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Season Guide

*Your home for
great theatre.*

Geva
Theatre
Center



Great Theatre Lives Here

Dear Theatregoer,

For over three decades, Geva Theatre Center has been more than a building where plays happen. You have made it your home for experiencing the values that hold us together as a community: family, friendship, love, laughter, curiosity, risk...hope and possibility. It is with these qualities in mind that we have constructed the 2009-2010 Mainstage Season.

This entirely American season of plays and musicals range from works by two of our master playwrights – Arthur Miller and August Wilson – to recent Broadway and Off-Broadway hits, including Geva's own musical entry to the Big Apple that returns in a brand-new production to cap the season in May.

But we can't have a performance without an audience! You are the missing ingredient in this photo. By choosing one of our season ticket packages, you ensure yourself a year full of theatrical memories created by national artists strictly for Rochester. And let's face it, unless you buy tickets ahead of time your life simply gets too busy, and the production that you really wanted to see is over...at least that's what happens to me!

Look over the 2009-2010 Season Guide and see what tickles your fancy. Life just got a little better.

See you at the Theatre,

Warmly,

MARK CUDDY

Mark Cuddy
Artistic Director



Box Office and Parking



Accessibility

Have questions? Our Box Office staff is ready to help.

Geva Theatre Center is committed to making the theatre experience accessible to all by providing:

Phone: 585-232-Geva (4382)
Group Sales: 585-232-1366, x3057
TTY: 585-325-1441
Subscription Department: 585-232-1366, x3071

email: boxoffice@gevatheatre.org
Website: www.gevatheatre.org

Hours: Monday, 11am - 6pm
 Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 8pm
 Friday, 10am - 8:30pm
 Saturday, Noon - 8:30 pm
 Sunday, Noon - 7:30pm

The Box Office closes at 5 p.m. on days without performances.

Location: Ground Floor Lobby | 75 Woodbury Boulevard | Rochester, N.Y.

Please Note: All plays, schedules and prices are subject to change.



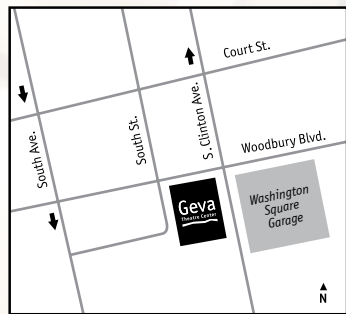
- Wheelchair Seating
- Audio-Described Performances
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Braille Programs
- Sign-Interpreted Performances

A Sign-Interpreted Performance is offered for every production. Be sure to mention your interest in sign-interpretation in order to get the most advantageous seating.

Assistive Listening Devices are available for our audience members who are hard of hearing. Free headsets may be obtained prior to performance time at the coat check.

An Audio-Described Performance for our audience members who are blind or visually impaired is offered for each Mainstage production. The pre-performance description of sets and costumes begins after Prologue at approximately 20 minutes prior to curtain, and visual details are verbalized during the performance.

Braille programs are available. When reserving your tickets, please inform the box office if you will be bringing a guide dog to the theatre.



Parking

Geva Theatre Center recommends parking in **Washington Square Garage**, operated by Ampco, which is conveniently located across from the theatre on the corner of South Clinton Avenue and Woodbury Boulevard. The garage offers well-lit, covered parking as well as on-site security personnel during all Geva performances.

Wednesday Matinee Shuttle Service

To alleviate potential daytime parking difficulties in the Geva Theatre Center neighborhood, **free shuttle bus service** is provided for Wednesday matinee performances. Shuttle service originates at the **East End Garage** on the corner of Main and Scio Streets, and runs continuously from 12:30 until 1:45pm, and again after the matinee.

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ACCESSIBILITY CALENDAR

Production	Audio-Described	Sign-Interpreted
<i>Souvenir</i>	September 27, 2pm	October 1, 7:30pm
<i>The Clean House</i>	November 1, 2pm	November 5, 7:30pm
<i>A Christmas Story</i>	December 6, 12pm	December 17, 7pm
<i>Almost, Maine</i>	January 31, 2pm	February 4, 7:30pm
<i>The Price</i>	March 14, 2pm	March 18, 7:30pm
<i>Two Trains Running</i>	April 18, 2pm	April 22, 7:30pm
<i>Five Course Love</i>	May 23, 2pm	May 27, 7:30pm
<i>Underneath the Lintel</i>	N/A	February 25, 7pm

Flexible Ticket Options

Order Your Tickets Today!

Guaranteed best seats! Benefits galore!
 Geva Theatre Center offers a ticket package to fit every price range.

**6-SHOW
 Season Ticket Package**
Best Seats!

- The best of Geva!
 Choose the 6-Show Season Ticket Package:**
- Best Seats Guaranteed! You get priority access and keep your seats all season.
 - FREE ticket exchanges whenever you need to reschedule.
 - Never miss a show with Missed Show Insurance – an exclusive benefit for 6-Show Subscribers.
 - Priority Notice – Learn about special events and offers before any other buyer.
 - Add on *A Christmas Story* at exclusive Subscriber savings before the general public! Reserve your seats starting June 1st.

**PICK PACK
 starting at \$39/ticket**
Custom Choices!

- Custom-size it!
 Take your pick of 3 or more Mainstage shows, and save:**
- Receive the best seats available, before they are offered to the general public – all at an exclusive low price!
 - One free ticket exchange to change your performance date or seating.
 - Includes *A Christmas Story* at great savings! The only package that offers this show.

**FLEX TIX - \$234
 Seniors & Students - \$198**
Convenience!

- Need a flexible schedule?
 Save now and choose later with Flex Tix:**
- Redeem your six ticket vouchers at any time, in any combination (2 tickets for 3 shows, 6 tickets for 1 show, etc.).
 - Save up to 40% over the regular ticket price!
 - One free ticket exchange to change your performance date or seating.
 - Add on *A Christmas Story* at exclusive Subscriber savings before the general public! Reserve your seats starting June 1st.

**TODAY PASS
 only \$114**
Best Value!

- Instant Savings! Instant Seats!
 The Today Pass gives you all six Mainstage shows at the lowest price:**
- Call the Box Office the day of the performance: if there is a seat – it's yours! And we'll give you the best available.
 - Our shows are popular, so seating is not guaranteed for Today Passes. To guarantee your seat please select a different ticket option.
 - Add on *A Christmas Story* at exclusive Subscriber savings before the general public! Reserve your seats starting June 1st.

BONUS PERFORMANCE
Experience theatre up close and personal!

Underneath the Lintel
 Add it for only \$18

- Enchanting story. Intimate setting. Every seat feels like the front row. This exclusive show plays for a limited time only – don't miss it!
- Add this featured Nextstage production to your ticket package for just \$18.
- Experience an evening of charm and wonder certain to entertain and delight!

Our Subscribers are important to us! Check out the Geva website at www.gevatheatre.org for more information about all of the great benefits we offer!

Tear out this order form and send with payment to:
Geva Theatre Center; 75 Woodbury Blvd. Rochester, NY 14607

Hate paperwork? Call the box office at **(585) 232-Geva**, and we can process your order right over the phone.

CONTACT INFO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (Day) _____ PHONE (Evening) _____

ORDER SUMMARY

6-Show Season Tix(s) Ordered _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Pick Pack Seats Ordered _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Flex Tix Package(s) Ordered _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Today Pass(es) Ordered _____ @ \$ **114** = \$ _____

Add *Underneath the Lintel* #/Seats _____ @ \$ **18** = \$ _____

+ Order Processing Fee \$ **6** _____

+ Donation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Your discounted ticket package covers only 75% of our costs. Your tax-deductible donation makes the difference. Thank you!

BILLING INFO

My check is enclosed (Payable to Geva Theatre Center)

Please charge my Credit Card:

Visa Mastercard Amex Discover

ACCOUNT # _____ EXPIRATION _____

NAME (As it appears on card) _____

SIGNATURE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ **We send our subscribers important updates and information by email. Help us stay in touch by providing your email address.**

Added Rewards

Add value to your visit and enhance your experience.

BONUS PERFORMANCE

Underneath the Lintel By Glen Berger

February 5 - March 7

"Astonishingly beautiful." – *Seattle Weekly*

A global detective tale ripens with the return of a library book – 113 years overdue! Who is the mysterious Mister A? Follow our librarian hero as he is led on a scavenger hunt across 5 continents and dozens of cities to discover if the borrower is alive. Hoax? Myth? Or a VERY large late fee? Winner of the L.A. Ovation award for Best Play of 2001. In the Nextstage.

To add on, check the box on your order form!



Sherlock Holmes, 07-08 Season

Preview Performances

Anything can happen at a Preview! Before a show officially opens for reviews, we polish it to perfection. Things change – sometimes because of *your* reaction – and you become part of the performance process. Tickets for Previews are less expensive, offering you great live theatre and a one-of-a-kind experience at a discount!



Cabaret, 07-08 Season

Early Curtain Tuesday

You don't have to be a night owl to enjoy live theatre. Our Early Curtain Tuesday offers a 6pm start time that will have you back home or out to dinner with time to spare.



Sunday Salon

Sunday Salon is your opportunity to chat with actors and audience about the show. Held after the fourth Sunday Matinee of every play (excludes *A Christmas Story*).

Indulge in the Geva Café

Hungry before the show? Drinks and dessert at intermission? The Geva Café offers full bar service and a light menu including soups, salads, sandwiches and scrumptious desserts. Season Subscribers save time by placing their intermission order prior to the show, and enjoy Priority Seating.



I am completely satisfied!
Stuart E., Rochester
Subscriber since 2000

Subscribing is something
I just do for me!
Kate K., Rochester
Subscriber since 2008

Geva is a great night
out with friends.
Eileen B., Pittsford
Subscriber since 2004

There's nothing like live
theatre, especially when
viewed from my seats!
Robert R., Greece
Subscriber since 1995



FreeGeva

Experience FreeGeva, an exciting line-up of play readings, conversations, tours and lectures - all for free!

Geva Theatre Center lives in the heart of Rochester's cultural scene. Since 1972, Geva has presented a wealth of world class theatre in its Mainstage and Nextstage. Geva serves the Rochester community through a wide variety of programs that enrich your experience, give you behind-the-scenes information, deliver the newest plays and artists, and engage you in lively debate - all for free! Reservations are required for some events.

PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS

These programs, held throughout the season, will enhance your theatregoing experience. The events are free and open to patrons attending the show.

Prologue

A lively and informative half-hour talk about the production is given before every play. Prologue starts one hour before curtain.

Sunday Salon

Sunday Salon is your opportunity to chat with audience and actors about the show. Held after the fourth Sunday Matinee of every play (excludes *A Christmas Story*).

FREE EVENTS

Whether to entertain, educate, spark debate or just give you a look behind the scenes, these free events open Geva's doors to the community. Visit www.gevatheatre.org for more information.

Talkbacks

Your opportunity to share your opinion with Geva and the community. What questions and ideas did the performance spark for you? Join us in conversations following select performances.

The Hornets' Nest

Join your neighbors in lively debates on current controversial issues. The Hornets' Nest features readings of plays that explore hot topics and conversations with community leaders.

Magic in the Making - December 7, 2009

Once a year, Geva opens its doors (and dressing rooms, costume and lighting workshops, props shop and much, much more) to the public for a behind-the-scenes look at how we make the magic that you see on stage.

What's Next: New Plays at Geva

How are new plays discovered? How does someone write a play? Join us for a wide range of events featuring new works - and maybe next year's biggest hit - by national, local and teen playwrights. For more information, check out the "New Plays" area on our website: www.gevatheatre.org/newplaysatgeva.

Summer Academy Showcase

The five-week Geva Theatre Center Summer Academy culminates with a showcase of student work.



Local Groups

Enjoy local talent and support area arts organizations at Geva.

GEVA COMEDY IMPROV

Now heading into its seventh season, Geva's resident improv troupe serves up a hilarious confection of sketches, songs and scenes, all based on audience suggestions!

\$7 tickets mean it's an affordable, feel-good night out, suitable for ages 13 and up. For show dates and times visit www.gevacomedyimprov.org.



TheatreROCS ROCHESTER.ORG

A CELEBRATION OF ROCHESTER THEATRE

Geva proudly hosts TheatreROCS: an alliance of more than 25 area arts groups dedicated to promoting local talent and introducing the Rochester community to the dynamic range of live theatre available in our backyard. Formed in the fall of 2008, TheatreROCS is a vital force in the Rochester arts community and it's still growing. For more information visit www.theatrerocs.org.



“Wildly funny and surprisingly touching.”

– *Time Out*

September 8 - October 4

Souvenir

A Fantasia
on the life of
Florence Foster Jenkins



The original Broadway production
starring Tony Award®-winner Judy Kaye!

Comedy

Souvenir

A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins

By Stephen Temperley

Directed by Vivian Matalon

Are you bold enough to share your voice
with the world?

THE STORY

Long before “American Idol,” the wealthy socialite Florence Foster Jenkins fancied herself a gifted soprano. She could not have been more wrong ... she could not have been more famous.

Based on a true story.

THE EXPERIENCE

Music brings out passion in us all. We all sound beautiful when we sing in the shower, no matter what anyone else hears. Florence Foster Jenkins took her passion for singing and boldly shared it with the world. **Featuring the stars, sets and costumes of the original Broadway production!**

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for middle school and up.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEP 6	7	7:30pm 8	7:30pm 9	7:30pm 10	8pm 11	2pm & 8pm 12
2pm & 7pm 13	14	6pm 15	7:30pm 16	7:30pm 17	8pm 18	4pm & 8:30pm 19
2pm & 7pm 20	21	7:30pm 22	7:30pm 23	7:30pm 24	8pm 25	4pm & 8:30pm 26
D 2pm & 7pm 27	28	7:30pm 29	2pm & 7:30pm 30	Eg 7:30pm OCT 1	8pm 2	4pm & 8:30pm 3
2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 4						

“Cleaning is good for the soul
– and so is laughter....”

– Variety

October 13 - November 8

THE CLEAN HOUSE



Comedy

The Clean House

By Sarah Ruhl

Directed by Emma Griffin

The path to true happiness might be messy.

THE STORY

Lane wants her and Charles' life – and house – clean, but doesn't want to take care of it herself. The maid prefers to spend her days devising the perfect joke. When Charles falls out of love with Lane, magical things begin to happen. Cleanliness is not always next to happiness.

THE EXPERIENCE

Seemingly disconnected events converge in this whimsical, magical, funny tale about how the important things in life – like a good joke – can take you by surprise.

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for high school and up.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCT 11	12	7:30pm 13	7:30pm 14	7:30pm 15	8pm 16	2pm & 8pm 17
2pm & 7pm 18	19	6pm 20	7:30pm 21	7:30pm 22	8pm 23	4pm & 8:30pm 24
2pm & 7pm 25	26	7:30pm 27	7:30pm 28	7:30pm 29	8pm 30	4pm & 8:30pm 31
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2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 8						

“Everything you love about the holiday classic is here.”

– Rochester City Newspaper

November 19 - December 27

A CHRISTMAS STORY



Holiday

A Christmas Story

By Philip Grecian

Directed by Mark Cuddy

Based upon *A Christmas Story* (©1983 Turner Entertainment, Co., distributed by Warner Bros.) written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark, and *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* by Jean Shepherd

A gift that might change your life.

THE STORY

Ralphie wants one thing and one thing only for Christmas: an official Red Ryder 200-Shot Carbine Action Range Model Air Rifle – a BB gun! But when even his own mother counters with “You’ll shoot your eye out,” what’s a boy to do?

THE EXPERIENCE

Even if you’re not familiar with the story or the mega-hit movie, we can all remember a time when there was such a thing as the one perfect Christmas gift ... the gift that just might change your life.

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for families. (Please remember that children under five are not permitted in the theatre.)

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOV 15	16	17	18	7:30pm 19	7:30pm 20	7:30pm 21
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12pm & 4:30pm 27						

“These nine tales of love in the time of frostbite have a winning glow.”

– *The New York Sun*

January 12 - February 7

ALMOST, MAINE



Romance

Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

Directed by Skip Greer

A co-production with Syracuse Stage

When true loves comes knocking, will you answer?

THE STORY

On a cold, moonless night in Almost, Maine, the residents find themselves falling in and out of warmth and love in unexpected, hilarious, heart-filled ways. True love comes knocking. Did you answer? Will they?

THE EXPERIENCE

A funny, midwinter romance to remind you how love connects you to someone special.

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for middle school and up.

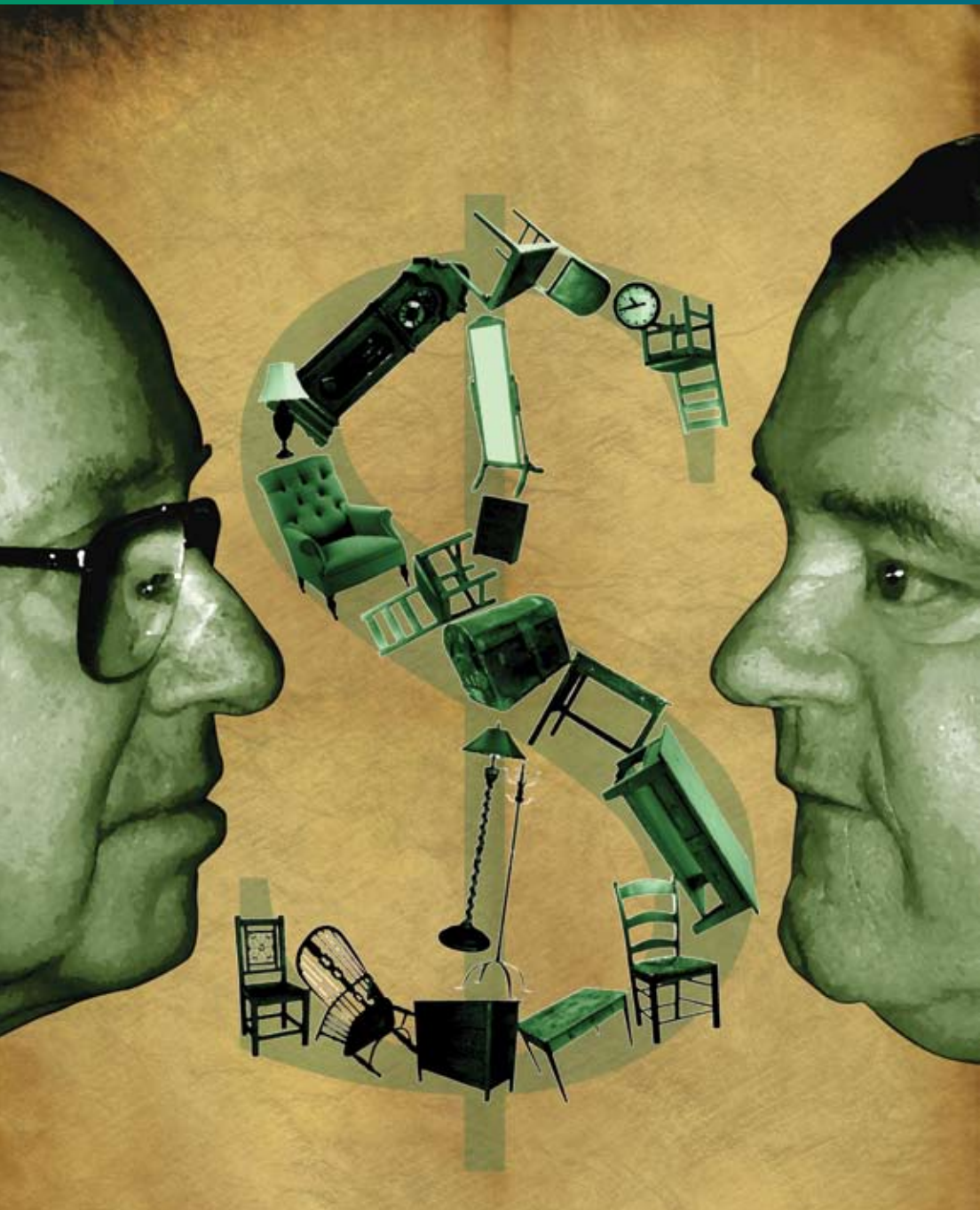
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2pm & 7pm 17	18	6pm 19	7:30pm 20	7:30pm 21	8pm 22	4pm & 8:30pm 23
2pm & 7pm 24	25	7:30pm 26	7:30pm 27	7:30pm 28	8pm 29	4pm & 8:30pm 30
2pm & 7pm 31	FEB 1	7:30pm 2	2pm & 7:30pm 3	7:30pm 4	8pm 5	4pm & 8:30pm 6
2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 7						

“One of the most entertaining plays that Miller has ever written.”

– *The New York Times*

February 23 - March 21



ARTHUR MILLER'S
THE PRICE

Drama

The Price

By Arthur Miller

Directed by Timothy Bond

A co-production with Syracuse Stage

What price have you paid for your choices?

THE STORY

Two brothers meet in their childhood home. A wisecracking used-furniture salesman joins them as they examine their parents' possessions and rekindle old rivalries in an attic full of memories. What price has each paid for the choices he's made?

THE EXPERIENCE

A powerful drama with powerhouse performances, from the author of *All My Sons*, *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible*.

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for high school and up.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEB 21	22	7:30pm 23	7:30pm 24	7:30pm 25	8pm 26	2pm & 8pm 27
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2pm & 7pm 7	8	7:30pm 9	7:30pm 10	7:30pm 11	8pm 12	4pm & 8:30pm 13
D 2pm & 7pm 14	15	7:30pm 16	2pm & 7:30pm 17	6g 7:30pm 18	8pm 19	4pm & 8:30pm 20
2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 21						

“Fierce brilliance burns at the core of this story.”

– Variety

March 30 – April 25

August Wilson's Two Trains Running



Drama

Two Trains Running

By August Wilson

Directed by Ron OJ Parson

Part of Geva's five-year project, "August Wilson's American Century." You can also join us for a reading of Wilson's *Jitney*, set in a 1970s gypsy cab station.

Can you fight city hall? This neighbor gives it his best shot.

THE STORY

Gossiping and gambling – the regulars at Memphis Lee's diner keep the place buzzing. Hustling for work, longing for love, speculating on the next big thing – mostly, they're buzzing after change. The city wants the diner destroyed for "urban renewal." Change generates a lot of buzz in all our neighborhoods, and Memphis Lee – he's buzzing about a fair price for the restaurant.

THE EXPERIENCE

Two Trains Running is Wilson's funniest, most accessible and optimistic play.

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for high school and up. Extensive use of racial epithets.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAR 28	29	7:30pm 30	7:30pm 31	7:30pm APR 1	8pm 2	2pm & 8pm 3
2pm & 7pm 4	5	6pm 6	7:30pm 7	7:30pm 8	8pm 9	4pm & 8:30pm 10
2pm & 7pm 11	12	7:30pm 13	7:30pm 14	7:30pm 15	8pm 16	4pm & 8:30pm 17
D 2pm & 7pm 18	19	7:30pm 20	2pm & 7:30pm 21	6p 7:30pm 22	8pm 23	4pm & 8:30pm 24
2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 25						

“More than entertaining
– it’s a ton of fun.”

– nytheatre.com

May 5 - June 6

Five Course Love

A LIP-SMACKING
MUSICAL COMEDY



Musical

Five Course Love

Music, Lyrics and Book by Gregg Coffin
Directed by Mark Cuddy

In the game of love, everyone deserves a shot.

THE STORY

5 restaurants. 15 characters. Cupid aims to triumph and avoid heartbreak *and* heartburn.

THE EXPERIENCE

Straight from off-Broadway and around the world, a lip-smacking musical first developed at Geva triumphantly returns home! A feast for the eyes and ears as each character delivers a unique style of music and a new recipe for love. Geva proudly closes its season with Rochester’s own *tour de force*!

THE FINE PRINT

Recommended for high school and up. Some suggestive lyrics and humor.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2	3	4	7:30pm 5	7:30pm 6	8pm 7	2pm & 8pm 8
2pm & 7pm 9	10	7:30pm 11	7:30pm 12	7:30pm 13	8pm 14	4pm & 8:30pm 15
2pm & 7pm 16	17	6pm 18	7:30pm 19	7:30pm 20	8pm 21	4pm & 8:30pm 22
2pm & 7pm 23	24	7:30pm 25	7:30pm 26	7:30pm 27	8pm 28	4pm & 8:30pm 29
2pm Sunday Salon & 7pm 30	31	7:30pm JUN 1	2pm & 7:30pm 2	7:30pm 3	8pm 4	4pm & 8:30pm 5
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