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2023/2024 - Season 28



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The Carole King Musical
August 17 – September 10, 2023



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March 21 – April 14, 2024

Shows and dates subject to change.

Nestled on the historic square of downtown Lawrenceville, Lawrenceville Arts Center, home of the Aurora Theatre, has FREE attached covered parking and is surrounded by restaurants and shops.

From the *Producer*

"I'm not like a poker player. I'm not into bluff. My way is to look someone in the eye and tell them the way I'm intending to go. My cards are always on the table." - *Tori Amos*

Before we produced *Mary Poppins*, I prepared our team for the impossible. We flew Mary out over the audience onto her next adventure. We bet it all, and it paid off. In fact, every show last season was a winning hand.

Our city bet on us, and it paid out in spades. We have innovative restaurants, quaint shops, cute townhomes, a beautiful playground, and the Lawrenceville Lawn. Aurora had a hand in making this city great.

You bet on us and 11,500 children visited the LAC in January of 2023. You bet on us and 8,000 people made *Kim's Convenience* the all-time largest grossing play in Aurora history. You bet on us and countless GGC students perform, and intern with us each year, learning workforce and "life force" skills. You bet on our partnership with the City of Lawrenceville, and together we built this beautiful campus.

We are full houses. We are hearts. We are diamonds. We are a fair deal. We are straight shooters.

This season features women playwrights, women protagonists, women's stories. We didn't start out with an all-female season in mind, but we drew great cards: a hilarious new comedy about a retirement home, a heartwarming play about family and baking bread, a gospel rock musical about a night club singer who finds refuge in a convent, a holiday celebration with me at the piano – 4 QUEENS, and then we drew a KING – Carole King. The Broadway hit musical about the songwriter who wrote *You've Got a Friend*, *One Fine Day* and *Natural Woman* couldn't be called anything but *Beautiful*. And our Carole King really plays the piano. No Bluffing!

"I think poker, as a system, describes the chaos of the world. Our sudden reversals, our freak streaks of fortune. The belief that the next hand can save you." - *Colson Whitehead*

I will lay the cards on the table, friends. Georgia is not betting on the ARTS. We are 50th in arts funding. DEAD LAST! That is why we are so grateful to the kind people who give us their chips and trust us to risk well. With one of the best seasons we have ever assembled, we can't limp in.

This season, we need all the luck we can muster. If you are not the gambling type, but faith guides your path as it does mine, then consider this:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - *Matthew 6:21*

With a Heart of Gratitude,

- *Ann-Carol Pence*



Ann-Carol Pence

Co-Founder
Producing Artistic Director

Beautiful

The Carole King Musical



Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

August 17 - September 10, 2023
Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage

Words and Music by Gerry Goffin, Carole King, Barry Mann, & Cynthia Weil
Book by Douglas McGrath
Music by Arrangement with Sony/ATV Music Publishing
Starring Bethany Irby as Carole King

This musical chronicles the inspiring true story of Carole King's journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. This Tony and Grammy Award-winning show is *Some Kind of Wonderful* and sure to make you *Feel the Earth Move* under your seat. *Beautiful* features hits like *You've Got a Friend*, *One Fine Day*, *Up on the Roof*, *On Broadway* and *Natural Woman*. A show-stopping season opener filled with the songs you remember—and the story you'll never forget.



6 years on Broadway

Tony & Grammy Award Winning Musical

"Out of control Amazing" - Wall Street Journal



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Christmas Canteen

2023



Christmas Canteen 2023

November 24 - December 23, 2023
Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage

Now in its 28th year, *Christmas Canteen* continues to infuse undeniable holiday magic over all of Metro Atlanta. Thousands flock to the sumptuous Lawrenceville Arts Center each season to experience the joy of this unique theatrical tradition. This magnificent revue overflows with spectacular musical numbers, riotous bursts of comedy and the perfect touch of nostalgia. All ages love to indulge in this holiday treat that promises to be the highlight of the festive season!

Christmas Canteen is just one of many holiday events presented by Aurora Theatre.



A Christmas Carol



Festival of Trees



Motown Christmas

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KNEAD

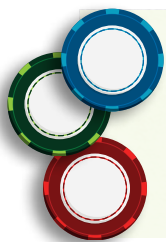


Knead

January 25 - February 18, 2024
Metro Waterproofing Main Stage

Written and Performed by Mary Lynn Owen

What can you do when life doesn't go according to the recipe? A woman plagued by insomnia is determined that her mother's bread recipe will finally work. The ingredients of time and memory keep interfering. The bread-baking process –in real time– becomes a deeper journey. On the eve of a significant birthday, the granddaughter of Cuban immigrants mixes the ingredients of her past into a spectacular night that rises and falls with loaves that somehow end up in the oven. Starring Mary Lynn Owen, Suzi Bass Award-winner for her performance in *Aurora's Wit*.



"Deeply moving and transformative..." - AJC

"Both script and the performance are equal parts illuminating, heartbreaking and hilarious." - Richard Eldredge

"Knead is a stunningly intelligent" - ArtsATL



Greener Pastures

March 21 - April 14, 2024
Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage

By Lori Fischer

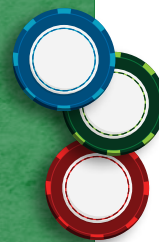
Forty-eight-year-old Dorothy, a two-bit actor with performance anxiety, has reached her breaking point portraying a singing sandwich on the local children's show *Lunchtime with Munchkins*. When she finds a technicality in the contract, she chucks it all to live the good life at the Greener Pastures Retirement Center. Her new roommate, the wisecracking curmudgeon Maxine, wants the attention-grabbing whippersnapper gone. This battle of wills and wits is a *Golden Girls* meets *The Odd Couple* crowd-pleaser that makes a perfect date with grandma.

"A refreshingly funny story" - TripAdvisor

"Lori Fischer's hilarious new comedy Greener Pastures is filled with delightfully quirky characters and an abundance of laughter." - Bryce McDonald, Cumberland County Playhouse

"This play had fantastically witty writing with lots of extremely humorous one-liners delivered with perfect timing."

- Audience



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Groups of 10 or more receive significant savings on tickets. Whether it's a group from your church, office, or civic organization, it's always more fun to attend as a group.

Season Ticket Package Prices

Premium: \$178

Standard: \$131

Star Pass Membership

Add \$100 or more donation to your season ticket to help sustain Aurora and unlock benefits above the standard subscription:

- 2 Guest Passes - Bring a Guest for only \$20*
- 3 FREE Exchanges - additional exchanges available for \$5 each exchange
- Star Pass Members will be assigned seats before regular Season Ticket Pass Holders
- Recognition in this season's show programs

Season Ticket Benefits

Get the best seats and pay less for them. Your package includes all 5 of Aurora's Season 28 Signature Series Shows and these great extras:

- 2 FREE Exchanges - additional exchanges available for \$5 each exchange
- 1 FREE Switch Pass - switch a subscription ticket to another Aurora Theatre/LAC event (excludes rental events)
- Locking in seat assignment at the new Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage theatre
- Right of first refusal for your seats in Season 29 (2024-2025)

Flex Pass

A Flex Pass includes five tickets you can use any time. Use five at one show, one for all five or any combination you choose. Reserve seats as early as the day single tickets are released or as late as the day of the show.

Heroes Pass

Get an additional 10% off the Season Ticket Pass. Full-time, actively employed Educators, First Responders and Military qualify for this offer (proof of employment required).

The List

It's your VIP Pass to incredible big-name music, comedy and more at Lawrenceville Arts Center!

- Early Access to the Best Seats
- Exclusive Discounts to tons of shows
- Order up to two discount tickets to eligible events on one membership
- Earn FREE tickets



*Ticket and seating for guest passes subject to availability. Guest Passes are not valid for Christmas Canteen. Shows and dates subject to change without notice.

Sister Act

May 23 - June 16, 2024

Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

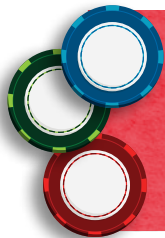
Book by Cheri Steinkellner & Bill Steinkellner

Additional Book Material by Douglas Carter Beane

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture, *Sister Act*, written by Joseph Howard

Starring Jasmine Renee' Ellis as Deloris Van Cartier

Lounge singer Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder and is in fear for her life. The cops answer her prayers, sort of... They put her in protective custody in the one place the police are sure she won't be found - a convent! Disguised as a nun but not in the habit of attending church, Diva Deloris is at odds with the rigid lifestyle of the sisters. She finds her place turning the stoic choir into a heavenly chorus, but her joyful noise could prove deadly. Based on the hit 1992 film, this uplifting musical is reason to REJOICE!



"It's one of the season's happiest surprises" - New York Post

"This is the musical that hits all the right spots"

- The Associated Press

Five Tony Award Nominations



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*Clyde & Sandra Strickland
Grand Stage*



*Metro Waterproofing
Main Stage*

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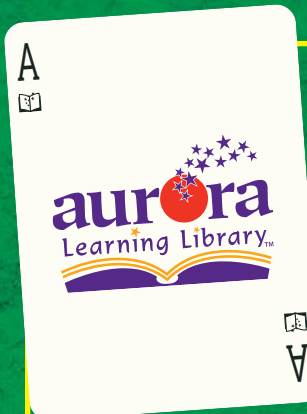
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Aurora Theatre Programs



Aurora Learning Library

Perfect for Field Trips!

Fully-staged, professional productions for school students on weekday mornings performed on the Clyde & Sandra Strickland Grand Stage.



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The Three Little Pigs
Learning Library Musical
January 2024



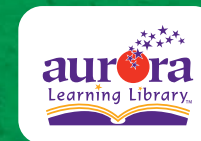
**The Adventures of
Tortoise and Hare:
The Next Generation**

by Lightwire Theater
September 28, 2023



**Jackie Robinson:
A Game Apart**

Mike Wiley Productions
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**Learning Library
Express**

March 2024

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Aurora Theatre Academy

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Phenomenon

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