



# MISSOURI S&T LEACH THEATRE



YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT

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BROADWAY'S TONY AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL IS BACK

**2023-24 SEASON**  
Entertainment  
Guide



# Hello, Fans of the Performing Arts!

Welcome to the Leach Theatre Entertainment Guide. We have an incredible slate of performances coming to the Leach Theatre stage for the 2023 – 2024 season! It is our joy to bring the world of art and entertainment for all of central Missouri to enjoy. Back in the fall of 2022, we conducted a survey of Leach Theatre patrons to find out what they really wanted to see. We got some fantastic ideas from you. I took that information and went looking for the best ways to give you what you asked for. I found it! This next season is full of wonderful artists eager to share their talent and passion with you - our incredible audience.

As you look through the pages of our annual Entertainment Guide you will see that we have an exciting variety of shows coming to Rolla. Broadway is back! We are thrilled to bring a big Broadway tour back to Leach theatre for the first time in over 4 years. We also have great music, comedy, theatre, and a few things that have never been seen on our stage before.

Our mission at Leach Theatre sounds simple - bring the world of high-quality performing arts to Rolla. But to keep doing that we need your help. There are several ways that you can get involved to help Leach Theatre. If there is a production that you or your business want to support, you can become one of our sponsors. If you want to help us continue to make sure that the performers look and sound their best, you can donate to our The Show Must Go on Fund that we use to keep our lighting, sound, and rigging gear current. If you want to get a bit more hands-on you can join the team by becoming one of our volunteer ushers. The support of our donors, sponsors, and volunteers goes a long way towards helping us keep up with the rapidly changing state-of-the-art in theatre technology and bring top tier productions to the Leach Theatre Stage. (Please contact us for more details.)

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre!



KEVIN C. SHAW  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



# Campus Performing Arts Series 2023-24





# "ETERNAL NIGHT"



**The Bach Society of Saint Louis (BSSL)** was founded in 1941 and is now in its 82nd season as St. Louis' oldest continuous chorus. BSSL is not only dedicated to performing choral works by Johann Sebastian Bach, but also presents a variety of repertoire from classical, contemporary and up-and-coming composers. Under the direction of Dr. A. Dennis Sparger, BSSL delivers a varied and exciting concert season each year to a diverse audience across the Greater St. Louis area and beyond! The organization's mission is to provide stimulating and enriching musical and educational experiences for audiences and performers in the tradition of Johann Sebastian Bach. Each season, BSSL also provides free concert tickets, education concerts, and masterclasses to area high school and college students. BSSL has a robust education program that offers free events and support to local teachers and students including the Young Artist Scholarship Program, Bach & Jazz, Finding Your Voice Program and more.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2023**

**2:00 P.M.**

**ADULT: \$25**

**YOUTH: \$20**

**S&T STUDENTS: \$10**

*Sponsored by: Sally Carpenter, Jim and Phyllis Murphy*



Relive Rock's greatest hits with "The Hit Men"—five fantastic musicians who have shared the stage with legendary artists, including members of Foreigner, Cheap Trick, Wings, Alan Parsons, Billy Joel, Sting, Elton John, Journey, The Who and Cream. In this Ultimate Rock Concert, The Hit Men celebrate their associations with these mega-stars, share their first-hand experiences as eyewitnesses to rock history, and perform classic hits you know and love... "Layla", "Don't Stop Believin'", "I Want To Know What Love Is", "Feels Like The First Time", "Eye in the Sky" and many more... just the way you remember them!

In 2019, members of The Hit Men were recognized by the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville with the organization's first-ever "Road Warriors Award", given to honor "their years of dedication to the music and the countless miles they have traveled in delivering so many hits throughout the world."

With backstage stories, multi-media and top of the charts classic rock hits from so many different rock legends, a performance by The Hit Men is like seeing 10 Rock Legends for the price of one! Come hear the soundtrack of your life. Come see The Hit Men!

**Sponsored by: Alpha Media, Bob and Susan Hooper, Metz Music**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

**ADULT: \$38**

**YOUTH: \$33**

**S&T STUDENTS: \$15**

# CHRISTMAS

# CELEBRATION ON ICE



You know the story, "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..." But not this year thanks to Ice Creative Entertainment's "Christmas Celebration on Ice!"

We're coming to your town to stir things up with high-flying tricks, mesmerizing special effects, classic Christmas stories told with a modern twist, and all your favorite Christmas carols mixed with brand new songs that are sure to become new family favorites! It's a Christmas miracle!

**TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 2023**

**7:30 P.M.**

**ADULT: \$40**

**YOUTH: \$15**

**S&T STUDENTS: \$15**

*Sponsored by: Day's Inn & Suites, Phelps County Bank*



## A One-Woman Show by Priyanka Shetty

**“One-Woman Wonder”** Priyanka Shetty’s “The Elephant in the Room” is a witty, dark comedy about just your typical Indian metalhead and software-engineer-turned-actor who must navigate life as an immigrant arriving in Trump’s America. When Priyanka makes the bold move to defy her family by quitting her IT job and moving to the U.S. to pursue an acting career, things don’t quite turn out how she imagined. The play navigates Priyanka’s real-life journey as she transitions from her deeply embedded roots in India to finding context and common ground in America. Gear up for a funny, tumultuous ride through immiscible cultures, unforgettable love, irreparable loss, and the desperation of not belonging anywhere.

*“Colourful, rebellious, thoughtful.” – The Scotsman*

*“She’s a performer to watch!” – MD Theatre Guide*

*“It’s you who won’t forget The Elephant in the Room.” – Thinking Theater NYC*

**Sponsored by: Baymont Inn & Suites**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 2024**

**7:30 P.M.**

**ADULT: \$25**

**YOUTH: \$18**

**S&T STUDENTS: \$10**



PHELPS HEALTH  
PRESENTS:

# HAIRSPRAY

Broadway's Tony Award-Winning Musical on Tour!

## YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT!

HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy phenomenon is back on tour! Join 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960's Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world?

Featuring the beloved score of hit songs including "Welcome to the '60s," "Good Morning Baltimore" and "You Can't Stop the Beat," HAIRSPRAY is "fresh, winning, and deliriously tuneful!" (The New York Times).

This all-new touring production reunites Broadway's award-winning creative team led by Director Jack O'Brien and Choreographer Jerry Mitchell to bring HAIRSPRAY to a new generation of theater audiences.

Don't miss this "exhilaratingly funny and warm-hearted musical comedy" (The New Yorker).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21, 2024

7:30 P.M.

ADULT: \$60

YOUTH: \$55

S&T STUDENTS: \$35

Sponsored by: *Phelps Health, Phelps County Focus*



# TAKE3



## Where ROCK Meets BACH!

With a flair for the wild and unexpected, the genre-defying trio, TAKE3, brings the refinement of a rigorous classical music background and infuses it with rock-star charisma. With training at the world's top conservatories, TAKE3, created by violinist/vocalist Lindsay Deutsch (Yanni's featured violin soloist), alongside cello and piano, are creating some of the most exciting and refreshing pop/rock/classical fusion music anywhere in the world.

Whether they are rockin' the Bach or are classically infusing the favorites of The Beatles, Bieber, or Coldplay, TAKE3 are nothing short of exhilarating and have electrified audiences at venues and events including Music in the Mountains, Redlands Bowl, OK Mozart Festival, Festival Mozaic, Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill, and Bear Valley Music Festival.

**The Nevada Sagebrush says of TAKE3, "... this group gave us a tremendous night of undisputed talent from some of the most passionate musicians around."**

FRIDAY, MAR. 8, 2024

7:30 P.M.

ADULT: \$35

YOUTH: \$30

S&T STUDENTS: \$15

*This performance is funded in part by the Maxwell C. Weiner Endowment.*

**Sponsored by: Alpha Media, Bob and Susan Hooper**



Every song is fresh. Every scene is new. Every night is different. It's all improvised and it's all funny.

"Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Have you heard of the TONY awards? Well, "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is... **The PHONY Awards!** The audience members write down made up song titles and our master improvisers gather these suggestions and present them as "nominated songs" for this coveted award. We create spontaneous scenes and songs filled with great dancing, catchy melodies, and tons of laughter.

The audience votes for their favorite song and watches as the cast turns that song into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists galore. Under the direction of improv veterans Rob Schiffmann and Deb Rabbai, "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" has been seen recently throughout the United States and in New York City at The Triad Theater, The Tribeca Film Festival, and at The New York Musical Theater Festival, among many other locations.

Don't miss the next great American musical  
- it could be written by **YOU!**

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

7:30 P.M.

ADULT: \$38  
YOUTH: \$33  
S&T STUDENTS: \$15



**Be Our Guest!** The Academy Award-winning film comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale.

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's Beauty and The Beast, an international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide in 13 countries. First produced by Fine Linen Theatre as a youth production in 2015, this beloved favorite returns as a full-scale production on the Leach Theatre stage!

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Join us for this **Tale as Old as Time!**

**Email:** [info@finelinetheatre.com](mailto:info@finelinetheatre.com)

**Call/Text:** (800) 806-1915

*Fine Linen Theatre is a non-profit community theatre organization in Rolla, Missouri, with a vision to benefit the community by producing excellent, wholesome, uplifting shows.*

MAR. 22-30, 2024

7:00 P.M.

*Additional details and ticket sales to be announced at a future date.*

*This performance is not included in season subscriptions.*

## SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Full Season Package** — \$200

Includes all six Campus Performing Arts Series shows.

**Hairspray 4-pack** — \$150

Includes HAIRSPRAY + your choice of 3 shows.

**3-pack** — \$100

Includes your choice of 3 shows (HAIRSPRAY not included).

**S&T Student Full Package** — \$90

Includes all six Campus Performing Arts Series shows.

**Order your season subscription today!**

**New this year!**

Order your season subscription directly **ONLINE** today at [LeachTheatre.mst.edu](http://LeachTheatre.mst.edu).

*Subscriptions may also be purchased at the box office (summer hours Monday – Thursday, 10am-2pm) or by phone at 573-341-4219.*

*Regular hours (Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm) resume August 21, 2023.*

*Seating requests for new subscribers and for orders received after June 9, 2023 will be accommodated when possible, or best available seating will be assigned in the order received.*

- Season subscription sales end August 25, 2023.
- Ticket sales for individual shows begin August 28, 2023.



## Why subscribe?



### Best seats in the house

As a season subscriber, you'll be given the best available seats before single performance tickets go on sale to the general public.



### Save money

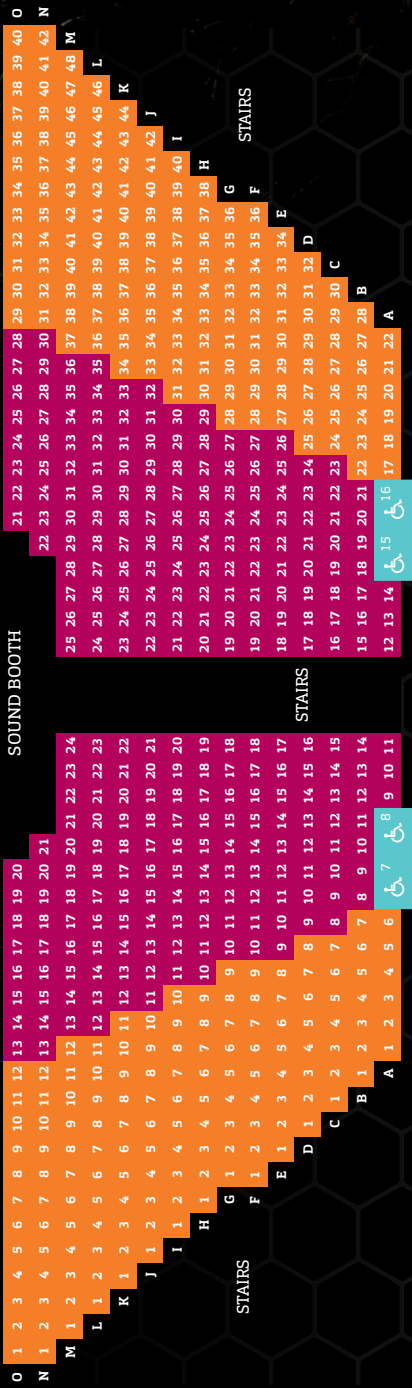
Big Savings on some of our biggest shows this season!



### Bonus!

Free Bach Society of Saint Louis ticket with any package purchased!

# LEACH THEATRE SEATING



## STAGE

Seats with wheelchair accessibility are located in row A, seats 7-8 and 15-16. Hearing assistive technology is available inside Leach Theatre. Our ushers can provide you with information on how to access this with your own smartphone and earbuds. There is currently no elevator access in Leach Theatre, stair climbing is required to reach rows C-O. For more information or to inquire about specific seating accommodations, please check with the box office.



Jazz Band



St. Pat's Coronation



TEDx Missouri S&T

# Campus Events

**Leach Theatre is host to many performances, presentations, and cultural events sponsored by university departments and student organizations.**

The Missouri S&T bands, choir, and orchestra present concerts throughout the school year. The S&T theatre program presents plays and musicals in Leach Theatre as well as in Castleman Hall's Black Box Theatre.

Leach Theatre is also the site of student-sponsored performances and cultural shows, university presentations, speaking engagements, and other campus activities such as the annual Missouri S&T St. Pat's Coronation Ceremony.

Visit [LeachTheatre.mst.edu](http://LeachTheatre.mst.edu) or call our box office at 573-341-4219 for information on upcoming campus events at Leach Theatre.

# S&T Student Concerts

*All performances will take place in Leach Theatre unless otherwise noted and may require an admission fee.*

*Student music and theatre performances are presented through the Missouri S&T Arts, Languages, and Philosophy Department.*

**Website:** [alp.mst.edu](http://alp.mst.edu)

**Email:** [alp@mst.edu](mailto:alp@mst.edu)

**Phone:** 573-341-4869

## S&T Wind Symphony

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 — 2:00 P.M.

## S&T Jazz Band

Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 — 7:00 P.M.

## S&T Wind Symphony

Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 — 7:00 P.M.

## S&T Orchestra & Choir

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 — 2:00 P.M.

## S&T Performing Arts

### Holiday Concert

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023 — 7:00 P.M.

## S&T Band performing with the 399th Army Band

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024 — 2:00 P.M.

## S&T Jazz Band

Friday, Apr. 5, 2024 — 7:00 P.M.

## S&T Band

Sunday, Apr. 7, 2024 — 2:00 P.M.

## S&T Outdoor Band

Wednesday, Apr. 24, 2024 — 12:00 P.M.

*Performed on the Havener Center lawn*

*(Rain date: Friday, April 26, 2024) – 12:00 P.M.*

## S&T Choir

Friday, Apr. 26, 2024 — 7:00 P.M.

## S&T Orchestra

Sunday, Apr. 28, 2024 — 2:00 P.M.

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## CONSTELLATIONS

by Nick Payne

Sept. 8-9, 7:00 P.M. (Black Box Theatre)

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## CASCADE'S FIRE

by Taylor Gruenloh and Kyle Wernke

Oct. 12-14, 7:00 P.M., Oct. 15, 2:00 P.M., and  
Oct. 19-21, 7:00 P.M. (Black Box Theatre)

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## Overnight Theatre Festival

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 — 7:00 P.M.

## YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

by Charles M. Schulz, Clark  
Gesner, Michael Mayer,  
and Andrew Lippa



Dec. 1-2, 7:00 P.M. and Dec. 3, 2:00 P.M.

## DOG SEES GOD: CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE BLOCKHEAD

by Bert V. Royal

Dec. 1 -2, 10:00 P.M. and Dec. 3, 7:00 P.M.  
(Black Box Theatre)

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## STUDENT-DIRECTED PERFORMANCE

by Miner Theatre Guild

Feb. 9-11, 7:00 P.M. (Black Box Theatre)

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## CABARET

by Joe Masteroff, John Van  
Druten, Christopher Isherwood,  
John Kander, and Fred Ebb

April 18-20, 7:00 P.M. and April 21, 2:00 P.M.



# THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Help ensure that Leach Theatre continues to provide entertainment and memories to the S&T campus and Rolla community.

Please join us in keeping beauty, humor, and imagination alive and well on our stage by becoming a member of "The Show Must Go On" annual giving club today, donations of any amount are welcomed.

Each year, members will be recognized by giving levels in Leach Theatre event programs:

**\$1–99: Stagehand**

**\$100–499: Artist's Friend**

**\$500–999: Director's Circle**

**\$1,000 or more: Producer's Club**

To make a secure online contribution, visit [giving.mst.edu](http://giving.mst.edu) and designate your gift to "Leach Theatre" or call 573-341-4777 to donate by phone. All gifts are tax-deductible.



For more information,  
call 573-341-4219 or  
email [leach@mst.edu](mailto:leach@mst.edu).

# Leach Theatre

# Box Office

103 Castleman Hall | 400 West 10th Street | Rolla, MO 65409  
573-341-4219 | [LeachTheatre.mst.edu](http://LeachTheatre.mst.edu)



**Ticket Purchases:** Tickets may be purchased at the box office located inside the front lobby of Castleman Hall, or by phone with credit card at 573-341-4219. Tickets for most events can also be purchased online at [leachtheatre.mst.edu](http://leachtheatre.mst.edu).



**Payment options:** Cash, checks, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) are accepted at the box office. Tickets cannot be held without payment.



**Refunds:** Sorry, no refunds on tickets already purchased. Tax credit forms may be obtained for tickets donated back before day of show.



**Exchanges:** Ticket exchanges between different shows are no longer permitted unless approved by box office management.



**Missouri S&T Faculty/Staff/Student Tickets:** Discounted tickets are available by using valid S&T credentials with online purchases ([LeachTheatre.mst.edu](http://LeachTheatre.mst.edu)), or by presenting a valid I.D. at the box office. S&T students may also charge ticket purchases to their student accounts at the box office with a valid I.D.



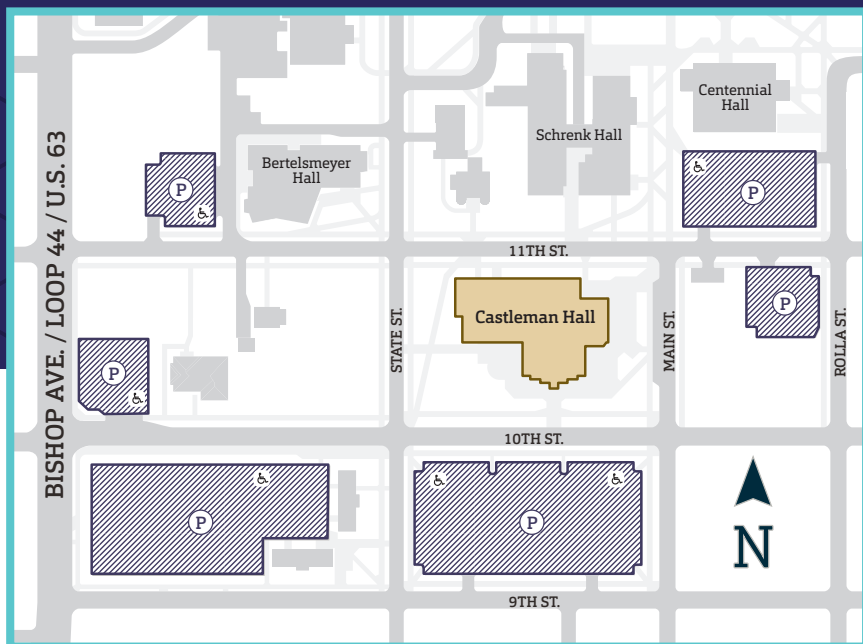
**Back Row Club:** Leach Theatre is dedicated to bringing the arts to everyone! That is why we offer the "Back Row Club." One hour before each event in the Campus Performing Arts Series, we reduce the ticket price for seats in the last row of the theatre to just \$15 each (\$10 each for "The Elephant in the Room" and \$25 each for "Hairspray") - provided the event is not sold out.



**Youth Tickets:** Youth ticket pricing is available for children under the age of 18.



**Questions:** For additional information regarding tickets to any Leach Theatre event, please contact the box office at 573-341-4219 or email [leach@mst.edu](mailto:leach@mst.edu).



# Directions and parking

**From I-44:** Take Exit 185 (University Drive) toward Hwy 63/Bishop Ave. Turn right on Hwy 63/Bishop Ave. Turn left on 10th Street. Leach Theatre is located on the left in Castleman Hall, at 400 W. 10th Street.



Missouri S&T parking lots are open to the public on weekends and after 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.



Student  
Involvement

*Leach Theatre, a part of the Department of Student Involvement at Missouri University of Science and Technology, supports the education of its students and the surrounding communities through the exchange of cultural expression to inspire creative thinking.*

# 2023-24 SEASON

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OF SAINT LOUIS**  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023

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Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023

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Saturday, May 4, 2024



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