Dexter Bullard, Artistic Director

presents

Spring Awakening

book and lyrics by Steven Sater
music by Duncan Sheik
based on the play by Frank Wedekind

Director – Damon Kiely
Musical Director – Mark Elliott
Choreographer – Julia Neary
Fight Choreographer—Chuck Coyl
Scenic Designer – Kirk V. Hughes
Costume Designer – Lissa Lamona
Lighting Designer – Nick Belley
Sound Designer – Jack Hawkins
Dramaturg – Mike Doyle
Stage Manager – Todd K. Boger

September 28 - October 7, 2012

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CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Wendla ................................................................................................................................................... Sonaz Izadi
Adult Female ........................................................................................................................................... Marie Weiss
Thea ......................................................................................................................................................... Maureen Mizener
Anna ......................................................................................................................................................... Alissa Walker
Martha ...................................................................................................................................................... Kelsey Ann Wacker
Ilse .............................................................................................................................................................. Lauren Guigilemello
Adult Male ............................................................................................................................................... Clayton Louis
Otto/Ulbrecht ........................................................................................................................................... Brenton Abram-Copenhaver
Georg/Dieter ........................................................................................................................................... Cameron Benoit
Hanschen/Rupert ..................................................................................................................................... David Giannini
Ernst/Reinhoel ........................................................................................................................................ Louie Rinaldi
Moritz ......................................................................................................................................................... Jack Ball
Melchior .................................................................................................................................................... Joe Keery

MUSICIANS

Piano/Conductor ...................................................................................................................................... Mark Elliott
Keyboard/Associate Conductor .................................................................................................................. Janie Killips
Viola ............................................................................................................................................................. Eric Pidulski
Acoustic Bass/Electric Bass ..................................................................................................................... Michael Sinclair
Drums .......................................................................................................................................................... Sean Kopp
Guitar ............................................................................................................................................................ Mikey Moran, Daniel Toot
Cello ............................................................................................................................................................. Bill Meyer

Place: a provincial German town
Time: 1891
There will be one 10-minute intermission.
Strobe lights will be used in this performance.

Spring Awakening is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One

Mama Who Bore Me ................................................................................................................................... Wendla
Mama Who Bore Me (Reprise)....................................................................................................................... Wendla & Girls
All That’s Known ......................................................................................................................................... Melchior & Boys
The Bitch of Living .................................................................................................................................... Moritz & Boys
My Junk....................................................................................................................................................... Georg, Hanschen, Girls
Touch Me ....................................................................................................................................................... Melchior, Moritz, Boys & Girls
The Word of Your Body ............................................................................................................................... The Full Cast
The Dark I Know Well................................................................................................................................. Martha, Ilse, Boys
The Word of Your Body (Reprise 1) ........................................................................................................... Otto & Georg
And Then There Were None ....................................................................................................................... Moritz & Boys
The Mirror-Blue Night ............................................................................................................................... Melchior & Boys
I Believe ....................................................................................................................................................... Boys & Girls

Act Two

The Guilty Ones .......................................................................................................................................... Melchior, Wendla, Boys & Girls
Don't Do Sadness ..................................................................................................................................... Moritz
Blue Wind .................................................................................................................................................... Ilse
Don't Do Sadness/Blue Wind ..................................................................................................................... Moritz & Ilse
Left Behind .................................................................................................................................................. Full Cast
Totally Fucked............................................................................................................................................ Full Cast
The Word of Your Body (Reprise 2)........................................................................................................... Ernst, Hanschen, Boys & Girls
Whispering .................................................................................................................................................. Wendla & Melchior
Those You’ve Known ............................................................................................................................... Melchior, Moritz & Wendla
The Song of Purple Summer........................................................................................................................ Full Cast

PRODUCTION STAFF

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Assistant to the Director .............................................................................................................................. Elizabeth Thomas
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Assistant Costume Designer ....................................................................................................................... Catharine Young
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Assistant Draper/Cutter ................................................................................................................................. Megan Turner
Stitcher ....................................................................................................................................................... Castille Ritter
Assistant Lighting Designer ....................................................................................................................... Garvin Jellison
Assistant Sound Designer .......................................................................................................................... Kами Siu
Assistant Choreographer .......................................................................................................................... Joudi Waller
Director of Production ............................................................................................................................... Chris Hoffman
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Frank Wedekind’s subtitle for his original, still shocking play of 1891 was “A Children’s Tragedy.” At first it was banned because of its depiction of taboo subjects such as abuse, incest, masturbation, teen suicide, and more. It exposed the culture of oppression and repression adolescents had to suffer. It’s a wonder any of them survive their childhood. But, of course, on another level none of us survive our childhood.

That to me is the real Children’s Tragedy. We all become adults.

The children of Spring Awakening just want to be heard, to have their questions answered. They are curious, not just about the world around them, but their own changing bodies. But no one will talk to them or listen to them. Even the parents who are willing can’t hear their children correctly. As one of the songs says, all any one hears back and forth is “Blah blah blah blah blah blah blah.”

The beauty of the musical is that the children finally have a voice through Duncan Sheik’s powerful and haunting music. They are able to express, if only in their fantasies, their longing, their frustration, and their dreams. If the adults in their lives could hear them, perhaps there would be less tragedy.

One of the pleasures of working on Spring Awakening has been that many of the cast and crew came in knowing and loving the music. My collaborators Mark Elliott and Julia Neary have commented often how we are being taught by them. I invite you now to “listen to what’s in the heart of a child. A song so big in one so small.”

~ Damon Kiely

Imagine a young, blonde girl with pigtails yodeling on top of a picturesque mountain. Now, flush that thought down the toilet, because in no way does this image have anything to do with how people lived in 1890s Germany.

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JULIA NEARY (Choreographer), Movement and Acting Faculty. Julia Neary was a founding member of the Organic Theatre Collective, Powercap and the company Running WithScissors: all companies based in the creation of original and physically inspired work. She has directed and choreographed dance, movement, and combat for theatre, television and film. She has co-adapted three novels for the stage one of which, The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon, received two After Dark Awards and a nomination for a Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Adaptation. As an actor, Julia has worked with various theatres throughout Chicago including Steppenwolf, Lookingglass, Victory Gardens, Next, Teatro Vista, Chicago Dramatists, Lifeline, Collaboration, Strawdog, Riverdell, About Face, and she received a Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Supporting Actress as a ventriloquist’s dummy in Famous Door’s award winning production of Ghetto, which she also choreographed. She recently collaborated and performed in Plasticense’s Graphomania and just finished choreographing fights for Cor Theatres’ Skin Tight. A native Chicagoan, she has choreographed numerous productions for The Theatre School where she is also an Assistant Professor. Television and film credits include Early Edition, The Untouchables, The Break Up, Black Days, Samaritan, Four/Four, Jack Slash, Etchings, Thanks, Mom!, and I Think Not.

KELVIN WONG (Assistant Director), 1st Year MFA/Acting. Kelvin was born and bred in Malaysia. He founded his little theatre company 8 years ago, subsequently landing him the role of Director-in-Residence at The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre from 2009 - 2012. A graduate in psychology, he looks forward to exploring theatre from a global perspective at The Theatre School.

ELIZABETH THOMAS (Assistant to the Director), 4th Year BFA/Theatre Arts. Elizabeth hails from Austin, Texas. Her past Theatre School credits include assistant director the first production of The Painted Lady directed by Meghan McCarthy; ensemble member in The witches, directed by Emie Nolan; and assistant director for Richard III, directed by Ian Frank. Most recently, Elizabeth assisted director Sarah Kane’s Cave with the Blind Owl Theatre Company, directed by Azar Kazemi.

BELLA COELHO (Assistant Musical Director), 4th Year BFA/Theatre Arts, Isabella hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her recent credits at The Theatre School include serving as the assistant director for The Rivals, In Regards to the Shark, Shipment, and columbus. She has also performed in Fairy Tales: Not Suitable for Children, Cat Lab, The Witches, and 4:48 Psychosis. Outside of The Theatre School, Isabella served as assistant director for Boxed In: A Free World at Free Street Theater.

CHUCK COYL (Fight Director), Chuck has been a professional Fight Director for over 25 years and is President of the Society of American Fight Directors. Chicago Credits include Fight Direction for: August: Osage County, Superior Donuts, The Crucible (Steppenwolf Theatre); Gas For Less, Magnolia (Goodman Theatre); Porgy and Bess, Carmen, Tosca (Lyric Opera of Chicago). Broadway credits include the Tony Award-winning production of August: Osage County. Internationally he has staged fights for productions at Nis and Aesthetic, London and the Sydney Theatre Company, Sydney, Australia. He has been a stunt coordinator for television episodes of the “Moments in Time” (History Channel) and “True Crime Authors” (Discovery Channel) series. He is a founding member of the Single Action Theatre Company.

JOURDI WALLER (Assistant Choreographer), 4th Year BFA/Theatre Management. Jourdi hails from Portland, Oregon. Previous Theatre School credits include production associate of The Rivals, co-director of CAT LAB, part of the Theatre Arts Lab Series, and house manager for The Skriker. She is one of the founders of the Portland and Aesthetic Circle members of Boom Crack! Dance Company, a Chicago-based hip hop company, and teaches both urban and technical dance throughout Chicagoland.

KIRK V. HUGHES (Scenic Designer), 4th Year BFA/Scene Design. Kirk has designed more than 50 shows professionals since 2003 at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, Banyan Theatre Co., TheatreZone, Venice Theatre, Manatee Players, Sarasota Players, Island Players of Anna Maria, and most recently at DePaul’s Merle Reskin Theatre in Chicago. Favorite shows include Chicago, Rent, Fat Pig, Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (Nominated: Best Set Design, Sarasota Magazine), The Beast of Broadway (with David Garrison), High Spirits (with Georgia Engel), and the critically acclaimed production of Who’s Tommy, winner of Best Audiovisual Excitement from Sarasota Magazine, and included in the AACT International Theatre Festival in Venice. Kirk was chosen as a 2010 Herald Tribune Handy winner in the “Design Stars” category.

LISSA LAMONA (Costume Designer), 4th Year BFA/Costume Design. Lissa hails from southern California where before enrolling at The Theatre School at DePaul in 2009, her costume and set designs won multiple DTASC Awards. Her Theatre School Credits include costume design for Woyzeck, Faustus, and I Am Bradley Manning and assistant costume design on The Skriker, Hedda Gabler and Medea. Currently, Lissa is designing costumes for The Theatre School’s upcoming winter Playworks productions Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, and Awkward Pause Theatre’s The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

JORDAN WROBLESKE (Draper/Cutter), 4th Year BFA/Costume Technology. Jordan hails from Houston, Texas, where she received numerous awards from her community. Her Theatre School credits include The Secret Garden, Hedda Gabler, Mayday Mayday Tuesday, Roald Dahl’s The Witches, A Lie of the Mj and The Threath of Gaia Divine. Jordan has also worked as a stitcher for Chicago Children’s Theatre and previously interned at Ooh-La-La Couture Millinery, where she constructed hats. Jordan currently works as a campus tour guide and a freelance artist and photographer.

TAYLOR S. PAYNE (Assistant Draper/Cutter), 4th Year BFA/Costume Design/Technology. Taylor is from Encinitas, California. She has served as an assistant costume designer for The Theatre School’s productions of The Secret Garden and Much Ado About Nothing. This summer Taylor received certificates in Wig Ventilating and Maintenance from Singing Wings and Hair Circle Program. Additionally, she practiced millinery with Jane Smith in Fullerton, California. Earlier this season she worked as the crafts person on The Witches, where she made several hats for the production and was the designer for the winter production of A Lie of the Mind. She currently works in the makeup shop and does wig, makeup, and blood work for various productions at The Theatre School.

MEGAN TURNER (Assistant Draper/Cutter), 3rd Year BFA/Costume Technology. Megan is a Seattle native. Her previous productions include Cabaret, Hedda Gabler and Pinkalicious (crew), Intimate Apparel (stitcher), Nancy Drew and the Sign of the Twisted Candle (first hand) and The Rivals (first hand).


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GARVIN JELLISON (Assistant Lighting Designer), 4th Year BFA/Lighting Design. At DePaul, Garvin has designed The Underpants, The Bacchae, and The Misanthrope. He has assisted on The Witches and has served as Master Electrician on Hedda Gabler, Pinkalicious, and The Rivals. Garvin has worked around Chicago in different capacities with The Artistic Home, Honey Pot Performance, Seanachai Theater Company, Lookingglass Theater Company, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, ProudKate Theater Project, Links Hall, Chicago Flamenco and the Joffrey Ballet. Most recently, Garvin designed a new piece titled Knowest Not for the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. Garvin is currently working on two Theatre School productions to open this coming winter: Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy and Angels in America: Perestroika.

JACK HAWKINS (Sound Designer), 3rd Year BFA/Sound Design. Hailing from Kansas City, Jack works as a freelance sound designer while studying at The Theatre School. Theatre School credits include: Woyzeck, Synergy, and a co-design for I Am Bradley Manning. Professional design credits include Jack’s Precious Moments, Little Shop of Horrors, and Crave.

KAMI SIU (Assistant Sound Designer), 3rd Year BFA/Sound Design. Kami is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, who came to Chicago to pursue her interest in sound. Her previous design credits include The Hothouse and The Misanthrope in addition to co-designing I Am Bradley Manning. This season, she will be designing Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy as well as The Coral King.

SHANE KELLY (Technical Director), Faculty/Head of Theatre Technology. Shane has worked in a variety of technical and design positions around the country including Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Prague Quadrennial Scenofest, The Second City, Chicago Spotlight, Caffeine Theatre (where he was an artistic associate), Chicago Scenic Studios, University of Northern Colorado, American Repertory Theatre, Guthrie Theatre, Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and for Vee Corporation at the NBA All-Star Jam Session. He has an M.F.A. in Theatre Technical Production from the Professional Theatre Training Program (P.T.T.P) at the University of Delaware. Shane is a member of USITT, Chair of the USITT Midwest Regional Section, and an ETCP Certified Rigger-Arena and Theatre.

WIL DELEGUARDIA (Assistant Technical Director), 3rd Year BFA/Theatre Technology. Wil’s previous credits at The Theatre School include Assistant Technical Director, I Am Bradley Manning; Master Carpenter, Venus; and Carpenter, Intimate Apparel.

MIKE DOYLE (Dramaturg), 3rd Year BFA/Dramaturgy/Criticism. Mike is originally from Kendallville, Indiana. His Theatre School credits include dramaturgy for boom, dramaturg for The Theatre School Lab Series production of Hamlet, assistant director for The Kid Thing, and assistant dramaturg on Faustus. He also serves as co-editor for The Theatre School at DePaul’s Dramaturgy/ Criticism blog, The Grappler.

EMILY MARLATT (Assistant Dramaturg), 3rd Year BFA/Theatre Arts. Emily is from Arlington, Texas. She recently worked as the Assistant Director of Alice in Wonderland at Emerald City Theatre Company.


JEAN E. COMPTON (Assistant Stage Manager), 3rd Year BFA/Stage Management. Jean is a Maryland native whose Theatre School credits include stage manager for the world premiere of Jacob Shuler’s The Death of Gaia Divine, as well as stage manager for Blood Pudding, and assistant stage manager for Intimate Apparel, The Ernie Ploy, and The Monster Under the Bed. Other favorite credits include assistant stage manager for Auctioning the Ainsleys with Dog & Pony Theatre Company, and stage manager for The Magic Flute, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Animal Farm, and Inconscuplible at Carroll Community College. This spring, Jean will stage manage Measure for Measure, directed by Catherine Welsher.

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*September 28 – October 7, 2012* (previews 9/26 & 9/27)

**Angels in America: Perestroika**
directed by Tony Kushner
*February 8 - 17, 2013* (previews 2/6 & 2/7)

**Measure for Measure**
by William Shakespeare
directed by Catherine Weidner
*April 19 - 28, 2013* (previews 4/17 & 4/18)

**MFA13, TBA**
by Ike Holter
directed by Dexter Bullard
An ensemble piece to be performed by MFA III actors

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**A Wrinkle in Time**
book by Madeleine L'Engle, adapted by John Gore
directed by Ernie Nolan
*October 23 – December 1, 2012*

**Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy**
book by Gary D. Schmidt, adapted by Cheryl L. West
directed by John Jenkins
*January 19 – March 2, 2013*

**The Coral King**
by James Ambrose Brown
directed by Ann Wakefield
*April 2 – May 25, 2013*

### NEW DIRECTORS SERIES

**In the Red and Brown Water**
by Tarell Alvin McCraney
directed by Marc David Pinata
*November 2 – 10, 2012* (previews 10/31 & 11/1)

**The Royal Hunt of the Sun**
by Peter Schaffer
directed by Ian Frank
*February 1 – 10, 2013* (previews 1/30 & 1/31)

### NEW PLAYWRIGHTS SERIES

**A Tribute to Thick Leonard**
by Gil Tanner
director TBA
*May 4-13, 2012* (Previews 5/2 & 5/3)
Participation: Over 700 alumni were listed in Theatre School News during its ninth year of production. TSN is an electronic alumni activity newsletter published monthly (except July). Though originally created as a vehicle to communicate alumni activities among alumni, it is now also used for admissions, recruitment, fund raising, advertising and promotion. It is also responsible for gradually increasing the number of alumni within the school’s database with active electronic and snail-mail addresses and phone numbers. The statistics below are based on issues between August 2009 and June 2010. http://theatreschool.depaul.edu/tsn

The listings included the following selected alumni activities:

- Alumni worked at 147 different Chicagoland area theatre companies including Chicago Shakespeare, Goodman, Victory Gardens, Steppenwolf, Timeline, Next Theatre and The Second City.
- Alumni worked at 58 different theatre and film festivals internationally including West Hollywood International Film Festival, Cannes Film Festival, Williamsstown Theatre Festival, the 45th Annual Chicago International Film Festival, Chicago Humanities Festival, Just For Laughs Festival, NYC SketchFest, 2010 Latino Theatre Festival, Femme International Film Festival, San Francisco Film Festival and countless Shakespeare Festivals across the country.
- Alumni have worked at 87 different schools including Yale, USC, Harvard, The Art Institute of Chicago, University of Michigan, Columbus University, NYU, Walter Payton College Prep, Columbia College, Notre Dame, Old Town School of Folk Music, SUNY Purchase, Steppenwolf School, and The American Film Institute.
- Alumni worked on 35 Broadway/touring shows including Billy Elliot, The Addams Family, August: Osage County, Dreamgirls, Spider Man- Turn off the Dark, In the Heights, The Miracle Worker, Fences, The Lion King, Wicked, A Chorus Line, Mary Poppins, Legally Blonde, Chicago, Xanadu, West Side Story, The Color Purple, Ain’t Misbehavin’ and Jersey Boys.
- Alumni worked at 61 other theatres in the New York area.
- Alumni worked at 49 different theatres in California.
- Alumni worked in 38 different states.
- Alumni worked in 21 countries other than the United States including Brazil, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, Holland, Honduras, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Peru, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Sweden.
- Alumni worked on 394 theatre productions.
- Alumni worked on more than 32 different television channels ABC, Bravo, CBS, NBC, VH1, HBO, CW, MTV, Showtime and Fox, on 85 different programs including 90210, All My Children, Bones, Burn Notice, Castle, Criminal Minds, CSI, Damages, Dexter, Flash Forward, Glee, Hannah Montana, Hawthorne, Heroes, Law and Order: Criminal Intent, Lost, Modern Family, Nurse Jackie, On Deadly Ground, Order: Criminal Intent, Lost, Modern Family, Nip/Tuck, Nurse Jackie, The Middle, The Office, The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Real Housewives of NYC, The View, True Blood, Weeds.
- Alumni have multiple television shows in syndication or online including Arrested Development, Mad About You, Babylon 5, Providence, Early Edition and The X-Files.
- Alumni worked on 30 commercials or voiceovers for products including A1 Steak Sauce, AT&T, Budweiser, Cold Stone Creamery, Comcast, Home Run Pizza, Johnsonville Sausages, KFC, Red Lobster, Target, Union Bank and Whirpool.
- Alumni worked at more than 30 production companies including Fox Searchlight Productions, Miramax Films, Paramount Vantage, Showman, Spyglass Entertainment, Starmaker Group, Tribeca Productions, Universal Pictures and Walt Disney Pictures.
- 55 alumni are Artistic or Co-Artistic Directors of theatres.
- Alumni were recognized with 37 awards or award nominations, including GLAAD Media Award, Joseph Jefferson Awards, Emmy’s Awards, Joseph Jefferson Citations, J. Williams Fullbright Foreign Scholarship, Black Theatre Alliance Awards, The 1st Annual New York Times Outstanding Playwright Award, and Tony Awards.

Mini Versions of Theatre School News: Mini versions of Theatre School News were created for each admissions-related festival, conference and open house, and for the eight regional audition/interview locations.
GENERAL INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE TELEPHONE
(312) 922-1999

REGULAR BOX OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PERFORMANCE BOX OFFICE HOURS
Evening performance days: Open until 8 p.m.
Saturday matinee days: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sunday matinee days: 12 - 2:30 p.m.

NO SMOKING
In compliance with the City of Chicago Clean Air Ordinance, smoking is prohibited in the Merle Reskin Theatre. We appreciate your cooperation.

EMERGENCY EXITS
Please note the location of emergency exits in the theatre.

CELLULAR PHONES, TEXT MESSAGING, RECORDING DEVICES, PHOTOGRAPHY, PAGERS, FOOD AND BEVERAGES
Please do not use the above listed items in the theatre. Patrons with electronic pagers or cellular telephones are asked to either turn off their equipment in the theatre or check them with the House Manager prior to curtain. We discourage text messaging during the performance. The light from the screen can bother other patrons. We allow photographs to be taken before and after but never during the performance. You may also check cameras and recording equipment with the House Manager who will secure them until final curtain. As a special favor, we ask that young people do not chew gum. Water fountains are located in the lower lobby and in the lobbies of the mezzanine and balcony.

RESTROOMS
Restrooms are located in the lower lobby, the mezzanine, and balcony. A new accessible restroom is located on the main floor inside of the theatre.

LOST AND FOUND
If you find an item or have lost an item, please contact the House Manager. You may also call (773) 325-7968 the next day to determine if an item has been found.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS
Patrons with electronic pagers are requested to either turn off their pagers in the theatre or check them with the House Manager prior to showtime. Should you need to give an emergency telephone number where you can be reached during a performance, please alert the House Manager of your seat location and give the Box Office telephone number for emergencies, (312) 922-1999. After Box Office hours, use (773) 325-7968 as an emergency number.

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS
We have arrangements with two parking lots: Multi-Park, 635 S. Wabash at Balbo, and LAZ Parking, One East 8th Street at State. Please ask the Box Office for details about rates and payment.

SENNHEISER INFRA-RED LISTENING SYSTEM FOR OUR HEARING-IMPAIRED PATRONS
We require the security deposit of a driver’s license or other identification during the performance. The I.D. will be returned when you return the headset.

LARGE PRINT PROGRAMS
You may request a large print program from the ticket taker or the House Manager.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING
Selected performances at the Merle Reskin Theatre will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Call the Box Office or see the website for the schedule.

AUDIO DESCRIPTION
Designated audio-described performances and pre-performance touch tours are scheduled throughout the 12 – 13 season. Call the Box Office or see the website for the schedule.