

Barn Theater 2017-2018 Season Plot Summaries

Mulan Jr. (August 25 - September 10, 2017)..... *Music Theater International*
Based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film, Disney's *Mulan Jr.* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit. With hit songs and a story packed with action, humor and heart, Disney's *Mulan Jr.* brings ancient China to life with a modern sensibility.

The Huns have invaded, and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous dragon sidekick, Mushu, to save the Emperor! Defying the village matchmaker, Mulan takes up arms and disguises herself as a boy in order to spare her father from having to serve in the army. As the great battle with the Huns approaches, Mulan must choose between revealing her true identity as a girl, or saving all of China with her clever plan.

The Complete History of America (Abridged) (October 13 - 28, 2017)..... *Broadway Play Publishing*
Six hundred years of history in six thousand seconds ... history will never be the same! From Washington to Watergate, yea verily from the Bering Straits to Baghdad, from New World to New World Order, this play is a ninety-minute roller coaster ride through the glorious quagmire that is American History, reminding us that it's not the length of your history that matters, it's what you've done with it!

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (December 1 - 16, 2017).....*Dramatic Publishing Company*
When four children walk through a coat-filled wardrobe in England, they find the land of Narnia, a magical place filled with fantastic creatures and talking animals. An evil witch, who has imprisoned Narnia in ice and snow, deceives and captures one of the children. His brother and sisters must seek help from the great lion Aslan, Narnia's creator and rightful ruler, to release Narnia and rescue Edmund. But the witch invokes the ancient "deep magic," and Aslan offers himself as a sacrifice in place of Edmund.

The witch kills Aslan on an ancient stone table. Then she and her evil army wage war on the grieving Narnians. The children, armed with gifts from Aslan, become leaders in a desperate, losing battle. But unknown to the witch, Aslan's sacrifice has unleashed a "deeper magic." Aslan rises from the dead to defeat the witch and redeem Narnia from its eternal winter.

Jam Jar Sonnets (February 2 - 18, 2018)..... *Playscripts Inc.*
Though Charles has outgrown his panic attacks and inability to speak after his father's death, he is still haunted by the memory of Amanda, the childhood friend who helped him conquer his insecurities.

As children, the two formed an intimate bond through poetry, and Charles still regrets losing touch when Amanda was moved away. When Charles, now a revered professor in psychology, finds one of Amanda's poems on the back of a jam jar label, he is determined to overcome his personal barriers in an effort to find the girl who understood him when no one else could.

Harvey (April 6 - 21, 2018).....*Dramatists Play Service*
Harvey, a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase, is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey -- a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit. When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, determine to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! Eventually, the mistake is realized, and a frantic search begins for Elwood and the invisible pooka, which ends with Elwood appearing, voluntarily, at the sanitarium. In the end, however, Veta realizes that she loves her brother and his invisible his best friend just as they are, and doesn't want either of them to change.

Bingo! The Winning Musical (May 25 - June 10, 2018)..... *Samuel French*
Bingo is about a group of die-hard bingo players who stop at nothing to miss their weekly game. In between the number calling, strange rituals and fierce competitions, love blossoms and long lost friends reunite. These lovable characters spring to life with a smart, funny script and bouncy, hummable score. Audiences will be laughing in the aisles when they aren't playing games of bingo along with the cast!

Best friends and Bingo pals Vern, Honey and Patsy brave a terrible storm in order to attend the yearly celebration of the birth of Bingo and tribute to its founder, Edwin S. Lowe. As the storm knocks out power at the Bingo Hall, Patsy and Honey remind each other of the ominous night fifteen years ago that began in the same way. In flashback, Honey tells us about the night Vern and her best friend, Bernice, had their falling out. Bernice's sweet, yet headstrong daughter, Alison, enters the Bingo hall in disguise - Bernice's health is failing, and Alison is determined, with the help of Bingo, to reunite her mother with her long-lost best friend.