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#### WAY OFF BROADWAY DINNER THEATRE ANNOUNCES ITS NEW 2016 SIX SHOW SEASON

FREDERICK, MD (October 28, 2015) – The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, the Frederick area's only year-round professional producing theatre, has announced its 2016 Season. Producers for the theatre are excited to bring the line-up of shows to the theatre because it will mark an expansion of Way Off Broadway's Mainstage season. Since 2004, the theatre located in the Willowtree Plaza off of Route 40 West in Frederick has produced five Mainstage shows each season. The 2016 Season will mark the beginning of a six show season for Way Off Broadway. In addition, all six shows will be first-time productions for Way Off Broadway, never having been staged by the theatre before.

"We are extremely excited about next year's season," says Bill Kiska, Way Off Broadway's Executive Producer and CEO. "We have been discussing expanding the season for some time now and the 2016 calendar looked like it was the right time to announce our new six show Mainstage season. This will allow us to bring one more fantastic Broadway show to the area each year."

The season will set sail in January with the Cole Porter song and dance musical *Anything Goes* as theatre guests join Reno Sweeney and Moonface Martin onboard the S.S. American for high-seas fun and entertainment. Following the 2016 Season-opener in the spring will be the hilarious backstage farce *Noises Off*. From slamming doors to more drama off stage than on, *Noises Off* is arguably one of the funniest plays ever written.

With the introduction of the six show season, the summer will offer two musical comedies. The first, kicking off the summer, is the riotous Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning musical *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, where the audience becomes part of the show as six students compete for the top prize. That will be followed by *Spamalot* from the comic geniuses behind *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

Once all of the laughing has died down from the two summer comedies, audiences will journey *Into the Woods* with the modern classic that brings many of everyone's favorite fairytale characters together for one musical adventure. Rounding out the season will be the original holiday production *A Very Merry Christmas*, combining songs from Christmases past and present to make for the perfect evening of holiday fun for the entire family.

"The season has something for everyone," adds Justin M. Kiska, the theatre's President & Managing Director. "Whether you like irreverent comedies, a good old fashioned farce, or classic musicals, you're going to be able to find it right here at Way Off Broadway next year."

Making Way Off Broadway a unique entertainment destination is the fact that in addition to a full stage production, tickets also include a dinner buffet, with the serving staff

made up of the performers from the show.

Performances are every Friday and Saturday evening, with matinees on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. For the evening performances, doors open for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the show beginning at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinees, doors open at 12:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 2:15 p.m. Season tickets for 2016 are now on sale and can be purchased by visiting the theatre or calling the Box Office at 301.662.6600. A Season Subscription package includes six tickets for only \$234, offering an almost 20% discount over the regular ticket price.

For those interested in learning more about Way Off Broadway, the 2016 Mainstage Season, or any of the theatre's productions or special events, visit [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com).

## 2016 WAY OFF BROADWAY MAINSTAGE SEASON

### ANYTHING GOES

**January 15 – February 20, 2016**

The S.S. American is sailing between New York and England with a comically colorful assemblage of passengers: Reno Sweeney, a popular nightclub singer and former evangelist, her pal Billy Crocker, a lovelorn Wall Street broker who has come aboard to try to win the favor of his beloved Hope Harcourt (who is engaged to another passenger, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh), and a second-rate conman named Moonface Martin, aka "Public Enemy #13." Song, dance, and farcical antics ensue as Reno and Moonface try to help Billy win the love of his life.

### NOISES OFF

**March 4 – April 23, 2016**

This play-within-a-play captures a touring theatre troupe's production of *Nothing On* in three stages: dress rehearsal, the opening performance, and a performance towards the end of a debilitating run. Michael Frayne gives us a window into the inner workings of theatre behind the scenes, progressing from flubbed lines and missed cues in the dress rehearsal to mounting friction between cast members in the final performance. Brimming with slapstick comedy, *Noises Off* is a delightful backstage farce, complete with slamming doors, falling trousers, and, of course, flying sardines.

### THE 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

**May 6 – July 9, 2016**

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home life, the tweens spell their way through a series of [potentially made-up] words hoping to never hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! A riotous ride complete with audience participation, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is an award-winning laugh extravaganza.

### MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

**July 22 – September 17, 2016**

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Spamalot* tells the legendary tale of King Arthur's quest to find the Holy Grail, and features a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. Throughout the show, Arthur, traveling with his servant Patsy, recruits several knights to accompany him on his quest, including Sir Bedevere, Sir Robin, Sir Lancelot and Sir Galahad. On their way, they meet the Lady of the Lake, Not Dead Fred, the Black Knight, and the Knights who say Ni. Did we mention the bevy of beautiful show girls?

## **INTO THE WOODS**

**October 7 – November 12, 2016**

Everyone's favorite classic storybook characters come together in one enchanting modern musical. The story follows a Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to attend the King's Festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse and run into Little Red Riding Hood, dashing princes, a maiden trapped in a tower, and a mysterious man along the way. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them all with disastrous results.

## **A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**November 26 – December 30, 2016**

Christmas is always the most magical time at Way Off Broadway. Filled with joy and cheer, there is no better place to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Always the most popular show of the season, WOB's Christmas production brings together Christmas songs past and present and throws in a good measure of fun and laughs to make for a great evening of entertainment. At the same time, it never forgets the true meaning of the season. Perfect for the entire family, during the holidays, anything can happen at Way Off Broadway.

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, under the direction of the Kiska Family since 2002, proudly celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Platinum Season in 2014. Since it first opened in 1995, the theatre has been a leader in the area's theatre community, proudly bringing both classic musicals, as well as regional and area premieres to the Frederick stage. Productions have included *Les Misérables*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Legally Blonde*, *Dolly Parton's 9 to 5: The Musical*, *The Music Man*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Hairspray*, *South Pacific*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Full Monty*, *Mel Brooks' The Producers*, *CATS*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Evita*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Grease*, *La Cage aux Folles*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Annie*, *Bye Bye, Birdie*, *The King & I*, *...Forum*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Joseph...*, *Blood Brothers*, *Mame*, and *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*. Way Off Broadway is also the home of a one-of-a-kind children's lunch theatre, offering entertainment for the entire family, giving children a chance to see their favorite characters live on stage. In addition to its regular season, the theatre produces a number of special events throughout the year including an annual *Breakfast with Santa (and Mrs. Claus)* and an interactive mysteries series.

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