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RLT TO PERFORM MUSICAL *NUNSENSE*

ROGERS, Ark. — RLT Real Live Theater will perform the hilarious revival of *Nunsense*, Sept. 17-19, 23-26, 30, Oct. 1-3 at the Victory Theater, 116 South Second, in downtown Rogers.

Winner of four Outer Critics Circle Awards including Best Off Broadway Musical in its original New York production, *Nunsense* with book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin is about a fund raiser put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God).

Nunsense is one of three musicals during RLT's 25th Anniversary Season. Season sponsors are Northwest Arkansas Media and CitiScapes Magazine; while MainStage Series Sponsors are Beall Barclay; KNWA; and KUAF 91.3 FM NPR.

This season's impressive slate of six Main Stage productions includes *The Odd Couple*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Sound of Music*.

"To kick off our RLT's 25th Anniversary Season, we will present this demanded musical," said Ed McClure, director for the musical. "Nunsense is just plain fun, and during our audience survey to determine what our patrons wanted to see in our 25th season, this show was at the top of the list!"

Critics were equally as enthusiastic about this show:

- "A hail of fun and frolic! Wacky and outrageous with a hysterical anything goes sense of fun!" N.Y. Times
- "You don't have to be Catholic to love Nunsense!" Entertainment Tonight
- "Inspired madness! Go see it!" Jewish Post and Opinion
- "Guaranteed to lift your spirits...Very, very funny." National Catholic News

Reviving their original roles are four talented Northwest Arkansas actresses:

- Judy B. Scott of Springdale, as the Rev. Mother (Mother Superior) who just cannot resist the spotlight;
- Kathy K. McClure of Rogers, as Sister Mary Hubert (Mistress of the Novices) who constantly struggles being “number two” to Rev. Mother;
- Jane Webb of Rogers, as Sister Robert Anne, a street wise nun from Brooklyn who knows things you only see on cable television; and
- Lonna Arbuthnot of Hiwasse, as Sister Mary Amnesia, a nun who does not know who she is after a crucifix fell on her head.

New to the revival, Autumn Aseneth Galvan Trout of Prairie Grove as Sister Mary Leo, the Novice, who desires to become the first nun ballerina.

The production team includes director Ed McClure; Musical Director and Conductor Lisa Welty-Auten; Choreographers Martina Peacock and Dru Peacock-Wiser; Technical Director and Designer Mike Manning; Costumes designed by The Theater Company of Upland California; and Stage Manager Brenda Nemec.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The theater opens an hour and a half before show time. Dinner Theater is \$42, and balcony seating is \$15.

To make reservations go to www.rogerslittletheater.org, contact the RLT Box Office at 631.8988, or visit the theater at 116 S. Second St.

About RLT

For almost 25 years, Rogers Little Theater has been Real Live Theater where Real Lives are Transformed. Beginning as a small community theater group putting on theatrical performances wherever their productions were welcome, the nonprofit organization known as RLT now finds its home at the beautifully renovated Victory Theater, 116 South Second Street, in historic downtown Rogers, where it annually presents six MainStage dinner theater productions, four 2ndStage/Diversity Unites productions, youth programming and other special events and presentations.

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