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GALLERY PLAYERS

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Welcome to Gallery Players' 77th season!

We are proud and excited to bring you the shows of this vibrant season and to perform them on the beautiful Eisenstein Stage in the Roth/Resler Theater of the JCC of Greater Columbus. We carefully curated a season of theatre with something for everyone. From the intricate musical stylings of Stephen Sondheim, to the bombastic humor of Neil Simon, we aim to reflect a Jewish perspective, and highlight the commonalities of the human experience.

Our subscriptions are the best entertainment value in town and guarantee you the best seats in the house. You are also invited to become a season sponsor of Gallery Players. Your support plays a critical role in ensuring a legacy of Jewish theatre in Columbus. More than just the shows we put on the stage, we build community. We have heard stories of lifelong friendships, career paths, and even marriages which were sparked during a Gallery Players' audition or production. Your generosity sustains this community theatre which allows children, actors, artists, musicians, and audiences to connect and experience the magic of theatre together. Thank you.

We can't wait to see you at the theatre!

Sarah Blumenfeld
Gallery Players Committee Chair

Michael Solomon
Director of Theater Programs

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WE ROLL ALONG

DECEMBER 6 - 21, 2025

Fresh off its 2024 Tony Award win for Best Revival, *Merrily We Roll Along* is Stephen Sondheim's poignant and daringly personal masterpiece. Told in reverse, this semi-autobiographical musical rewinds through the lives of three inseparable friends—composer Franklin Shepard, lyricist/playwright Charley Kringas, and theatre critic Mary Flynn—tracing their journey from youthful ambition to the fractured realities of adulthood. Spanning the glitz and grit of the 1950s to 1970s showbiz world, *Merrily* explores the high cost of success and the fragility of friendship with wit, heart, and Sondheim's signature brilliance.

Saturday 12/6 @ 7pm Sunday 12/14 @ 2pm
Sunday 12/7 @ 2pm Thursday 12/18 @ 7pm
Thursday 12/11 @ 7pm Saturday 12/20 @ 7pm
Saturday 12/13 @ 7pm Sunday 12/21 @ 2pm

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Book by George Furth

Based on the Original Play by George Kaufman and Moss Hart. Originally Directed on Broadway by Harold Prince. Originally Produced on Broadway by Lord Grade, Martin Starger, Robert Fryer and Harold Prince in Association with Ruth Mitchell and Howard Haines.



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THE WIZARD OF

FEBRUARY 21 -
MARCH 8

Saturday 2/21 @ 7pm

Sunday 2/22 @ 2pm

Thursday 2/26 @ 7pm

Saturday 2/28 @ 7pm

Sunday 3/1 @ 3:30pm

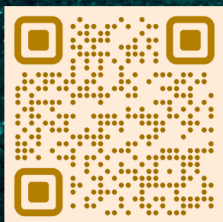
Thursday 3/5 @ 7pm

Saturday 3/7 @ 7pm

Sunday 3/8 @ 2pm



Before *Wicked* reimagined Oz, there was Dorothy—defying gravity in her own way as a Kansas twister swept her into one of the most iconic adventures of all time. Gallery Players invites you to journey over the rainbow in a vibrant, family-friendly revival of *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow Dorothy, Toto, and their unforgettable trio of friends down the Yellow Brick Road, through Munchkinland and the Emerald City, and into a world filled with heart, courage, brains—and timeless magic. With beloved songs, dazzling visuals, and a story that never gets old, this production is sure to cast a spell on audiences of all ages.



By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

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BROADWAY

BY NEIL SIMON

BOUND

MAY 2 - MAY 17

From legendary Jewish playwright Neil Simon, creator of *The Odd Couple* and *Lost in Yonkers*, comes the touching and laugh-out-loud conclusion to his beloved "Eugene Trilogy." In *Broadway Bound*, Eugene and his older brother Stanley are chasing their dreams of becoming comedy writers in 1940s Brooklyn, while their family is on the verge of falling apart. When their sketch airs on the radio, the laughs come to a halt at home—where their thinly veiled material hits a little too close to reality. Witty, heartfelt, and deeply personal, *Broadway Bound* is one of Simon's most reflective and resonant works.

Saturday 5/2 @ 7pm

Sunday 5/3 @ 2pm

Thursday 5/7 @ 7pm

Saturday 5/9 @ 7pm

Thursday 5/14 @ 7pm

Saturday 5/16 @ 7pm

Sunday 5/17 @ 2pm



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GALLERY PLAYERS HISTORY

In the late 1940's, the foremost community theater in Columbus was the Players Club Theater. As a club, this group did not permit the participation of African Americans or Jews. Finally, a group of Hadassah women



who were interested in theater met at the home of Florence Zacks (Melton) to organize a theater activity in which members of the Jewish community could comfortably take part.

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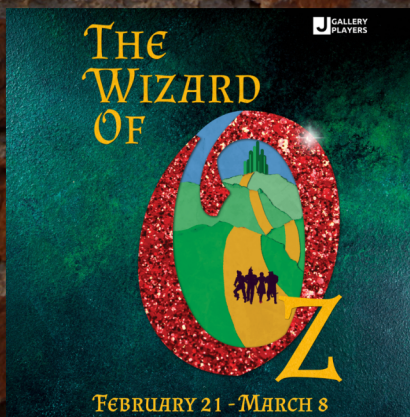


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