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Re: RLT announces *Hairspray*: performances February 10-12, 16-19, 23-26
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**RLT announces *Hairspray*: performances February 10-12, 16-19, 23-26
Rogers Little Theater, 116 South 2nd Street, Rogers**

Hairspray with book by [Mark O'Donnell](#) and [Thomas Meehan](#), music and lyrics by [Marc Shaiman](#), and lyrics by [Scott Wittman](#) has auditions on January 2-3, 2012 at 7 p.m. and performances February 10-12, 16-19, 23-26 at the Victory Theater in historic downtown Rogers, AR.

Production director Ed McClure said he was excited RLT would be one of the first community theaters in Northwest Arkansas to present *Hairspray*, which has delighted audiences by sweeping them away to 1960's Baltimore, where the 50's are out—and change is in the air. Lovable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing, and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show." Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity.

Zachary L. Denison, a New York City performer, who graduated from Rogers High School and attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, is guest choreographer for this production. Denison "grew up" in the RLT, having appeared as Oliver in *Oliver!* among many productions while he was a youngster living in Rogers. Now a worker actor/singer/dancer, Denison has appeared in Broadway tours of *Cats* and *The Music Man* and has performed with many New York dance companies. He brings his knowledge of the original Broadway choreography, tailoring it especially for this production.

Emmy Award winner Brad Reed of FOX 24 will join the cast as a TV reporter. Reed will record a voiceover to be used nightly for the show, with a scheduled onstage performance February 18.

Hairspray is presented by MainStage Partners Unilever and Vendor Consulting Group. Tickets can be purchased online at www.RogersLittleTheater.org or by calling the box office at 479-631-8988. Prices for the Dinner Theater are \$45/person and Balcony Seating is \$16/person. Midseason Dinner Theater memberships are \$150/person and Balcony Seating memberships are \$55/person. The remaining MainStage productions are *Hairspray*, *No Sex Please, We're British*, *God of Carnage* and *Chicago*.

During the month of February the Zephyr Blevins Gallery at RLT will feature the artwork of African American artist, Kinya Elenbarger. One of the works in her collection will be featured during the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (www.asalh.org) Black History Month celebration in Washington, DC. In honor of the organization's 2012 National Black History theme saluting "Black Women in American Culture and History" Elenbarger has created an original artwork for the occasion.

For the past 26 years, Rogers Little Theater has focused on bringing high quality community theater to Northwest Arkansas. Housed at the historic Victory Theater in downtown Rogers, RLT produces a wide variety of plays, musicals and special events each year, and over 15,000 audience members attended RLT productions in the past two seasons. RLT is located at 116 S. 2nd St in Rogers, AR.

RLT continues to strengthen its connections to our communities through alliances with other arts and nonprofit organizations in Northwest Arkansas. The theater relies on more than 500 volunteers, including approximately 100 volunteer actors. Their donations of time, talents and financial resources bring vitality and strength to RLT and help fulfill its mission to provide live theater for audiences, performers and students, enhance the Rogers Historic District and create a regional arts destination.

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