



THE PEACH BUZZ

THE 2023 SEASON!

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The SpongeBob Musical is adapted from the iconic Nickelodeon series. The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy, Squidward and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. Until a most unexpected hero rises to take center stage. The power of optimism and friendship can really save the world.

Original songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T.I. And Songs by David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley. Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton/Additional Music by Tom Kitt. Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau.

The SpongeBob Musical was named Best Musical by the Drama Desk Awards and Outer Critics Circle and earned 12 Tony Award nominations – the most nominated musical of the 2017-2018 theatre season – winning for Best Scenic Design of a Musical (David Zinn).

The SpongeBob Musical is a musical for the entire family.

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Featuring music by various gospel composers, as well as hymns and spirituals made famous by Mahalia Jackson, **Mahalia** is a joyous celebration of the life and music of the world's greatest gospel singer: a humble, deeply religious woman whose expressive, full-throated voice carried her from a three-room shanty in New Orleans to appearances before presidents and royalty. Mahalia won her first success on the gospel circuit, then went on to phenomenal triumph at New York's Carnegie Hall and the great concert stages of the world. Mahalia also lent her songs and spirit to the struggle for civil rights and became known as the 'Voice of the Movement'. The joy and inspiration of Mahalia's heartfelt songs provide a counterpoint to the urgent messages delivered by her friend, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Standing at his side, Mahalia Jackson became the musical voice of the civil rights movement. Mahalia showcases 20 gospel numbers in a moving, often humorous, musical tribute.

Mahalia is appropriate for many audiences with parental discretion.



The third musical to open this summer is based on the comedy of British comedy troupe Monty Python. The group came to prominence with the British sketch comedy program 'Monty Python's Flying Circus'. The series, described as an "important moment in the evolution of television comedy," later appeared in America on PBS. Monty Python's work grew to include live shows, films, albums, books and even a musical!

Ripped off (lovingly) from the classic film comedy "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," **Monty Python's SPAMALOT** retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful show people, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. Did we mention the bevy of beautiful show people? Winner of the 2005 Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Musical, Monty Python's SPAMALOT also won a 2006 Grammy for Best Musical Show Album. With songs by Monty Python member Eric Idle and John Du Prez, the outrageous, uproarious, universally-offensive, not-politically-correct and gloriously entertaining story of King Arthur and the Lady of the Lake will invite audiences to join them as they search for the Holy Grail and "always look on the bright side of life."

Monty Python's SPAMALOT is appropriate for audiences age 10-100 with parental discretion.

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Noon – 2:00PM (Sunday)

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Meet our Directors!



BARBARA HARTWIG

Director/Choreographer of **THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL**. Barbara is thrilled to be returning to PSST! She has performed in numerous PSST productions and directed/choreographed such PSST shows as *Smokey Joe's Café*; *Always, Patsy Cline*; *The Marvelous Wonderettes*; *Mulan*; and *Mary Poppins* (choreographer). Barbara taught dance at Coastal Carolina University but now lives in Florida where she performs at Universal Studios. Barbara has performed on Broadway, toured nationally in *Me and My Girl* and *The Will Rogers Follies*, toured Europe in *Oklahoma! (Ado Annie)* and played an orphan in the original movie, *Annie*.



KATHERINE LEROY LAWSON

Director of **MAHALIA**. Katherine is an actor, director and educator. She earned a BFA in Theatre from FAMU and an MFA from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. She has received a Meritorious Achievement Award for Excellence in Direction from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Katherine's career spans over 20 years with roles off-off-Broadway, in regional theatre, in film and television. Her credits include *Doubt*, *Good People*, *For Colored Girls...*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *In the Next Room*, *Speech and Debate*, *Pretty fire*, and *Wit*. Notable film credits include Sundance's *Hap and Leonard* and TV One's *Not Again*.



HANK RION

2022 was Hank's first year as PSST Artistic Director, also directing Rodgers & Hammerstein's *CINDERELLA* and *SISTER ACT*. This season he will be directing **Monty Python's SPAMALOT**.

Mission

Peach State Summer Theatre's Mission is to provide quality professional theatre to the city of Valdosta, the state of Georgia, the region and beyond.

Peach State Summer Theatre is committed to helping make Valdosta and South Georgia a tourist destination.

Peach State Summer Theatre is committed to promoting the importance of education to people of all ages and serves as the professional extension of the Valdosta State University Theatre program.

Peach Party!

This annual fundraiser featuring fun activities, great hors d'oeuvres and music from PSST 2023 company members is great fun!

So, wear your flip flops and help support PSST. Look for details soon on our website, emails and social media.

Tickets will be available from PSST Board Members.

SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

Valdosta Country Club

6:00 PM Gather

6:30 PM Entertainment Begins

\$50 include Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Special Notice to Season Members and Patrons

From **May 17, 2023** to **May 19, 2023** only season membership and patronage purchasers can redeem their admissions. They can redeem admissions at any other time during the season, but these first three days are exclusively for them.

Season Membership and Patronages will be available online only on these three special days.

For more information, please visit www.valdosta.edu/psst

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Season Memberships are on sale **NOW THROUGH 6/2/2023 ONLY**. Don't miss this incredible deal! Adult Memberships are \$87.24 (tax + fees included) and Student/Senior Memberships \$84.00 (tax + fees included) each. Each membership comes with 3 admissions to the Peach State Summer Theatre 2023 shows to be redeemed as the member chooses.

The PSST! Box Office opens for all transactions on Wednesday, May 20, 2023.

For more information, please visit www.valdosta.edu/psst. Please note that purchases made on-line incur a credit card charge.

Please Consider a Contribution

PSST is a not-for-profit summer theatre. The Covid years have been very difficult for live theater on Broadway, across the country and in Valdosta. As the 2023 season approaches, we are asking our faithful supporters to consider **adding a new contribution at any giving level** or raising their support level to help us rebuild our financial reserves. For this reason, we would like to ask you to consider increasing your annual PSST support.

The PSST philosophy has always been that everyone in our community, regardless of financial status, should have the opportunity to experience live theater in their lifetime. Three times each season (once for each show), PSST offers a "Pay What You Can" performance. Additionally, PSST has opened its doors to disadvantaged children and youth through various community organizations which attend performances at significant savings.

Contributions to our Community Outreach Initiative (\$1000 or \$500) assure that PSST can continue to provide for the underserved while covering the performance rights and operating expenses of our performances.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Exclusive Season Sponsorship	\$50,000	Cover billing and inside front cover ad in the program
Shared Season Sponsorship	\$25,000	Shared cover billing and full page ad in the program
Show Sponsorship	\$10,000	Title page billing and half page ad in the program
Shared Show Sponsorship	\$ 5,000	Shared title page billing and half page ad in the program

Patronage Levels

SILVER CIRCLE	\$3,000 +	10 season memberships & 4 t-shirts \$2,212.80 minimum potential tax deduction
BENEFACTOR	\$1,500-\$2,999	8 season memberships & 4 t-shirts \$861.84 minimum potential tax deduction
PRODUCER	\$1,000-\$1,499	6 season memberships & 2 t-shirts \$528.88 minimum potential tax deduction
PARTNER	\$500-\$999	4 season memberships & 1 t-shirt \$186.92 minimum potential tax deduction
SUPPORTER	\$250-\$499	2 season memberships & 1 t-shirt \$85.96 minimum potential tax deduction
ASSOCIATE	\$150-\$249	1 season membership & 1 t-shirt \$60.48 minimum potential tax deduction



2023 MAIL ORDER FORM

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PATRONAGES: Season Memberships (Admissions) + Gift to PSST!

Please indicate your patronage level

SILVER CIRCLE (\$3,000+)	BENEFACTOR (\$1,500-\$2,999)	PRODUCER (\$1,000-\$1,499)
PARTNER (\$500-\$999)	SUPPORTER (\$250-\$499)	ASSOCIATE (\$150-\$249)
COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE (\$1000 or \$500)		

(Name as it should appear on Patrons Page in playback)

SEASON MEMBERSHIPS: Tickets only:

Each membership comes with 3 admissions, advance reservation required
Prices include 8% sales tax and fee

____ Adult Memberships at \$87.24 each \$ _____

____ Student/Senior Memberships at \$84.00 each \$ _____

Gift:

A \$30 gift added to your purchase is a great way to help PSST! \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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PSST; attn: H. Duke Guthrie; 1500 N Patterson Street; VSU; Valdosta, GA 31698



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Box Office: 229.259.7770 beginning 5/17/2023						SPONGEBOB 2-Jun	SPONGEBOB P 3-Jun
J U N E '23	SPONGEBOB* 4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun	8-Jun	MAHALIA 9-Jun	MAHALIA P 10-Jun
	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun	SPONGEBOB 16-Jun	MAHALIA 17-Jun
	SPONGEBOB* 18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	SPAMALOT 23-Jun	SPAMALOT ** MAHALIA 24-Jun
	SPONGEBOB* 25-Jun	26-Jun	Peach Party Fundraiser 27-Jun	28-Jun	SPAMALOT 29-Jun	MAHALIA 30-Jun	SPAMALOT 1-Jul
J U L Y '23	SPAMALOT* P 2-Jul	3-Jul	 4-Jul	SPONGEBOB** 5-Jul	SPAMALOT 6-Jul	MAHALIA 7-Jul	SPAMALOT** SPONGEBOB 8-Jul
	MAHALIA* 9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	MAHALIA 12-Jul	SPAMALOT 13-Jul	SPONGEBOB 14-Jul	SPONGEBOB** SPAMALOT 15-Jul
	SPAMALOT* 16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	SPONGEBOB** MAHALIA 19-Jul	SPAMALOT 20-Jul	SPONGEBOB 21-Jul	MAHALIA** SPAMALOT 22-Jul
EVENING PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM							Box Office Hours 10 - 4:30 Tu - Sa Noon - 2 Su
* INDICATES 3:00 PM SUNDAY MATINEE PERFORMANCES ;							
** INDICATES 2:00 PM WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY MATINEE PERFORMANCES							
P = PAY WHAT YOU CAN performances are set for the June 3 and June 10 evening and July 2 matinee performances.							valdosta.edu/psst