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100 YEARS

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CenterStage’s history is long and rich. In its first incarnation, the theatre troupe was known as the A.H.M.Y. Players, a play on the Jewish Community Center’s original name, The Young Men’s Hebrew Association. The group, led by President Joseph Taustine, first produced a simple musical review called Behind the Scenes, which was directed by Emil Kuper and performed on April 27, 1913. The first JCC play was The Obligation, an original piece written by Charles Marris, which premiered on April 6, 1914.

Ned Beatty and Warren Oates are among the best known actors who have graced the Jewish Community CenterStage. Over the years, the group was also known as The YMHA Players, The Center Players and Heritage Theatre. John R. Leffert took over as Artistic Director in 2000, renaming the company CenterStage, and has been instrumental in the group’s impressive growth and success over the past 14 years.

We look forward to continuing the tradition of bringing entertaining, provocative theatre of the highest quality to the Louisville community for another 100 years!

100 YEARS AGO:
The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
Only eight percent of homes had a telephone.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
The average US wage was 22 cents per hour.
The average US worker made between $200 and $400 per year.
Sugar cost 4 cents/lb; eggs cost 14 cents a dozen; coffee cost 15 cents/lb.
Most women washed their hair only once a month.
The American flag had 45 stars.
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30!
Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn’t been invented yet.
DEAR SEASON SUBSCRIBERS,

Welcome to our 100th year of providing theatre that is not only entertaining, but also produced with the highest professional standards! We continue this strong tradition by bringing you a diverse and award winning 14/15 season of Chicago, Spring Awakening, Sweeney Todd, Beauty and the Beast, Once on This Island and Fiddler on the Roof. For the last fifteen years the CenterStage Board and I have taken great care in selecting a diverse, fun celebration of a true American art form with each of you in mind.

With your support, CenterStage continues to grow each year and is much more than our mainstage shows. Whether it be CenterStage Academy, our youth training program, CenterStage Acting Out, our professional touring children’s theatre, or one of the many enrichment programs we have created to help celebrate our 100 years, we hope you will increase your participation and support all of our endeavors.

Happy 100th Birthday CenterStage!

John R. Leffert, CenterStage Artistic Director

“ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF MY JOB IS GETTING TO KNOW EACH OF YOU. YOU ARE THE LIFEblood OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND WITHOUT YOU, WE COULD NOT EXIST. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART I THANK YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THIS INCREDIBLE MILESTONE ALONGSIDE YOU.”
SPECIAL EVENTS:

PEGASUS PARADE PREVIEW - APRIL 29, 2014 & PEGASUS PARADE - MAY 1, 2014 CenterStage will kick-off its 100th Anniversary Season in style with a float in the 2014 Pegasus Parade!

100TH SEASON LAUNCH PARTY - JULY 30, 2014 Join Louisville’s arts community and government leadership as we celebrate the Commonwealth’s oldest theatre with drinks, hors d’oeuvres and a special preview performance of Chicago.

#TEEN AWAKENING - AUGUST 17, 2014 What’s it really like to be a teen in 2014? Enjoy a special performance of Spring Awakening and then join the conversation with real-life teens and parents, plus a live Twitter feed, to discuss what’s really going on in their lives.

LOUISVILLE’S GOT TALENT - SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 Who knew there were so many talented young people in Louisville?! Come vote for your favorite acts in the final round of Louisville’s Got Talent. Does your child have what it takes? First Round Auditions are September 7! Check out our website for more details! www.CenterStageJCC.org/Talent

BROADWAY MUSICALS - A JEWISH LEGACY - SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 Join CenterStage and the Jewish Film Festival for a special viewing of this documentary to celebrate the role the Jewish people have played in making Broadway what it is today.

LIGHT UP CENTERSTAGE - DECEMBER 6, 2014 Check out this guide for more details on the most fun night of the year!

TEA WITH DOROTHY & FRIENDS - JANUARY 11 & 18, 2015 It’s a dream come true! Bring the little ones for a special event before the matinee performances of The Wizard of Oz.

ONCE UPON AN ISLAND - FEBRUARY 15, 2015 Did you know that story-telling is a historical art form? Bring the whole family and enjoy a true Appalachian storyteller followed by lunch and a performance of Once on This Island.

CENTERSTAGE AUDITIONS - MARCH 14 - 22, 2015 Are your friends and family tired of you humming along to all of the songs during each performance? Come strut your stuff and see if you have what it takes to be part of the CenterStage company! Check out our website for more details: www.CenterStageJCC.org/Auditions.

JCC’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - Details coming soon.
SEASON SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS:

- 30% savings on the entire season.
- Reserved seating up to 15 minutes prior to curtain.
- Backstage pass to witness how the magic happens through the rehearsal process.

Subscribe today by calling Lenae McKee Price at 502-238-2763 or fill out the order form in the back of this brochure and mail it to CenterStage at the JCC, 3600 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY 40205.

“"A CENTERSTAGE SEASON TICKET IS ARGUABLY THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN, OFFERING BROADWAY QUALITY PRODUCTIONS AND AN ECLECTIC REPERTOIRE.""
- ANNE FOX MILLER

“"ABSOLUTELY THE BEST COMMUNITY THEATRE IN KENTUCKY!""
- ED LEWIS
Music by Duncan Sheik and book and lyrics by Steven Sater.

Winner of 8 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Spring Awakening is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind’s 1891 expressionist play about the trials and the exhilarations of the teen years.

There’s a part I can’t tell about the dark I know well.
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**HILLIARD LYONS PRESENTS**

**CHICAGO**

**Sin is in.**

Music by John Kander, Lyrics by Fred Ebb, Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse.

Set in the legendary city during the roaring “jazz hot” 20s, Chicago tells the story of two rival vaudevillian murderesses, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, locked up in Cook County Jail.
OCT 23 - NOV 9, 2014

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J MICHAEL’S SPA & SALON PRESENTS

**Sweeney Todd**

*The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*

Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and libretto by Hugh Wheeler.

*Never Forget, Never Forgive.*

A musical thriller about a 19th Century London barber who goes on a murderous rampage and the baker who cooks his victims into pies.
**PHYSICIAN’S CENTER FOR BEAUTY PRESENTS**

*We’re off to see the Wizard*

Join Dorothy as she travels “Over the Rainbow” in search of her dreams, only to find “There’s No Place Like Home”!

By Frank L. Baum, Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg, Book adaption by John Kane.
### Once On This Island

*A celebration of life and love.*

Once On This Island, an enchanting musical fable, tells the story of forbidden love between people from two different worlds, a calypso-flavored retelling of the traditional “Little Mermaid” tale.

Music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein.

The story follows a father of five, Tevye, as he tries to uphold tradition in an ever changing political and social landscape.
December 6, 2014

Light Up Center Stage

100 Years of Theatre

Save the Date

Auction • Hors d’Oeuvres • Full Open Bar
Decadent Desserts • Broadway Musical Revue

Sarah Harlan, Light Up Center Stage Chair
CENTRERSTAGE ACADEMY, our youth musical theatre training program, gives students the opportunity to discover and develop their talents as performers. Each child will work with theatre professionals in three disciplines: acting, singing and dancing. To learn more visit www.CenterStageJCC.org/Academy.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT
SEUSSICAL, JR. Ages 7-17
Program starts October 23, 2014
Performances: April 23-26, 2015
Price: Non-Member, two payments of $345
JCC Member, two payments of $315

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life on stage in SEUSSICAL, JR., a fantastical musical extravaganza.

SPOTLIGHT YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS
THE BOX Ages 4-6
Program starts October 5, 2014
Performance: Sunday, November 23, 2014
Price: Non-member, $260 • JCC Member, $200

The Box, celebrates the boundless imagination found in every child culminating into a final performance as the preshow to our Acting Out public show.

READY, SET, AUDITION Ages 8-18
Program starts January 11, 2015
Showcase Performance: Sunday, February 22, 2015
Price: Non-Member, $260 • JCC Member, $200

After you spruce up your resume and have professional headshots taken, you will work with show business experts preparing two monologues, two songs and improve your dance skills. This class will culminate in an actual audition for prominent artistic directors and talent scouts in the Louisville area.
2014 Grades: 6-12
THE GOOD WAR: STORIES FROM THE GREATEST GENERATION

Public Performances:
Sunday, November 16 • Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m.
Tours in schools: September 29-December 19

A magnificent, Pulitzer Prize-winning oral history of the Second World War brilliantly translated to the stage. *The Good War* showcases classic “pop” tunes of the early 1940’s while sharing astonishing first-hand accounts of the men who fought the war and those who stayed behind to keep the home fires burning.

**Original music by David H. Bell and Craig Carnelia.**
ACTING OUT

"OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS LOVED IT! IT WAS INTERACTIVE, FUN, LIVELY, EXCITING, GREAT, FANTASTIC, A WOW. CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE YOU BACK!" - NANCY SHEWMAKER, BRANDEIS ELEMENTARY

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES:
Location: JCC Linker Auditorium
Tickets: Children (10 & under) - $7
Adults - $12

BOOK IN-SCHOOL PERFORMANCES TODAY
by calling Lenae McKee Price 502-238-2763
or lprice@jewishlouisville.org
www.CenterStageJCC.org/ActingOut

2015 Grades: 3-6
HOW I BECAME A PIRATE
Public Performances:
Sunday, May 3 • Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m.
Tours in schools: March 2-May 22

A story of adventure and finding one's own heart - a path that can’t be found on any treasure map!

With terrific songs like “A Good One To Boot,” “I’m Really Just a Sensitive Guy,” “You’ve Got to Talk Like a Pirate” and many others, your students will be rolling in the aisles and wishing for Braid Beard and the gang to one day pay them a visit.

Book, lyrics, and music by Janet Yates Voght and Mark Friedman.
MISSION: CenterStage at the Jewish Community Center educates, enlightens and entertains through professional quality theatre that fosters diversity, understanding and acceptance.

CenterStage is rooted in 100 years of theatrical tradition at the Jewish Community Center. Our growing audiences tell us that we’re honoring that tradition and opening our doors to a new generation of theatre-goers.

- **BOX OFFICE HOURS:** The box office is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. The Box Office is closed on Saturdays.

- **THE BOX OFFICE AND WILL CALL** opens one hour prior to show time.

- **ALL PERFORMANCES** are held in the Rebecca and Barnet Linker Auditorium at the Jewish Community Center located at 3600 Dutchmans Lane in Louisville, KY.

- **THE THEATRE OPENS** for seating 30 minutes prior to show time.

- **SPONSORS AND SEASON TICKET HOLDERS** receive priority seating up to 15 minutes prior to curtain.

- **ALL SEATS** are general admission and seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE AND SEATING** is available. Please arrive 40 minutes prior to curtain.

- **EXCHANGE POLICY:** Tickets are non-refundable but may be exchanged by mail or at the front desk PRIOR to the show date AND if tickets for the requested performance are still available. Tickets can only be exchanged for other performances of the ticketed show.

**CONTACT US: 502-238-2709**
PICK A SUBSCRIPTION LEVEL

- **Season Ticket**  $98 X _____  Total = $_____
  Includes one ticket to each show in the 14/15 season with priority seating after sponsors.

- **Pick 5 Season Ticket**  $85 X _____  Total = $_____
  *Circle five shows:  *Spring Awakening | Chicago | Sweeney Todd
  The Wizard of Oz | Once on This Island | Fiddler on the Roof*

- **Acting Out Children’s Theatre Season Ticket**
  One Child (10 & under) $15 X _____  Total = $_____
  One Adult $30 X _____  Total = $_____
  Includes one ticket to *How I Became a Pirate*, *The Good War* and *The Spotlight Player’s production of Seussical, Jr.* and priority seating up to 15 minutes before each show begins. Please write in your preferred performance dates for each show: _________________________________

- **Light Up CenterStage Ticket**
  Single Ticket $90 X ____  Total = $____
  Table of 10 $750 X ____  Total = $____
  Includes original Broadway revue by your favorite CenterStage performers, open bar, hors d’oeuvres, desserts, auctions and more!

GET MORE PERKS BY SUPPORTING CENTERSTAGE

- **Stage Door Sponsor**  $550 X _____  Total = $______
  Includes two season tickets with priority seating and complimentary concessions (excluding alcohol), two tickets to *Light Up CenterStage*, and recognition in each show playbill and on printed materials. ($254 tax-deduction)

- **Benefactor Sponsor**  $300 X _____  Total = $______
  Includes one season ticket with priority seating and complimentary concessions (excludes alcohol), one ticket to *Light Up CenterStage*, and recognition in each show playbill and on printed materials. ($152 tax-deduction)

- **Patron Ticket**  $150 X _____  Total = $______
  Includes one season ticket with priority seating and complimentary concessions (excluding alcohol) and recognition in each show playbill. ($52 tax-deduction)

*All shows subject to royalty agreements.  see reverse for complete form
SEASON TICKET ORDER FORM

PICK YOUR WEEK  ❑ First Week  ❑ Second Week

PICK YOUR DAY  Evenings at 7:30 p.m.  |  Matinees at 2 p.m.

AMOUNT DUE

Total Season Subscriptions  =  $__________
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PLEASE CHOOSE A PAYMENT OPTION:
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