

DLO e-Stage

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Hello all,

I generally find director's letter self-indulgent and too self-congratulatory for my taste, so I hesitate to write them. So rather than try to defend my vision for the show or try to convince you how smart I am and how much I know about the show, I will simply share a few facts about this production of *Gypsy...*well facts as I see them anyway.

First the material is brilliant. Specifically for the purpose of supporting this season of Sondheim, I must say that Stephen Sondheim is the greatest musical theatre lyricist to ever live and as one of his earliest works, *Gypsy* is a beautiful example of this.

Second, we have assembled a truly amazing cast for this production. I have no regrets about any of our choices and I know they will entertain. Led by DLO vet Jennifer Woodrow as Madame Rose (the role she was born to play) and supported by DLO newcomers James Mitchell, Brooke Kuchefski and Kassy Krause, this cast is top notch all the way!

Third, I am following my most important rule as a director...surround yourself with the most talented group of collaborators. Each member of my production team is professional, motivated and fearless and I am lucky to work with each of them.

And finally my vision is clear. A great friend of mine says that the role of the director is to tell a story and Madame Rose's story is one that I love to tell.

I hope to see you all at the theatre!

David Woodrow, Director



Book by Arthur Laurents
Music by Jule Styne
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Suggested by the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee
Original Production by David Merrick & Leland Hayward
Entire production originally directed and choreographed
by Jerome Robbins

Directed by David Woodrow Music directed by Kevin Latoz Produced by Angie Mansfield, Terri Cummings & Gary Lickfett

SAT., April 28

SUN., April 29

7:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

DHS Dick Van Dyke Auditorium

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OCTOBER 2012 at the Dick Van Dyke Auditorium at DHS



The beloved classic!

FEBRUARY 2013 Dinner Theatre at the DACC Bremer Auditorium

The Great American Trailer Park Musical

This a spoof! A satire! And kind of hysterical! There is some course language, so this one is rated R, recommended for adults only.

(That said, it was extremely well-received and well-reviewed when it played at The Station Theatre in Champaign a few years ago, even by people who normally would balk at the language.

We'll never tell anyone if you bust out laughing!)

APRIL 2013 at the DACC Bremer Auditorium



Fresh off a recent Broadway run, Danville Light Opera is thrilled to be presenting this terrific musical, which is based on the 1960 film **The Apartment**.

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