

Monty Python's SPAMALOT Finds Its Grail at TLP

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Mount Carroll--Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP) presents the area premier of Monty Python's SPAMALOT, a Tony Award winning musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail. The show that "raises silliness to an artform" (The Sunday Times), will open August 1, 2013 and run through August 11th.

A huge hit with a long run on Broadway and three national tours, SPAMALOT retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, their quest for the Holy Grail and features a ridiculous bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. Did we mention the bevy of beautiful show girls? SPAMALOT's pre-Broadway world premiere in Chicago sold out it's entire run before it began in late 2004.

The show that the New York Times calls a "no-holds-barred smash hit," stars John Chase of Mount Morris, IL as King Arthur. He has previously been seen at TLP in Working, Sunset Boulevard and Oklahoma!. Sharriese Hamilton (Working, ...Spelling Bee) takes on the Tony Award winning role of The Lady of the Lake, Brandon Jess Ford (All Shook Up, Sunset Boulevard, Boeing Boeing) returns to play Sir Lancelot, and Executive Director James Beaudry returns to the TLP stage in the role of Brave Sir Robin. Featured in the cast are Brandyn Day (Baldwin Wallace University) as Sir Galahad, Cody Jolly (Webster University) as The Historian, Elliot Marach (Millikin University) as Sir Bedevere and Matthew Webb (Savannah College of Art and Design) as Patsy. The resident company fills out the ensemble.

Monty Python's SPAMALOT performs evenings at 7:30pm, and there are 2pm matinees on Sunday and Wednesday. There is also a Saturday matinee performance on the opening weekend at 3pm. Order tickets through the box office 10am - 5pm daily at [815-244-2035](tel:815-244-2035) or any time at

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Gold Series Subscriptions for TLP's 53rd Season also go on sale August 1 online and through the box office. Summer 2014 brings a thrilling line-up that includes Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The new Mel Brooks musical Young Frankenstein, and the local premier of the most popular musical of all time, Les Miserables. The rest of the season includes the plays An Inspector Calls, a ghost story by J. B. Priestley, and Neil Simon's Rumors. The summer will close with a revue of 60s hits called SHOUT! The Mod Musical.

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The only way to reserve seats immediately for next summer is by purchasing a season subscription, which allows you to see all six shows for only \$100, an unbelievable 28% discount! Subscription prices increase to \$110 on September 1. Single tickets for TLP's 2014 mainstage season will go on sale in May 2014. Groups of 15 or more may reserve blocks of tickets immediately. All Magic Owl Children's Theatre tickets are available August 1st. Tickets are non-refundable.

Waiting in the wings for the Magic Owl Children's Theatre are a new adaptation of Robin Hood in May and Pinkalicious the Musical in July and August, based on the ever-popular children's books by Victoria Kann and Elizabeth Kann. More information will be available August 1 at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org

Production Credits:

Timber Lake Playhouse presents

Monty Python's SPAMALOT

Book & Lyrics by ERIC IDLE

Music by JOHN DU PREZ & ERIC IDLE

A new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"

From the original screenplay by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, Michael Palin

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Directed by Derek Bertelsen

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