

THE HUMAN RACE THEATRE COMPANY'S 2018–2019 SEASON

32nd season is "History in the Making" for Dayton's Official Theatre Company with a powerful mix of drama, comedy, adventure and music.

THE 2018-2019 EICHELBERGER LOFT SERIES LINEUP

Banned from Baseball

by Patricia O'Hara

World Premiere

September 6 – 23, 2018

It's 1989 and a battle for the soul of Major League Baseball is brewing between Commissioner Bart Giamatti and Pete Rose, the reigning Hit King and manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Rose is accused of betting on baseball—even on his own team—an allegation he denies despite the mounting evidence. The intellectual Giamatti wants Rose's confession, while the larger-than-life Rose wants the Commissioner to believe his denials. This collision of wills comes to a head as they meet face to face. If the charge proves to be true, "Charlie Hustle" could be banned from the game—for life—leaving a black mark on the sport both men love and forever tarnishing a living legend.

An Act of God

by David Javerbaum

November 1 – 18, 2018

Thou shalt laugh! Get ready for an audience with The Almighty that will have you holy rolling in the aisles. God is here—in human—and She wants to set the record straight with a new set of Commandments. Joined by Her faithful angels, Michael and Gabriel, She's ready to clear up a few misconceptions, share a few secrets and answer the big questions that have baffled mankind since Creation itself. The comedy's divine in the hottest show since the burning bush.

Around the World in 80 Days

by Mark Brown

adapted from the novel by Jules Verne

February 28 – March 17, 2019

Jules Verne's classic tale springs to life in this clever, fast-paced comedy for the whole family. Proper gentleman Phileas Fogg strikes a wager and sets off on a race that puts his fortune and life

at risk. With his faithful servant at his side, he has just 80 days to circle the globe—an inconceivable feat in the year 1872! Fierce natives, furious typhoons, runaway trains, a damsel in distress and a dogged detective threaten to delay him at every step in this delightful, whirlwind odyssey that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to unexpected end.

Sylvia

by A.R. Gurney

April 25 – May 12, 2019

Middle-aged Greg brings home a dog he found—or rather, one that found him—in the park. With no other identification other than “Sylvia” on her nametag, she’s a street-smart mutt with a mind of her own and no shortage of opinions. Sylvia quickly becomes a major bone of contention between Greg and his wife, Kate. To him, she’s a welcome escape from an unhappy job and a loss of purpose. To Kate, Sylvia’s a slobbering, hairy rival for her husband’s affection. This ingenious take on a twisted love triangle leads to plenty of laughs and revelations on love and marriage...and a dog.

Lizzie

music by Steven Cheslik-DeMeyer and Alan Stevens Hewitt

lyrics by Steven Cheslik-DeMeyer and Tim Maner

book by Tim Maner

June 13 – 30, 2019

“Lizzie Borden took an ax...” And we know what happened next. Or, do we? It’s a powerhouse rock-show retelling of the sensational—and bloody—double murder that shocked New England in the summer of 1892, as told through the fierce performances of four stellar actresses. What starts as the abuse and despair of a troubled woman results in a shocking act of revenge when she takes a hatchet to her oppressive father and stepmother. Charged with the killing of her parents, Lizzie becomes a media sensation even as the trial takes its toll on the relationships with those dearest to her.

THE 2018–2019 MONDAY NIGHT PLAYREADING SERIES LINEUP

Sweat

by Lynn Nottage

Monday, November 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, this fiery story explores identity, racial tension and economic politics in the industrial, blue-collar world of the American labor force. Set in hard-hit Reading, Pennsylvania, much of the action unfolds in a local bar where factory coworkers

congregate to laugh and commiserate as layoffs loom in the new economy that no longer values things made with human labor – with sweat.

Hand to God

by Robert Askins

Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Mischief is at hand when a possessed Christian-ministry puppet named Tyrone and his awkward teen puppeteer, Jason, wreak havoc on their small Texas town. Jason's mom is preparing the church puppet club to perform after Pastor Greg's Sunday sermon, but foulmouthed Tyrone has different plans. It's a struggle between good and evil suitable for adults only that's so ridiculously raunchy, irreverent and funny, you're bound to be sore from laughing.

Fallen Angels

by Noël Coward

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

From one of England's wittiest writers comes a farcical 1920s romantic romp turned titillating treat. Best friends Julia and Jane are both in stable—but sometimes boring—marriages. Their lives are turned upside down when a past lover of both ladies plans a visit. Should they be good wives, or give over to remembered passion? Nerves, alcohol and jealousy make for a hysterical reunion reminiscent of the hijinks of “Lucy and Ethel.”