

**AUG 28 - SEPT 12, 2026**



# A CHORUS LINE

**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

Conceived & Choreographed by Michael Bennett  
Book by James Kirkwood & Nicholas Dante • Music by Marvin Hamlisch  
Lyrics by Edward Kleban

A CHORUS LINE is a stunning concept musical capturing the spirit and tension of a Broadway ensemble audition. Exploring the inner lives and bittersweet ambitions of professional Broadway performers, the show features one powerhouse number after another, including "What I Did for Love," "One," "I Can Do That," "At the Ballet," "The Music and the Mirror" and "I Hope I Get It." A brilliantly complex fusion of song, dance and compellingly authentic drama, A CHORUS LINE was instantly recognized as a classic. This Pulitzer Prize-winning musical set a new standard for Broadway and remains relevant, poignant, provocative and explosively entertaining.



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Sept 10) at 7:30pm

**OCT 16 - 31, 2026**



**IN THE FIREMEN'S KITCHEN**

By Robert Askins

After the death of his father, meek Jason finds an outlet for his anxiety at the Christian Puppet Ministry, in the devoutly religious, relatively quiet small town of Cypress, Texas. Jason's complicated relationships with the town pastor, the school bully, the girl next door, and – most especially – his mother are thrown into upheaval when Jason's puppet, Tyrone, takes on a shocking and dangerously irreverent personality all its own. HAND TO GOD explores the startlingly fragile nature of faith, morality, and the ties that bind us.



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#### VOLUNTEER AT THE THEATRE

Volunteers can act in productions, be part of backstage staff, and have other exciting jobs.

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**NOV 27 - DEC 12, 2026**



**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

Book by Jennifer Lee  
Music & Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez  
Based on the Disney film

In the beautiful kingdom of Arendelle, Princesses Anna and Elsa grow up sheltered inside their castle, isolated from the world and increasingly distant from each other. When Elsa is crowned queen, the magical powers she's desperately tried to conceal from her sister take control, and she flees into the mountains. As winter descends, Anna sets off on an epic journey to find Elsa and bring her home – with help from hardworking ice harvester Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven, and a happy-go-lucky snowman named Olaf. Full of magic, humor, and a stunning musical score, FROZEN is a powerful tale of sisterhood, acceptance, and finding the real meaning of true love.



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Dec 10) at 7:30pm

**JAN 22 - FEB 6, 2027**



**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

Music & lyrics by Jeff Blim • Book by Matt & Nick Lang

NERDY PRUDES MUST DIE is a teen-slasher comedy about a group of geeks and their ghostly tormentor, from StarKid, the creators of TRAIL TO OREGON & THE GUY WHO DIDN'T LIKE MUSICALS. When the biggest losers at Hatchetfield High unwittingly complete an ancient, evil ritual, they unleash an all-powerful, angry spirit with a grudge against nerds. That's when Stephanie Lauter, Grace Chasity, and a cast of social rejects must fight to save themselves and nerdy prudes everywhere. But can any of them survive the fury of a bully from beyond the grave?



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Feb 4) at 7:30pm

## General Information

#### WHERE TO FIND US

##### ONLINE

[hickorytheatre.org](http://hickorytheatre.org)

##### BY PHONE

Box Office (828) 328-2283

Business Office (828) 327-3855

##### IN PERSON

The Hickory Community Theatre is located at **30 Third Street NW, Hickory NC 28601** in the historic Old City Hall building in Downtown Hickory, around the corner from Union Square.

#### Individual Ticket Prices

Adults..... \$18

Youth & Students..... \$12  
(with valid ID)

Prices do not include state & local sales tax.

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For group rates and purchases by phone, call **(828) 327-3855**, or contact us by email at [boxoffice@hickorytheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@hickorytheatre.org).

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**FEB 26 - 28, 2027**



**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

Music by Alan Menken • Book by Doug Wright  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater  
Based on the Disney film

The Penguin Project returns for a second year at HCT with a trip to a magical underwater kingdom, where the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home (and her fins) behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton and make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to convince Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

The Penguin Project is incredibly unique because all of the roles are filled by young artists with developmental disabilities working alongside peer mentors. The Penguin Project demonstrates that the special challenges of a disability should not handicap a child's ability to participate in the arts.



Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm - Sunday at 2:30pm

**MARCH 5 - 20, 2027**



**IN THE FIREMEN'S KITCHEN**

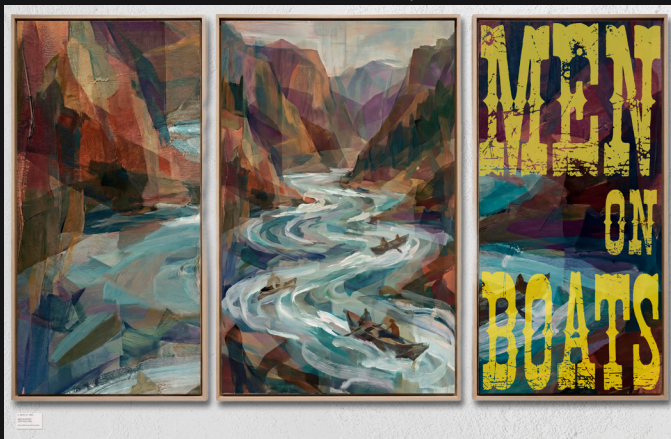
By Aditi Brennan Kapil

A revisionist comedy in verse and prose featuring Imogen, a character who only appears in the first folio of William Shakespeare's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, speaks no lines, and is probably a typo. A modern hijacking of Shakespeare that investigates the voices that have been absented from our canon, and the consequences of cutting them. "A fierce feminist fable. The playwright has spun bits of Elizabethan trivia into a profound meditation on women in society, gender roles in general, persecution, creativity, posterity and the nature of theater itself." – Hartford Courant



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Mar 18) at 7:30pm

**APRIL 9 - 24, 2027**



**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

By Jaclyn Backhaus

Ten explorers. Four boats. One Grand Canyon. MEN ON BOATS is the true(ish) history of an 1869 expedition, when a one-armed captain and a crew of insane yet loyal volunteers set out to chart the course of the Colorado River. With the adventurers being played by an ensemble of women and gender-expansive actors, MEN ON BOATS reframes masculine arrogance as a farcical, thrilling exploration of everything that goes into, well, exploration.



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Apr 22) at 7:30pm

**MAY 7 - 22, 2027**



**IN THE FIREMEN'S KITCHEN**

By Nick Payne

One relationship. Infinite possibilities. In how many universes would you love someone? Nick Payne's Olivier award-winning CONSTELLATIONS is a play about free will and friendship; it's about quantum multiverse theory, love and honey. Roland is a beekeeper. Marianne is a quantum physicist. What are their odds of falling in love? With infinite moments that can change the trajectory of a life, it's anyone's guess how cosmic collision is possible. This play moves from the question of "what if," to a poignant picture of "what is."



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (May 20) at 7:30pm

**JUNE 4 - 19, 2026**



**IN THE JEFFERS THEATRE**

Songs by The Go-Go's  
Based upon THE ARCADIA by Sir Philip Sidney  
Conceived & with Original Book by Jeff Whitty

HEAD OVER HEELS is the newest musical from the visionaries that rocked Broadway with HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH, AVENUE Q and SPRING AWAKENING. This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980s all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Mad About You." A hilarious, exuberant celebration of love, this bold musical comedy follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction – only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts.



Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm  
Sundays at 2:30pm - Thursday (Jun 17) at 7:30pm

**SPECIAL EVENTS • 2026-2027**

**OCTOBER 31ST 2026 • MIDNIGHT**



TICKETS \$18 - INCLUDES PROPS

**NOVEMBER 10TH 2026 • 6:30PM**



**MARCH 16TH 2027 • 6:30PM**



**JUNE 8TH 2027 • 6:30PM**



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