

MTS NEWS



Prioritizing the **community** in Community Theatre

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Mailing List

Help us clean up our Mailing Lists! We are updating our email and mailing lists. Are you getting our communications? Stay in touch by sending us your updated information and we will make sure you are the first to know about auditions, workshops, and everything MTS.

Help Wanted!

We are looking for several volunteer office helper positions. If you have some extra time and energy, we would love to have you join our team. Answer phones, sell tickets, and assist with basic office chores. Interested? Contact Tom Nolan at tom@musicaltheatresw.com

Training!

We are offering free training to anyone interested in volunteering for the Front of House positions. Come learn the ins and outs in a stress-free environment. Light refreshments and good company will be provided. See p. 2 for details.

MTS Welcomes Mother Road to Center for Theatre

Mother Road Theatre Company officially moved in to the Center for Theatre on August 1, bringing its innovative productions to the Black Box.

The two companies thought they were a “perfect fit” for each other, as MTS moves toward producing more contemporary, edgy shows like “American Idiot” and “In the Heights” and Mother Road produces more original shows like “Around the World in Less Than 80 Days” and its Secret Room Series.

MRTC will also have its own office, the former MTS production office, and will share the rehearsal room, the set construction shop and props area.

We welcome Mother Road and wish them well!

#SAVEMTS Nears Half of Goal

Current donations to the #SAVEMTS fundraiser have reached approximately 47% of the intended \$65,000 goal, the amount needed to keep our theater company in operation through our current season. The funding initiative will continue through the end of October.

Our current tally stands at approximately \$30,000 as our fundraiser enters its last three months.

Tickets sales alone can't keep a company functioning. You can donate to the fundraiser by going to musicaltheatresw.com and give a one-time or recurring monthly donation.

If you come to the theater, you can also order #SAVEMTS t-shirts that also provide funds to us, plus provide you with a cool souvenir of your contribution! You can also order from the MTS website.

Can You Help Us Clean & Reorganize Space?

MTS will need some volunteers who have the a few hours over the weekend of August 10-12 and who can help us clean and reorganize our scene shop and props room in preparation of Mother Road Theatre Company's move. Tasks will include disposing of unusable set pieces, moving flats, cleaning floors and moving props on shelves to increase space for MRTC.

We need volunteers for the following days and times:

Friday, Aug. 10: 12-6 PM

Saturday, Aug. 11: 10 AM – 3 PM

Sunday, Aug. 12 (if needed): 11 AM – 1 PM

MTS Town Hall Provides Ideas for 2019 Season

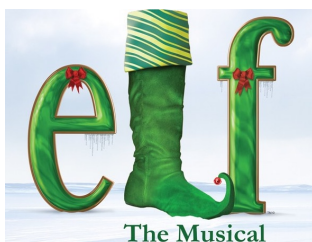
The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the attendees of our Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, July 21 in the Black Box. So many terrific shows were championed by the public and many other shows were submitted online from those who could not attend the Town hall. An announcement regarding the 60th Anniversary Season will be made during the month of August.

Amigos to Hold Volunteer Training

The Amigos will provide training to volunteers who wish to work in Front-of-House positions (sales, will-call and scanning) on Saturday, August 18 from 1-3 PM at MTS.

The Monthly Meeting of Amigos will be on Tuesday, August 14, at 6:30 PM.

There are still several spots available for Amigos who would like to sign up as ushers for performances of *Nine* at musicaltheatresw.com/amigos



Workshop and Auditions Next Month!

Flex Pass Holders

Are you a Flex Pass holder with tickets to *Newsies*? We want you to know your options in regards to your tickets. You can choose to use your tickets to attend the productions of *Hair*, or you can hang on to them and use them next season for *Newsies*. Your choice! If you have questions or need more information, please call the office at 505-265-9119, or email us at boxoffice@musicaltheatresw.com



Hair Workshop & Auditions

The audition workshop for *Hair* will be on Saturday, August 11 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at MTS. This is your chance to get a heads up on the music and choreography as well as meet the creative team behind the show and learn some audition tips. If you can't make it, don't worry! You can still audition. Make sure to sign up at musicaltheatresw.com ASAP. Auditions for *Hair* will be the weekend of August 23-27. Available audition signup times will be posted online soon

SAVE THE DATES!

August 3 -26: *Nine* Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 2

August 10: Cleanup, 12 - 6 PM

August 11: *Hair* Workshop

August 11: Cleanup, 10 AM – 3 PM

August 12: Cleanup (if needed) 11AM-1PM

August 14 Monthly Amigos Meeting 6:30 PM

August 18 Amigos Training

August 23-27: *Hair* Auditions

MTS Presents *Nine*



Musical Theatre Southwest opened its production of *Nine* on Friday, August 3 to an enthusiastic audience.

Nine is the story of a celebrated film director Guido Contini and his attempts to come up with a plot for his next film as he is pursued by hordes of beautiful women, all clamoring to be loved by him and him alone. Flashbacks reveal the substance of his life that will become the material for his next film: a musical version of the Casanova story.



Originally produced in 1982, *Nine* won Tony Awards for Best Musical with a book by Arthur Kopit and a beautiful score by Maury Yeston.

Nine is directed by Robb Anthony Sisneros, who has also directed many favorite shows for MTS including *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Tapestry*, *Legally Blonde*, *Civil War*, *Bat Boy*, *The Last 5 Years*, and *I Love You - You're Perfect, Now Change!* Working with Mr. Sisneros are Colin Burdge as Music Director and Ms. Michelle Eiland as Choreographer, both of whom are familiar performers on the MTS stage.

The cast features Jonathan Gallegos as Guido, Allen Dominguez as Young Guido, Christine Smith as Claudia, Courtney Awe as Luisa, Kir Kipness as Carla, Angela Robinson as Mother, Deirdre Garvey as Maddelena, Lacey Bingham as Lillian, Ashley Lopez as Sarraghina, Rebecca Grace as Stephanie, Meghan Chavez and Lina and featuring Eibhlin Brennan, Emma Elliot, Devon Griste, Kelly Mar, Shirley Roach, and Katherine Robinson in the ensemble.

This is an exciting show with creative visuals, a magnificent score and performances that will touch you deeply!

Nine runs through August 26, 2018, Fridays & Saturdays: 7:30 PM, Sundays: 2:00 PM at the MTS Center for Theatre, 6320 Domingo Rd NE Ste. B, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students, seniors, and ATG members. Get tickets online at <http://www.musicaltheatresw.com> or by calling the MTS box office at 505.265.9119.

*Save the Date:
February 2, 2019*



60th Anniversary Gala

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*You are cordially invited to join us for this marvelous event. Please send us your current information today at:
www.musicaltheatresw.com/gala and don't forget to follow us on Facebook for updates!*