



Theatre Review

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“Swinging on a Star” upbeat and fun!

Once again, Riverside Theatre has started their season with a high-energy, engaging show. The 2015-16 season kicks off with “Swinging on A Star,” a musical revue that takes place at several venues through the decades and features the songs of lyricist Johnny Burke.

“Swinging on A Star,” created by Michael Leeds, is a celebration of one of America’s most prolific and successful songwriters of the early 20th century. Venues in the show include a 1920’s Speakeasy in Chicago, the Bowery in the 1930’s, a radio show in New York in the 1940’s, a World War II USO performance in the Pacific Island, the Ballroom at the Hotel Roosevelt in Akron, Ohio and a 1950’s Manhattan Supper Club. There is also an innovative “On the Road” vignette set.

“Swinging” was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical and includes the ever popular songs: “Pennies from Heaven,” “Imagination,” “Misty,” “Here’s That Rainy Day,” “Road to Morocco,” “Going My Way,” “Irresistible,” “Moonlight Becomes You,” “It Could Happen to You” “Annie Doesn’t Live Here Any More” and “Swinging on a Star,” to name a few.

Directed and choreographed by DJ Salisbury, the cast of “Swinging on a Star” showcases the ample talents of Sara Andreas, Denis Lambert, Mary Little, Ryan Murray, Brian Ogilvie, Jennifer Swiderski and Debra Walton.

If you are looking for an evening filled with wonderful music and dance performances, this is the show for you. It is upbeat and fun. I highly recommend it.

The design and production crew includes: Anne Shuttlesworth (Music Director), Allen D. Cornell (Scenic Designer), Yael Lubetzky (Lighting Designer), Martha Bromelmeier (Costume Design), Craig Beyrooti (Sound Designer), and Amy Bertacini (Production Stage Manager).

“Swinging on a Star” performs on the Stark Stage from October 27 – November 15, 2015.

For more information, call the Box Office at 772-231-6990 or at www.riversidetheatre.com