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2024-2025 SEASON



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# FROM OUR ARTISTIC DREAMWEAVERS...

Dreams reflect our innermost desires and our boundless imaginations. They propel us beyond the ordinary, urging us to explore new horizons and embrace the unknown. Rubicon Theatre Company's **DARE TO DREAM** Season celebrates the transformative power of dreams through a captivating lineup of plays and musicals. Each production delves into the ideas, hopes, and reveries that shape our lives, from epic journeys and heartfelt stories to thrilling adventures and poignant tales.



In our **2024–2025 Season**, dreams take center stage, inspiring us to believe in the impossible and to chase our aspirations with unwavering determination.

**A Cowboy Lullaby** is a world premiere concert about the truths, the myths, the lies, the legends, and the poetry of characters with dreams as vast as the open range. Next up is August Wilson's **Two Trains Running**, a profound exploration of courage and struggle set against the backdrop of the Civil Rights Movement. Poignant and innovative, **Constellations** illuminates the infinite possibilities of love and life in the multiverse, followed by the world premiere of **Crazy Mama**, a play about a woman's decades-long dream of finding the mother she lost to mental illness. In the musical **Bonnie & Clyde**, a young couple's reckless passion and hunger for fame and fortune puts them on a high-stakes collision course with destiny. Our season ends with **The Epic Tale of Hi'iaka: A New Hawaiian Musical**, an adventure produced with the Tony Award-winning team from WitzEnd Productions and Executive Producer Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked/Pippin*).

Join us for the magic, the thrill, and the inspiration of live theatre. Dare to dream with Rubicon Theatre Company!

**Karyl Lynn Burns**  
Producing Artistic Director

**Doug Halter**  
Board President

**James O'Neil**  
Artistic Director Emeritus

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Pictured Above: Rubicon Artistic Directors with goddaughter and Tony Award-winner Lauren Patten.  
Cover: Jake David Smith and Ava Delaney in *Dark of the Moon*; photo by Chris Jensen.

# A DREAM COME TRUE

DISCOUNT AND A **FREE** SHOW FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Subscribe to the Mainstage Season by August 22, Save 15% and Get a **FREE** TICKET to our Tony Award-Winning Fall Musical *Once* – a **Total Savings of \$135**.

Subscribers also enjoy early bird savings on our new Limited-Run productions; off-night Ventura LIVE concerts, comedy, and magic shows; celebrity interviews like last year's chat with Rainn Wilson; and other special events.

Here are just a few of the offerings: a revelatory one-man play about **August Wilson**, a modern-verse Play On! version of Shakespeare's hilarious classic **The Comedy of Errors**, a concert and launch party for **Amanda McBroom's** new holiday album, and a family friendly film showing of "**The Wizard of Oz**."

*Somewhere over the rainbow  
Way up high  
There's a land that I heard of  
Once in a lullaby.*

*Somewhere over the rainbow  
Skies are blue  
And the dreams that you  
Dare to dream  
Really do come true...*

– "Over the Rainbow" from  
"The Wizard of Oz," Music by Harold Arlen,  
Lyrics by E.Y. "Yip" Harburg



*Scan QR code for more about  
our Sing-Along Film Screening  
of "The Wizard of Oz"  
— sure to be a sell-out!*

Above: Rubicon Theatre's home  
The Karyn Jackson Theatre;  
photo by Randy Encinas.





# DARE<sup>to</sup> DREAM

## 2024-2025 SEASON

Don't miss this dazzling lineup of shows celebrating the power of dreams with captivating and complex characters who chase their dreams with passion, courage and determination.



### SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS

#### SAVINGS

15% off your season tickets, plus \$5 off additional single tickets for friends and family!

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Be the first to hear about our Ventura LIVE events, Plays-in-Progress free readings, and other special events.

#### EXCLUSIVE OFFERS

Subscribers regularly receive discount offers on Rubicon events – many of which sell out quickly.

#### GUARANTEED SEATS AND PRIORITY SERVICE

Enjoy the comfort of having the same seats for all regularly scheduled season shows. Plus, you have the first opportunity to upgrade your seats each year.

#### FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

Subscribers get one free exchange per show with 72-hours notice.

World Premiere Theatrical Concert

## A COWBOY LULLABY

DEC 4 – 22, 2024

Saddle up for songs of the American West. Sing along to favorites by Gene Autry, Riders of the Purple Sage, Buffy Sainte Marie, and more.

Romance in the Multiverse

## CONSTELLATIONS

FEB 19 – MAR 9, 2025

Now and never. Once and always. Winner of the Olivier and Evening Standard Award, this scintillating story of infinite possibilities defies the limits of time and space. Will the stars align for Marianne and Roland?

A New Version of the  
Tony Nominated Musical

## BONNIE & CLYDE

APR 30 – MAY 18, 2025

Set during the Depression, this exhilarating tale of love, crime and passion features a score that combines rockabilly, blues, and gospel.

In Association with  
The Acting Company of New York

## TWO TRAINS RUNNING

JAN 15 – FEB 2, 2025

This soul-stirring drama explores the hopes and dreams of nine compelling characters in a Pittsburgh diner during the Civil Rights Movement.

World Premiere Drama

## CRAZY MAMA

A True Story of Love and Madness

MAR 26 – APR 6, 2025

Laced with humor and pathos, this profound play follows a young girl's decades-long dream of reconnecting with the mother she lost to mental illness.

Developmental Premiere

## THE EPIC TALE OF HI'IAKA

A NEW HAWAIIAN MUSICAL

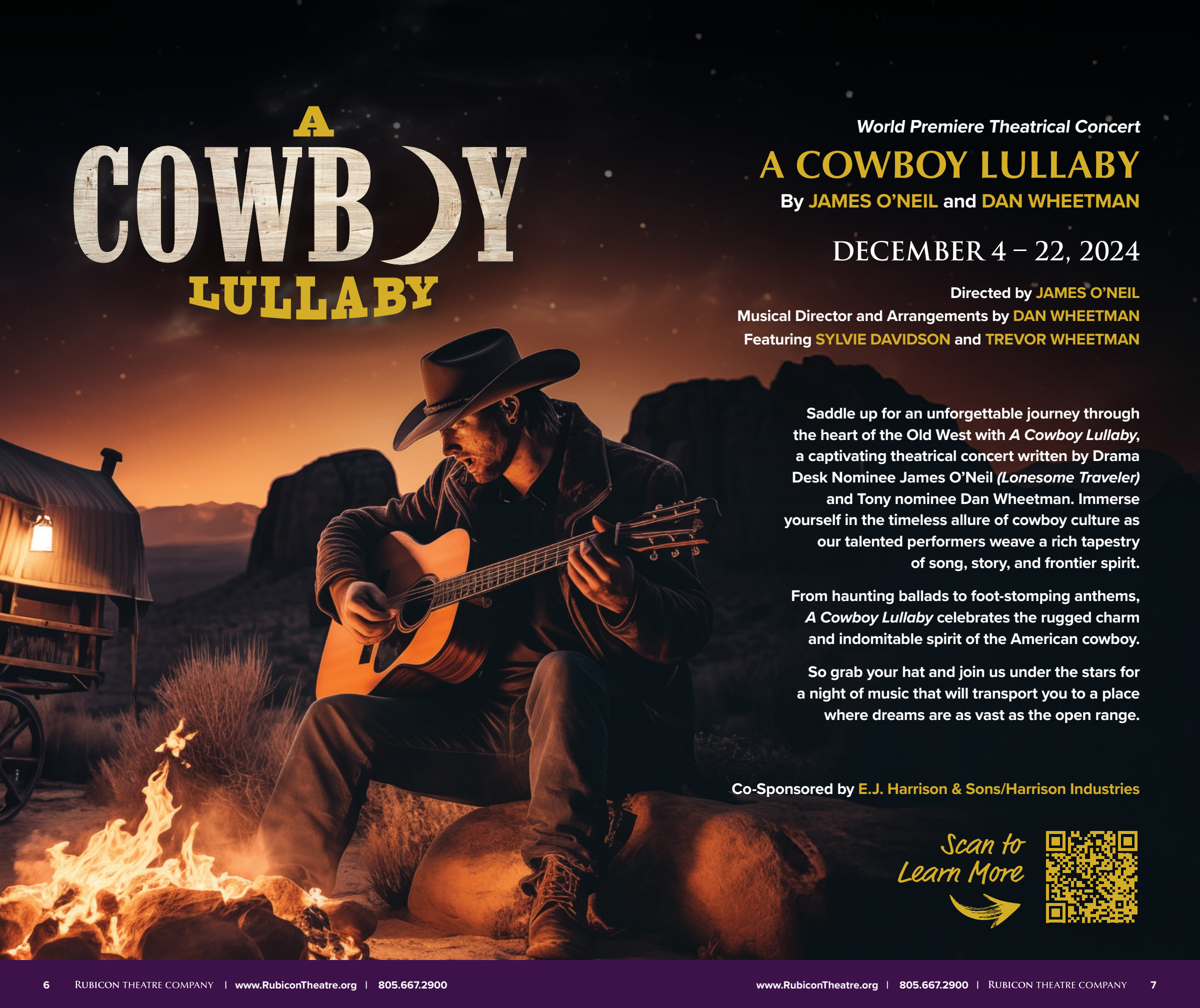
OCT 22 – NOV 9, 2025

Hi'iaika is sent on a shero's journey to find the dream lover of her sister Pele. This enthralling new musical weaves together a narrative of love, bravery, and the power of the elements.

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# A COWBOY LULLABY

World Premiere Theatrical Concert

## A COWBOY LULLABY

By JAMES O'NEIL and DAN WHEETMAN

DECEMBER 4 – 22, 2024

Directed by JAMES O'NEIL

Musical Director and Arrangements by DAN WHEETMAN

Featuring SYLVIE DAVIDSON and TREVOR WHEETMAN

Saddle up for an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Old West with *A Cowboy Lullaby*, a captivating theatrical concert written by Drama Desk Nominee James O'Neil (*Lonesome Traveler*) and Tony nominee Dan Wheetman. Immerse yourself in the timeless allure of cowboy culture as our talented performers weave a rich tapestry of song, story, and frontier spirit.

From haunting ballads to foot-stomping anthems, *A Cowboy Lullaby* celebrates the rugged charm and indomitable spirit of the American cowboy.

So grab your hat and join us under the stars for a night of music that will transport you to a place where dreams are as vast as the open range.

Co-Sponsored by E.J. Harrison & Sons/Harrison Industries

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# TWO TRAINS RUNNING

In Association with  
The Acting Company of New York

## TWO TRAINS RUNNING

By Pulitzer Prize Winner AUGUST WILSON

JANUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Directed by LILI-ANNE BROWN  
Sponsored by MARY ANN COHEN

Step into the soul-stirring world of *Two Trains Running*, where the vibrant streets of 1960's Pittsburgh serve as the backdrop for an unforgettable journey of hope, resilience, and the pursuit of dreams. Set in a bustling diner, this compelling narrative weaves together the lives of its diverse characters, each grappling with the winds of change sweeping through their community.

With powerful storytelling and poignant dialogue, *Two Trains Running* explores themes of race, identity, and the resilience of the human spirit. We are honored to partner on this production with The Acting Company, which was founded by John Houseman and launched the careers of artists like Kevin Kline and Patti Lupone.

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Above Left: James Avery, Al White, Montae Russell and Edi Gathegi at The Old Globe; photo by Craig Schwartz.  
Lower Right: Pamela Hankerson and Chaz Reuben at M Ensemble, Miami; photo by Christa Ingraham.



Romance in the Multiverse  
**CONSTELLATIONS**  
By NICK PAYNE

FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 9, 2025

Directed by JONATHAN FOX  
Sponsored by BARBARA MEISTER

Step into the mesmerizing multiverse of *Constellations*, a captivating exploration of love, fate, and the infinite possibilities of existence. Delve into the surreal landscape of multiple universes as Marianne and Roland's relationship unfolds in a kaleidoscope of moments, each one branching into alternate realities.

As they navigate the twists and turns of their connection, the boundaries between dreams and reality blur, inviting audiences to ponder the profound mysteries of the cosmos and the power of human connection.

Join us on this enchanting journey through the stars, where every choice sparks a new constellation of possibilities.



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**CONSTELLATIONS**

Above: Kevin Odekirk and Joan Almedilla in *Songs for a New World*, Photo by Ed Krieger.





World Premiere Drama

# CRAZY MAMA

*A True Story of Love and Madness*

By **SHARON SCOTT WILLIAMS**

MARCH 26 – APRIL 6, 2025

Directed by Golden Globe Nominee **ANSON WILLIAMS**



Sharon races home from school a couple days after her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to beat her teenage brother Spikey to the last slice of birthday cake.

When she enters the kitchen, she finds her mother wielding a knife. As the Sheriff escorts her mother away, the deputy tells Sharon that her mama is “not right in the head.”

One woman plays 16 characters in this tour-de-force about Sharon’s decades-long dream of saving her mother from the soul-crushing grip of mental illness. A testament to the steely resilience of the human heart and the enduring nature of hope, *Crazy Mama* will leave you breathless, moved, and profoundly inspired.

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Original art by Abigail Cartright.  
Photo of Anson and Sharon Williams by Loren Haar, Lore Photography.



# BONNIE & CLYDE

A New Version of the Tony Nominated Musical

## BONNIE & CLYDE: THE MUSICAL

Book by  
IVAN MENCHELL

Lyrics by  
DON BLACK

Music by  
FRANK WILDHORN

APRIL 30 – MAY 18, 2025

Directed by **SCOTT SCHWARTZ**  
(*Golda's Balcony* and *Jane Eyre* on Broadway/*Bat Boy* Off-Broadway)

Experience an exhilarating tale of love, crime, and passion  
reimagined in our thrilling new musical  
production of *Bonnie & Clyde*.

With an unforgettable score by  
Frank Wildhorn (*Jekyll & Hyde*)  
that combines rockabilly, blues and  
gospel music, this new adaptation  
brings the gripping story of America's  
most notorious outlaws to life in a  
fresh and dynamic way.

Join Bonnie and Clyde on their  
infamous journey through the  
heartland, as they defy authority, chase  
their dreams, and ultimately meet their  
tragic destiny. Don't miss this riveting  
theatrical event that will leave you on  
the edge of your seat!

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Photos of Bonnie and Clyde Parker.



# THE EPIC TALE OF HI'IAKA

A NEW HAWAIIAN MUSICAL

Developmental Premiere

## THE EPIC TALE OF HI'IAKA

A New Hawaiian Musical

Book, Music and Lyrics by  
ROSLYN CATRACCHIA and PATRICK MAKUAKĀNE

OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Production Supervisor **SCOTT SCHWARTZ**

Musical Supervision by **BRAD HAAK**

Choreography by **PATRICK MAKUAKĀNE**

Produced in Association with **WITZEND PRODUCTIONS**

Join us for the magical tale of the Hawaiian goddess Hi'iaka, the youngest sister of Pele, in a story that weaves together a spellbinding narrative of love and bravery. Audiences will be transported to an enchanted realm where gods and mortals are challenged by the power of the elements.

Set against the backdrop of lush landscapes and ancient traditions, this groundbreaking developmental premiere musical comes to us from the Tony Award-winning producing team that brought you *Dark of the Moon*. With authentic Hawaiian dance choreographed by MacArthur Fellow Patrick Makuakāne, this remarkable new show promises a breathtaking fusion of culture, music, and storytelling unlike anything you've ever seen.

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# Ventura **LIVE**

## & LIMITED-RUN EVENTS

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### THE WIZARD OF OZ MOVIE SING-ALONG

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 @ 6PM

Bring your family for this musical trip down the yellow brick road with interactive fun, a costume parade, and prizes!

The Golden Globe Award-Winning Creator of "The Rose"

### WINTERSONG: AMANDA McBROOM IN CONCERT

NOVEMBER 16, 2024 @ 7PM

Ring in the holidays with this exclusive concert and launch party for Golden Globe Award-winner Amanda McBroom's newly-released album.

Produced in Association with The Acting Company, New York

### THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

JANUARY 19 & 21, 2025 @ 7PM; JANUARY 28, 2025 @ 2PM

This hilarious modern-verse version of Shakespeare's classic follows the hilarious misadventures of two sets of identical twins separated at birth.

Starring Lance E. Nichols from Driving Miss Daisy

### HOW I LEARNED WHAT I LEARNED

JANUARY 27, 2025 @ 7PM

Journey inside the mind and heart of August Wilson in this revelatory play by and about the writer of *Two Trains Running*: a theatrical mosaic reflecting a life of laughter, hardships, hard-won insight, and wisdom.

More Details? ➡



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Winner of 8 Tony Awards

# Once

Book by ENDA WALSH

Music and Lyrics by GLEN HANSARD and MARKÉTA IRGLOVÁ

Based on the Motion Picture Written and Directed by JOHN CARNEY

## SEPTEMBER 11 – 29, 2024

Tap your feet, raise your mug and fling the foam! Set in Dublin, an Irish busker and a Czech immigrant are drawn together by their shared love of music. Over the course of one fateful week, an unexpected friendship quickly evolves into a powerful but complicated love story, underscored by compelling, emotionally rich music. Featuring songs from the critically acclaimed film, this achingly beautiful, joyously uplifting show strikes an unforgettable chord in the hearts of audiences and speaks to the power of music to connect us all. A magical show like this only comes around once in a lifetime.

Don't miss it!

Listen to an interview  
with the director here:



\*Once is the final show for prior-year subscribers. This offer does not apply to previous subscription purchases. May not be combined with other offers. You will automatically receive e-tickets along with the rest of your season tickets unless you prefer a gift voucher (please note on the order form).



# Discover Ventura— Your Dream Destination

*Ventura's unique blend of historic charm, cultural riches, and natural beauty will inspire your imagination and rejuvenate your spirit.*

## Historic Charm and Cultural Riches

Step back in time as you wander through Ventura's historic downtown. Main Street offers a delightful mix of boutiques, art galleries, and gourmet restaurants, all set against the backdrop of beautifully preserved architecture. Be sure to visit the Museum of Ventura County and Mission San Buenaventura.

## Natural Wonders and Outdoor Activities

With miles of sandy beaches ideal for surfing, sunbathing, and beachcombing, the ocean invites endless possibilities. Ventura's parks, trails and Botanical Gardens provide the perfect setting for picnics, biking, and tranquil walks, ensuring that every moment spent in nature is a dream realized.

## Festivals and Events

Experience the excitement and creativity of Ventura's festivals and events. Whether it's Ventura Live @ Rubicon, the Ventura Music Festival, or ArtWalk, there's always something happening.

## Culinary Delights and Local Flavors

From waterfront seafood restaurants to charming farm-to-table eateries, to local wine tasting rooms and breweries, the city's options cater to every palate.

To discover all Ventura has to offer, go to: [www.visitventuraca.com](http://www.visitventuraca.com)

*Use this QR code to hear about the favorite local hot spots of Rubicon artists, patrons and students.*





# Follow Your Dream SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

Subscribing to Rubicon Theatre Company’s 2024–2025 season not only ensures you a front-row seat to a year of extraordinary storytelling, but also offers unparalleled value. Balcony Packages start at just \$120, with 4-Show Main Floor Packages as low as \$177.

| SUBSCRIPTION SERIES<br>(15% Discount)           | 6-SHOW<br>(3 mus./3 play) | 5-SHOW<br>(3 mus./2 play) | 5-SHOW<br>(2 mus./3 play) | 4-SHOW<br>(3 mus./1 play) | 4-SHOW<br>(2 mus./2 play) | 4-SHOW<br>(1 mus./3 play) |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Previews Wed 7pm                                | \$293                     | \$251                     | \$243                     | \$209                     | \$201                     | \$192                     |
| Previews Thu/Fri 7pm                            | \$344                     | \$294                     | \$285                     | \$243                     | \$235                     | \$226                     |
| Opening Night Gala Sat 7pm                      | \$915                     | \$765                     | \$765                     | \$615                     | \$615                     | \$615                     |
| Wed/Sat/Sun Mat 2pm or Thu/Fri 7pm              | \$395                     | \$336                     | \$328                     | \$277                     | \$269                     | \$260                     |
| Wed Talkback (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wk) 7pm / Sat 7pm | \$446                     | \$379                     | \$370                     | \$311                     | \$303                     | \$294                     |
| Student Subscriptions**                         | \$135                     | \$115                     | \$115                     | \$95                      | \$95                      | \$95                      |
| Teacher/Military/Equity**                       | \$252                     | \$213                     | \$213                     | \$173                     | \$173                     | \$173                     |
| Balcony (Row 2 or 3 Part View)                  | \$195                     | \$165                     | \$165                     | \$135                     | \$135                     | \$135                     |

\*Price includes subscription price plus service fee of \$15.

### SPECIAL SERIES

**Wednesday Talkbacks:** On each Wednesday of the regular run (not including previews), cast members return to the stage for a post-show discussion facilitated by our artistic staff about the themes and issues of the play.

**Opening Galas:** Price includes a pre-show beverage and a post-show celebration with the cast and special guests with hors d’oeuvres and a no-host bar. Attire is often themed to the show and details are provided a month in advance.

\*\* Valid ID required at the time of purchase.

| SINGLE TICKETS           |                 |                     |                 |                                |                     |
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| SHOW                     | WED PREV<br>7pm | THU/FRI<br>PREV 7pm | SAT GALA<br>7pm | WED/SAT/<br>SUN 2pm<br>THU 7pm | WED 7pm/<br>SAT 7pm |
| A Cowboy Lullaby         | \$59.50         | \$69.50             | \$150           | \$79.50                        | \$89.50             |
| Two Trains Running       | \$49.50         | \$59.50             | \$150           | \$69.50                        | \$79.50             |
| Constellations           | \$49.50         | \$59.50             | \$150           | \$69.50                        | \$79.50             |
| Crazy Mama               | \$49.50         | \$59.50             | \$150           | \$69.50                        | \$79.50             |
| Bonnie & Clyde           | \$59.50         | \$69.50             | \$150           | \$79.50                        | \$89.50             |
| The Epic Tale of Hi'iaka | \$59.50         | \$69.50             | \$150           | \$79.50                        | \$89.50             |
| ADD ON: Once             | \$59.50         | \$69.50             | \$150           | \$79.50                        | \$89.50             |

Plus a \$5.00 processing fee.

| LIMITED RUN AND SPECIAL EVENTS    |                                 |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| SHOW                              | DATE/TIME                       | PRICE                                |
| The Wizard of Oz Movie Sing-Along | Sun, Nov 10 @ 6pm               | \$15 Adults/\$10 Students            |
| Wintersong: Amanda McBroom        | Sat, Nov 16 @ 7pm               | \$59.50/VIP Tix /After-Party \$74.50 |
| The Comedy of Errors              | Jan 19 & 21 @ 7pm; Jan 28 @ 2pm | \$59.50                              |
| How I Learned What I Learned      | Mon, Jan 27 @ 7pm               | \$49.50                              |

Plus a \$5.00 processing fee.

Due to the nature of live performance, artists, dates, show titles, and prices are subject to change without notice.

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