

# 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 us at  
[info@musicaltheatresw.com](mailto:info@musicaltheatresw.com)

## Training!

We will be offering free training to anyone interested in volunteering for the Front of House positions for *Elf, the Musical* before the show opens at the African American Performing Arts Center in December. Watch for an announcement for dates & times in November.



## HAIR Opens November 2

HAIR, the groundbreaking tribal-rock musical, opens on Friday, November 2 at Musical Theatre Southwest.

Marking 50 years since its premiere, HAIR celebrates the sixties counterculture in all its barefoot, long-haired, bell-bottomed, beaded and fringed glory. To an infectious energetic rock beat, the show wows audiences with memorable songs like "Aquarius," "Good Morning, Starshine," "Hair," "I Got Life," and "Let The Sun Shine." HAIR remains relevant as a youthful plea for peace and love and a fierce expression of optimism about the future.

Hair is directed by Jonathan Dunski, joined by Musical Director Tavis Rourk as Musical Director and Choreographer Luz Gullen in bringing this classic piece of American musical theatre to life. Brianne Santos brings her skills as Stage Manger to the production to provide an immersive entertainment event that adults will enjoy and remember.

The cast of HAIR includes Josh Jones as Berger, Elvides Nez as Woolf, Dachary Vann as Hud, Tristan Kemm as Claude, Shaina Laughlin as Jeanie, Jasmine Bernard as Dionne, Angie Alley as Crissy, Rikki Carroll as Sheila, Ashley Lopez as Ronny, Bryana Estrada as Leata, Safwon Farmer as Paul, Spencer Scott as Walter, Robert Carbajal as Steve, Dawn Durkin as Suzannah, Madison Young as Diane, Alissa Hall as Marjorie, and Evan Tirado as Hiram.

Tickets for HAIR go on sale on October 2

## Amigos Activities

Amigos are asked to remember that the addressing of the Postcards for mailing will be on Saturday, October 6 at 10 AM in the Black Box. We will be addressing the postcards for not only our next musical; HAIR; but also the Gala invitations. Please sign up for the remaining spots on our website.

[www.musicaltheatresw.com/Amigos](http://www.musicaltheatresw.com/Amigos)

The Amigos monthly meeting will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday, October 9 at the Center for Theatre.

Also, please remember that ushers are still needed at the Route 66 Casino for the following shows: **Jim Gaffigan** on October 5 and **Third Eye Blind** on October 20. Please visit the Amigos page on [www.musicaltheatresw.com/Amigos](http://www.musicaltheatresw.com/Amigos) to sign up for these and all Amigos activities. The signups for both Hair and Elf are currently available on the website as well.

## Parking Lot Fundraiser a Success

The State Fair Parking Fundraiser was held the weekends of September 7-9 and 14-15. In that period, #SaveMTS was able to raise nearly \$2000 as we opened our lot to people attending the fair.

As an incentive to bring in volunteers, all those persons were entered into a drawing for free tickets to MTS shows for the remainder of this year or next. Each two-hour slot of manning the table outside the Center for Theatre provided one entry for the drawing.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers who made this event a great success! We intend to do this again next year as we plan the schedules for workshops, auditions and rehearsals for the upcoming season.

## Elf Cast Announced



Auditions for *Elf, the Musical* were held Sept. 21-23 at Musical Theatre Southwest and we extend our congratulations to the cast:

Danny McBride as Buddy

Amy Carter as Jovie

Robert Landry as Walter Hobbs

Megan McCormick as Emily Hobbs

Allen Dominguez as Michael Hobbs

Angie Alley as Deb

Jerome Lovato as Manager

Jeff Chávez as Mr. Greenway

Riley Robinson as Santa Claus.

Rounding out the Ensemble are BrieAnn

Gillespie, Ashley Lopez, Shirley Roach,

RaeAnna Sanchez, Jordan Wadsworth, Devon

Griste, Angela Johnson, Angela Robinson,

Dakotah Lopez, Tanner Sroufe, Lando Ruiz,

Nicolas Olson, Seth Hanson, Daniel Wright,

Riley Robinson.

A title known the world over, *Elf The Musical* is a must-see holiday musical. Based on the cherished 2003 New Line Cinema hit, *Elf* features songs by Tony Award nominees, Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (*Disney's Aladdin on Broadway, The Wedding Singer*), with a book by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan (*Annie, The Producers, Hairspray*) and Bob Martin (*The Drowsy Chaperone*).

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities  
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cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

*Elf* will be directed by Zane Barker, with musical direction by Shelly Andes, choreography by Jackie Church and Thomas Porras and Stage Management by Laura Nuzum. The show will run December 14-30 at the African American Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for *Elf, the Musical* will go on sale on November 14.



### Make Sure You Receive Your Gala Invitation

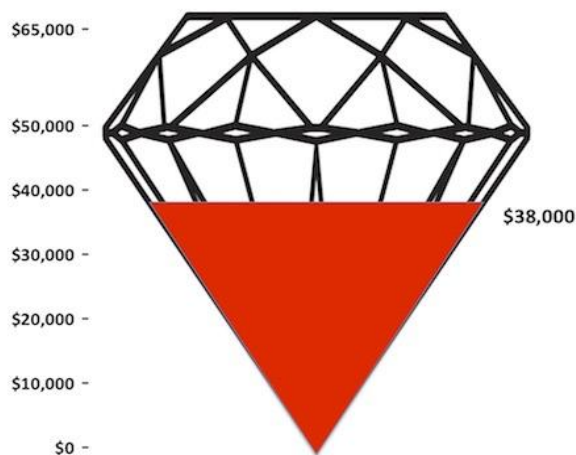
We are in the final stages in preparing the invitations for our 2019 GALA.

If you want to make sure that we have your current info so you will receive one please, go to the following link and fill out this form ASAP: [https://www.cognitofirms.com/MTS10/\\_2019galadatabaseupdate](https://www.cognitofirms.com/MTS10/_2019galadatabaseupdate)

### Save the Dates:

- Oct 2 Tickets for *HAIR* go on sale
- Oct 5 Usher for Jim Gaffigan at Rt. 66; 6:15 PM
- Oct 6 Address postcards for *HAIR* and Gala; 10 AM
- Oct 9 Monthly Amigos Meeting; 6 PM
- Oct 20 Usher for Third Eye Blind at Rt. 66; 6:15 PM

### #SaveMTS Fund Continues to Grow



The #SaveMTS Fund continues to grow as we reached \$38,000 this month, but we are still short of our intended goal of \$65,000 by the end of October. If you are able to provide a one-time donation, or a donation on a monthly basis, please visit our donation page at <https://www.musicaltheatresw.com/Diamond/>.



*Save the Date:  
February 2, 2019*



*60th Anniversary Gala*

**#MTSFOREVER**

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