

COMMUNITY
Theatre
OF HOWELL

2008-2009 SEASON

It's a Wonderful Life, The Musical

November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

“Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings,” says little Zuzu at the end of the beloved classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Now this holiday favorite has been made into a delightful musical featuring all the characters you have come to love. Our hero, George Baily, has reached a life crisis and is considering ending it all when Angel Second Class, Clarence Odbody, comes to the rescue. By showing George what the world would have been without him, George finally realizes what a wonderful life he has after all. Treat yourself to this heart-warming story for the entire family that reaffirms the value of every single life.

Go Dog Go

December 12, 13, 14

Big dog, little dog, red dog, yellow dog. P.D. Eastman's classic children's book comes to life on stage in an exploration of movement, color and space. The dogs delve into life with gusto, creating a visual spectacle for the audience to feast upon. They snorkel. They howl at the moon. They ride a ferris wheel. They sing and dance and climb trees. This is a rollicking free-for-all of chicanine-ery. A big and little musical world of doggy fun. Like a pop-up book that comes to life – and never stops!

Dearly Departed

February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kinds, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and, all the neighbors add more than two cents. As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-suffering wife, “When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you.” Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

Grease

April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

This high-energy comedy, set in and around fictional Rydell High, focuses on the romance between students, Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski. The exciting music and dance numbers celebrate 1950's style of rock and roll. Join us as the characters deal with issues relevant today ... love, gang violence, teen pregnancy, friendship ... in a humorous light. Enjoy some of your favorite songs such as “Summer Nights”, “Greased Lightning” and “Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee”.