



# Spinning Tree adds new season, venue change

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Spinning Tree Theatre

*"As a season member for 5 seasons, we keep coming back to Spinning Tree because they produce amazing, quality shows that are easily accessible to any level of theatre-goer: from first-timers to seasoned theatre lovers like us!*

*"Their musicals are out of sight, but we come back for the shows we've never heard of before and come to love. Definitely worth the money, and hey, 4 built-in date nights a year!"*

– K. Tigerstrom

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**EVERY BRILLIANT THING**

*August 16 – September 1, 2019*

**Kansas City premiere!**

by Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe

You're seven years old. Mom's in the hospital. Dad says she's "done something wrong." She finds it hard to be happy. So you

start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world. Everything that's worth living for. 1. Ice cream. 2. Kung Fu movies... 6. Me. You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. So begins a moving, insightful and hilarious new one-person play that is unlike anything you've seen before. Audiences are taken on a remarkable journey that truly examines what makes life worth living – and the power of theatre to bring people together.

**“EVERY BRILLIANT THING** finds a perfect balance between conveying the struggles of life and celebrating all that is sweet in it.”

(The Independent, London)

### **CAROLINE, OR CHANGE**

*November 8-24, 2019*

#### ***Kansas City premiere!***

book and lyrics by Tony Kushner

music by Jeanine Tesori

A moving portrait of America at a time of momentous social upheaval. Set in 1963 Louisiana, the musical focuses on Caroline – a maid working in the sweltering basement of the Gellman household – and her relationship with 8-year-old Noah. The score combines spirituals, blues, Motown and Jewish klezmer music.

“Manna from heaven.

Caroline is, like Angels in America,

ultimately a celebration of human fortitude,

of the vast resources of love and hope that allow people of all backgrounds and belief systems to transcend hatred and despair.” (USA Today)

### **GIRLFRIEND**

*January 24 – February 9, 2020*

#### ***Kansas City premiere!***

book by Todd Almond

music and lyrics by Matthew Sweet

A vibrant and tender coming-of-age musical duet from when flannel was the height of fashion and mixtapes were the language of love. It's 1993 in small-town Nebraska during the summer between high school and whatever comes next. College-bound jock Mike and self-assured but aimless Will find themselves drawn to each other. Their rush of first-time love, full of excitement, confusion and passion, is captured by the power-pop precision and frayed guitar emotion of Matthew Sweet's alternative rock album "Girlfriend."

"A rock 'n' rock valentine that delivers subtle wisdom with an exhilarating kick." (Rolling Stone Magazine)

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES**

*April 17 – May 3, 2020*

music and lyrics by Jerry Herman  
book by Harvey Fierstein

The 20-year relationship between Georges (a club owner) and Albin (the head drag performer) faces a test when their son announces his engagement to the daughter of ultra-conservative parents. To please their son, Georges and Albin agree to hide their relationship and play it straight for a dinner with the potential in-laws. A fabulously fun musical (featuring the iconic song "I Am What I Am") about family, identity and loving who you are.

The only show to win 3 Tony Awards for Best Musical:  
one for the original (1984) and one for each of its revivals  
(2005 & 2010)!



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