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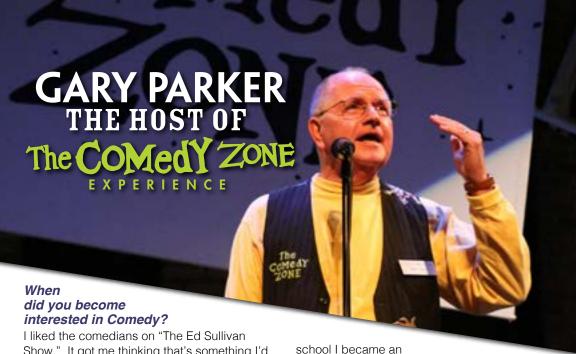


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I liked the comedians on "The Ed Sullivan Show." It got me thinking that's something I'd like to do. I performed a magic act in the fifth grade, the Master Mystifier. I baked a cake in a hat and didn't practice as much as I should. Somehow the magic cake came out of the hat with a raw egg floating on top. I convinced the audience it was part

of the act!

#### Your voice is fantastic. Did you always know it was special?

People told me when I was a kid that I should be a speech major. I wasn't sure what

that meant. I was asked to be the announcer at various events from high school dances to local events.

## How did you become a radio announcer?

I grew up in Fremont, Nebraska, a town of 25,000 with its own radio station. During high

apprentice announcer. I would sit in the studio with a staff announcer, watch him do commercials, play music and transition to national news. Weekends, the staff guy would take a nap and I'd do the announcing. Soon, I

was earning my spending money as the weekend announcer.

At San Diego State you majored in speech and minored in marketing. Why did you choose San Diego State?

Like many Midwestern boys, I went to California

seeking fame and fortune. The speech courses focused on television production and direction. I also took courses like phonetics which makes you very aware of speech sounds. Many would-be announcers had to learn to lose their regional accent. I was lucky to have grown up in the "accent free" Midwest. I was a disc jockey at KFMB Radio in San Diego to pay for college and afterwards to pay bills while I

struggled to become a stand-up comedian. Finally I got tired of being broke and became a full-time air personality for

careers?

KGIL in Los Angeles.

When did you decide to change

I was a young man on the way up seeing old

about 40. There weren't many senior citizens in

three daughters. My wife and I wanted to raise

interested me. I worked in various sales jobs.

Eventually I teamed up with my engineer from

marketed a telemarketing system. Distribution

channels were just beginning to evolve from

on-site retail sales to mail order and direct

LA radio days. Together we developed and

men on the way down. These old men were

the radio business. I was married and had

the kids in the Midwest, so we moved to

Omaha. Marketing and sales had always

# I FLUNKED RETIREMENT.

Tell me about the amazing success with your own company.

I first saw a Planner Pad at

a trade show. The product is an organizer like a Daytimer, only better. I bought one and loved it. I got in touch with the manufacturer to express interest in buying into the company. The discussions went nowhere. But, two years later the owner called and offered to sell me the company. In the next 15 years we went from a small company to mail order customers all over the world

Five years of borrowing, five years of paying back loans and five years of making money. After that it felt like it was time to try something else

#### What brought you to Vero Beach?

from a small company to mail order customers all over the world.

You said that led to the "three fives" of owning the business. What are they?

I thought I would start another business after selling Planner Pads, but couldn't seem to find the right fit. The kids were grown, so we decided to look around at

# I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE "ACCENT FREE" MIDWEST

locations. We saw an ad for a golf community in Vero Beach in an Orvis catalog. We knew it was the right spot as soon as we got here.

#### How did you land at Riverside Theatre?

I flunked retirement. Golf wasn't really fulfilling. I was looking for something fun to do. My wife and I started attending The Comedy Zone about four years ago. The package never seemed complete. There was no emcee to introduce, tie together or finish the two performances. One night I talked with comedian Gid Pool. He said they need an emcee and I should apply for the job. Why didn't I think of that? I learned Jon Moses was in charge and introduced myself at one of the Riverside performances. We did an interview and the



years. They write their own material, work to improve their act and promote themselves. Stand-up is truly an art form very difficult to do. I research the audience by walking around talking to guests prior to the show. This helps

> me work up what I say in presenting the comedians. Also I make standard announcements about cell phones, avoiding loud talk at tables, things like that.

#### What's the best part of the job?

The Theatre allows me 60 to 90 seconds of time to try a comedy bit of my own. That doesn't seem like much time, but it's fine by me. I'm just testing. Building material. It's fun to see what works, what doesn't, and what I forget to say.

Would you share your enthusiasm for In The Loop, the free music. and other outdoor activities at Riverside?

There is definitely a carnival environment. People can enjoy a full night out with great music, dancing and visiting with friends. It is a safe and happy environment with good food and drink at reasonable prices. It encourages people to visit the Theatre and creates a memorable evening. I really enjoy my part in it.

#### What do you do to prepare for the shows?

I research the comedians. I have strong admiration for every performer we present. Every headliner has at least ten years experience in clubs, cruise ships and various venues. A few have been performing thirty



rest is history.









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\*JULY 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30 ♥ AUGUST 12, 13, 26, 27

FREE OUTDSIDE CONCERTS 6-9:30PM







View upcoming bands and concert dates online.

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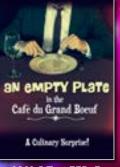
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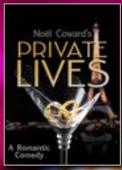




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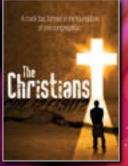




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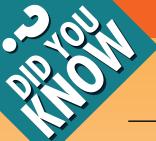


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# RIVERSIDE THEATRE



# **HOW and WHY**

**Riverside Theatre Chooses Its Shows** 

## AN INTERVIEW WITH ALLEN D. CORNELL, PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CEO

# How does Riverside Theatre go about selecting shows for the season?

The process of selecting a show for the Stark Stage is one of the most complicated and important aspects of crafting a season. You want a season to be filled with balance. You want shows that tell different stories and showcase a variety of music and styles.

#### Is there a process?

We do annual surveys of our patrons to gauge their interest in specific shows. We give them a list of shows we are thinking about and ask for their opinion. They are usually broken down into categories - Classic American Musicals, Contemporary Musicals, and Plays. They are also open to suggest shows that aren't listed. The information gathered is very helpful since it tells us which shows they are most excited to see.

## So you factor in the communities' input?

Yes. Riverside Theatre's audiences are partners in this institution, and as partners define the heart and direction of the organization. Theatre

leaders are cognizant of the particular tastes and sensibilities of the communities they represent, and programming choices are made accordingly.

### Any other things you need to take into account?

As a theatre that creates the productions that perform on our stages, there are many other considerations. Can we get the rights to do the show? What are the casting challenges? Which directors and designers do we hire to work on the show? What are the physical demands of the production stage-wise? Over the last few years we have been able to tackle some very complex productions. Challenges that were out of the question many years ago we've been able to surmount, to the delight of everyone involved.

## What about productions on the Waxlax Stage?

The Waxlax Stage experience fuels the artistic soul of Riverside. The intimate confines of the space allow the audience to be fully engaged in the combination of great scripts and masterful

acting. The productions selected are entertaining and thought-provoking.

### Anything else you'd like to say about the 16/17 Season?

Nothing touches the heart, educates the mind and lifts the spirit like a live performance. This is why we are so pleased and excited about our show selections. Riverside's mission is to provide a total theatre arts experience that entertains, challenges, and educates our audiences. The shows chosen for this coming season definitely fulfill our mission.



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Tony Maners, a talented street-wise kild from Brooklyn, yearns of escaping his dead-end job and becoming a "disco king" at the local club. He meets a young lady who can help him achieve his dance dreams, but will she accept his advances and help him change his world? Packed with legendary hits from the Bee Gees including: "Stayin Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love," and many more, Saturday Night Fever sizzles with a competing story and explosive dance.

Music & Lyrics by The Bee Gees Book by Nan Kriighton, Arlene Phillips, Paul Nicholas, Robert Stigwood Based on Nik Cohen's 1975 New York Magazine article, "Tribal Fites of the New Saturday Night" and 1977 tim, Saturday Night Fever.

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and Workshops











At the end of May, hundreds of actors will descend on Riverside Theatre for Florida Professional Theatres Association's (FPTA) annual gathering of auditions and workshops. These statewide professional auditions and workshops are for Actors' Equity Association (AEA) and professional non-Equity actors who want to audition for a number of Florida professional theatre companies at one time.

Association

FPTA theatre members come from all parts of the state thus making a one-stop audition venue of great importance for those auditioning. In addition, FPTA also offers professional workshops and one-on-one coaching for emerging and established professional actors from May 21 through May 23, also at Riverside.

There is a comprehensive all-day schedule of professional tailor-made workshops and one-on-one coaching for both emerging and established professional actors.

Details about instructors for the professional auditioning, acting, singing, and dance workshops developed specifically for actors, can be found on WWW fnta net

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**JUNE 17 & 18** 



**JUNE 24 & 25** 



Following the enormous success of last year's back-to-back camps of *The Lion King JR*. and *The Lion King KIDS*, we are replicating the magic again this summer. And quite literally with the "magic" of *Disney's Aladdin JR*. and *Aladdin KIDS!* The story of Aladdin, Jasmine, Genie, Abu, and all the rest of the lovable characters from the Disney classic will be brought to life by our incredibly talented students as we take a magic carpet ride to Agrabah.

#### Directed by Kevin Quillinan

We are pleased to again be giving our older students another great challenge this summer with the return of our Teens in Concert program on the Waxlax Stage with 13 The Musical. Written by Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown expressly for teenagers, 13 The Musical opened on Broadway in 2008 with an entire cast comprised of teenagers. This musical tells the story of New York City born Evan Goldman as he moves to small-town Indiana and grapples with his parents' divorce, prepares for his impending Bar Mitzvah, and navigates the complicated social circles of a new school. Produced through a two-week-long workshop with minimal staging, this experience will give our older students the opportunity to continue to expand their considerable talents.

DIRECTED BY
KEVIN QUILLINAN



# AUDITIONS AUGUST 19 • 4:30 - 6:30PM PERFORMANCES: OCTOBER 4 - 6

A boy and his grandmother discover that witches are real when they stumble upon them having a convention. Complications ensue as they attempt to foil the witches' plot to turn all children into mice. Based on the book by Roald Dahl, the delightfully

irreverent author of Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Fantastic Mr. Fox. and Matilda.

# **NEW** PROFESSIONAL FAMILY SERIES

Rapunzel Retold

The past several months have been a busy one as Ken Clifton and Kevin Quillinan have been working hard writing Unraveled, a brand new Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) musical that will premiere this September.

Following the success of Riverside's inaugural TYA show. *Poodleful. Unrayeled* is a new invigorating a

show, *Poodleful*, *Unraveled* is a new telling of the classic story of Rapunzel. A version of the story was performed by Riverside students in 2012, but this re-imagined take on the show is filled with exciting new twists and turns. While only a few songs remain from the original

show, a new
script has
been written and
will feature
Riverside's 6
new performance
apprentices.
Creating new work
takes time, and
over the past few
months, our
previous
apprentices
workshopped the piece

through a few "table reads" of the script. The developmental stage has been inspiring and

invigorating as the script develops into a final version this summer for performances in September.

Premiering new work is an exciting venture for Riverside and one which we are honored to be continuing next season.

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2016-2017 Fall

LASSES

PRIMARY CORE CURRICULUM Suggested Ages 6 to 9

INTERMEDIATE CORE CURRICULUM
Suggested Ages 10 to 12

ADVANCED CORE CURRICULUM Suggested Ages 13 to 17

# The duration of most workshops is 6 weeks and includes up to 24 hours of instruction:

- 4 hours of acting technique work, improvisation, character building, show & theatre history, etc.
- 2 hours of script work for the show being covered
- 3 hours of choreography instruction
- 4 hours of vocal instruction
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BALLET 1	\$423/\$47	6 - 7 YRS	THURS 5-6PM
BALLET 2	\$720/\$80	8 - 10 YRS	MON & THURS 5-6PM
BALLET 3	\$900/\$100	11 & UP	TUES & THURS 6 - 7:30PM
BALLET 4	\$963/\$107	14 & UP	TUES & THURS 4 - 6PM
PRE-POINTE	\$306/\$34	11 & UP	WED 5 - 6PM
POINTE	\$243/\$27	14 & UP	WED 6 - 7PM
BEGINNING JAZZ	\$450/\$50	4 - 5 YRS	TUES 4:45 - 5:30PM
JAZZ 1	\$423/\$47	6 - 7 YRS	THURS 4 - 5PM
JAZZ 2	\$360/\$40	8 - 10 YRS	MON 4-5PM
JAZZ 3	\$306/\$34	11 & UP	MON 5 - 6PM
JAZZ 4	\$243/\$27	14 & UP	MON 6 - 7PM

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# So much to do...

# Some suggestions for you!

#### **JUNE**

- 2 6:30 9:00p VBMA\* Cork Canvas & Co
- 3 5:00p 8:00p MSVB\* First Friday Gallery Stroll on 14th Ave
- 6:00p 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop 4 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone



- 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive
- 6:30p **VBMA\*** Cork Canvas & Co.
- Vero Beach Wine & Film Festival
- **17** 1:30p & 7:30p



6:00p - 9:30pFREE Live in the Loop & Concert Series

- 17 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone
- SUMMER NIGHTS
  - 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive 1:30p & 4:00p Aladdin JR 8:30a - 2:00p McKee Garden Waterlily Celebration
- 6:30p VBMA\* Cork Canvas & Co.
- 24 6:00p MSVB\* Downtown Friday Night on 14th Ave 1:30p & 7:30p



**24** 6:00p – 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop & **Concert Series** 7:30p & 9:30p



- 25 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive **VBMA\*** Free Admission Saturday 1:30p & 4:00p Aladdin KIDS
- 25 9:00a 5:00p Vero Beach Air Show -26 Blue Angels

#### **JULY**

- 5:00p 8:00p MSVB\* First Friday Gallery Stroll on 14th Ave
- 6:00p 9:30pFREE Live in the Loop 2 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone



- 8:00a **OBA\* Farmers Market** on Ocean Drive
- 10:00a − 10:00p Family Fun & Fireworks Riverside Park
- **R** 6:00p 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop 9 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p HOWL AT THE MOON
- 9 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive 6:30p - 9:30p**OBA\*** Sunset Saturday Night
- 15 6:00p 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop 16 & Concert Series

- 15 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone VEGAS NIGHTS
- 16 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive
- 1:30p & 4:00p



6:00p - 9:30pFREE Live in the Loop & **Concert Series** 7:30p & 9:30p HOWL AT THE MOON

- 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive
- 6:00p MSVB\* Downtown Friday Night on 14th Ave
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- 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive **VBMA\*** Free Admission

6:30p - 9:30p**OBA\*** Sunset Saturday Night

Saturday

#### **AUGUST**

- 7:00p Aerial Antics Youth Circus
- 5:00p 8:00pMSVB\* First Friday Gallery Stroll on 14th Ave
- 6:00p 9:30pFREE Live in the Loop & 6 Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p HOWL AT THE MOON q00:8 Ballet Vero Beach Performances



8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive 10:00a - 2:00p



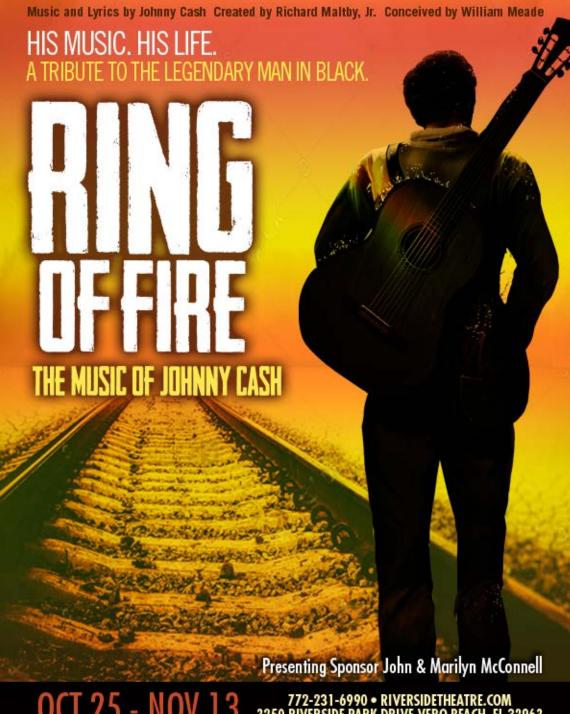
2:00p Dance Festival Showcase



- 12 6:00p 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop 13 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone **VEGAS NIGHTS**
- 13 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive 6:30p - 9:30p**OBA\*** Sunset Saturday Night
- 19 6:00p 9:30p FREE Live in the Loop 20 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p HOWL AT THE MOON
- 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive
- 26 6:00p MSVB\* Downtown Friday Night on 14th Ave
- 6:00p 9:30pFREE Live in the Loop 27 & Concert Series 7:30p & 9:30p Comedy Zone **VEGAS NIGHTS**
- **27** 8:00a **OBA\*** Farmers Market on Ocean Drive **VBMA\*** Free Admission Saturday

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