalities Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie. Watch them throw some tinsel on "everything that ain't movin and some things that is." And find out who won the Christmas lawn decorating contest this year in Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas. Laugh the holiday season in with this Christmas crowd pleaser.



A SOLDIER'S PLAY

By Charles Fuller
FEB. 13 – 16 + 20 – 23, 2020

Winner of the 1982 Pulitzer Prize in drama and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award this play explores systemic racism in the U.S. Army during World War II. The story takes place at United States Army's Fort Neal, Louisiana in 1944 when the military was racially segregated. In the opening scene of the play, the audience witnesses the murder of a Black army sergeant, Vernon Waters by an unseen shooter. The action of the play focuses on the murder investigation led by Captain Richard Davenport, a black officer. Davenport learns the shocking truth about Sgt. Waters and his murderer through interviews with the men in his platoon.



THE HOBBIT

By Patricia Gray
Based on the novel by J.R.R. Tolkien
MAR. 26 – 29 + APR. 2 – 5, 2020

Bilbo, one of the most conservative of all Hobbits, is asked to leave his large, roomy and very dry home in the ground in order to set off as chief robber in an attempt to recover and important treasure. It's the last thing that any sensitive Hobbit would want to do, but great benefit eventually results – not only for Bilbo but for all of the Hobbits who inhabit Middle Earth – and the hearts of children and adults who continue to enjoy this kind of magic.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Tim Rice
MAY 28 – 31 + JUNE 4 – 7, 2020

This outstanding 1970 rock opera is loosely based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of Jesus' life, beginning with the preparation for the arrival of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem and ending with the crucifixion. With powerful music, this will be an amazing end to another great SLT season.



LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

PATRON (\$100, \$80 for student/military/senior):
Name listed in program, 1 ticket to every show.

BENEFACTOR (\$200):
Name listed in program, 2 tickets to every show.

ANGEL (\$500):
Name listed in program, 4 tickets to every show.

ARCHANGEL (\$1,000):
Name listed in program, 8 tickets to every show.

INDIVIDUAL SHOW SPONSORSHIPS:

Is there a show on this year's schedule that you or your business would like to sponsor? You'll get **ARCHANGEL STATUS**, a full-page ad on the back of the program, a custom icon hyperlink to your website on the popular Sumter Little Theatre website, and "Brought to you by ..." billing on all posters and advertisements for that show.

\$1,500- regular season show | \$2,500- musical

SLT HAS SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED! Audition for a show. Volunteer to help with costumes or set construction. Work the Box Office. Send your children to one of the Theatre School classes or summer camps. Sponsor a musician.

Call **SLT at 775-2150** to learn more about how you can be a part of this great community theater!



Follow us on Facebook. Learn about upcoming shows, auditions and other opportunities.

Tickets: Regular season: \$20 Adult | \$15 Student/Military/Senior
Musicals: \$25 Adults | \$20 Student/Military/Senior
Youth production: \$15 Adults | \$10 Student/Military/Senior

Email **SumterLT@ftc-i.net** | visit **www.SumterLittleTheatre.com**

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☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card

**Make checks payable to The Sumter Little Theatre
and mail to P.O. Box 1667, Sumter, SC 29151**

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2019-20 REFRIGERATOR CARD:

Keep this portion for easy reference to theatre information all year.

All seating is reserved. Even with a membership, reservations are recommended. Call the Sumter Little Theatre at 803.775.2150

SHOWTIMES: Adult shows: Thur-Sat, 8 pm; Sundays, 3 pm.

Youth shows: 7:30 p.m. Thur-Sat, 3 p.m. Sunday.

Plaza Suite: Aug 22-25, Aug 29-Sept 1

Spelling Bee: Oct 17-20, 24-27

A Tuna Christmas: Dec 12-15, 19-22

A Soldier's Play: Feb 13-16, 20-23

The Hobbit: Mar 26-29, April 2-5

Jesus Christ Superstar: May 28-31, June 4-7

MY MEMBERSHIP LEVEL (circle the one you chose so you'll know your ticket options):

PATRON

1 tkt to each show

BENEFACTOR

2 tkts to each show

ANGEL

4 tkts to each show

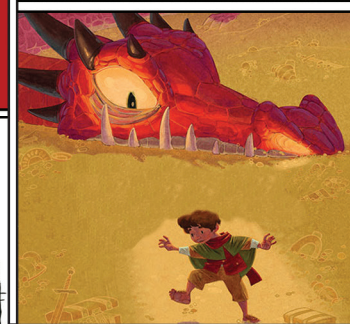
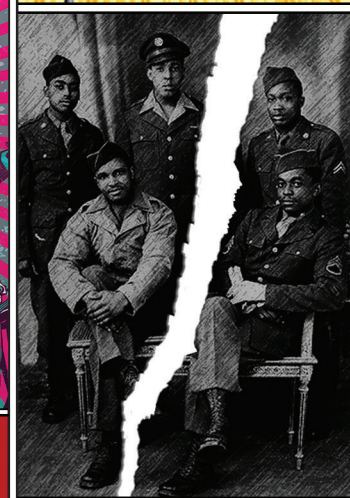
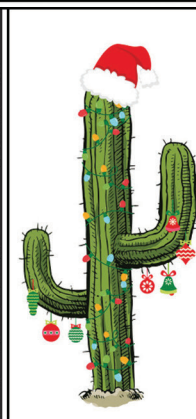
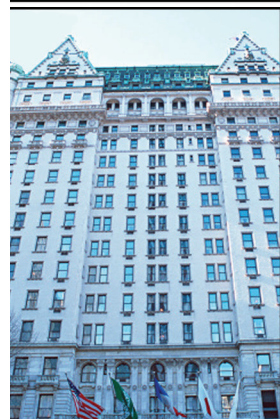
ARCHANGEL

8 tkts to each show

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