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Music Theatre of Wenatchee needs your membership to continue producing quality plays and musicals. Don't forget that it's time to renew your membership for 2016. If you haven't already done so already, please mail your membership check today.

Membership Benefits:

- Our quarterly newsletter
- Early notice of ticket sales
- Ticket discounts for "Member Nights"
- Invitation to semi-annual meetings
- Members at the Associate Producer level or above are listed in each show program.

There are Six levels of sponsorship:

- \$25.00 — Sponsor (no program listing)
- \$50.00 — Patron (no program listing)
- \$100.00 — Associate Producer
- \$250.00 — Producer
- \$500.00 — Executive Producer
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Contact us online for the membership form and mail your check or money order to P.O. Box 3042, Wenatchee, WA, 98807. Your membership is very important to us.

Disney's Mary Poppins Opens Soon

"Winds in the East. Mist coming in. Like something is brewing, about to begin."

Mary Poppins is about to fly into the Numerica Performing Arts Center. Veteran director Daina Toevs directs this year's Apple Blossom Musical Production. Toevs and her cast and crew have been hard at work bringing this Disney favorite to life.

Many say that surrounding yourself with talented people is the best way to

create good theater, and this is no exception. Once again, Daina has sur-



The cast of *Disney's Mary Poppins*.

rounded herself with a cast and crew bursting at the seams with talent.

"The cast of *Mary Poppins* is absolutely stellar. Jeff Heminger as Bert, Stephanie Wilson as Mary, Paul Atwood as Mr. Banks and Amy Edwards as Mrs. Banks are a treat! Plus we

have two very talented young people (Maggie Stevens and Isaac Colyar) playing Jane and Michael Banks. In fact, Jane and Michael Banks are on stage more than any other character in the show. We have a cast full of wonderful characters and

dancing that will astound the audience!"

Toevs is a talented costumer herself, and is known for directing shows with some of the most intricate and beautiful costumes the Wenatchee Valley has ever seen!

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MTW NEWS

- *Mary Poppins* tickets are on sale.
- *Peter and the Starcatcher* announced as fall 2016 show.
- Check our website for more detailed information.
www.mtow.org

Peter and the Starcatcher Selected as Fall 2016 Show

We are excited to announce that our fall 2016 show will be the Tony Award-winning play, *Peter and the Starcatcher*. It will be performed in October.

Based on the popular novel by Dave Barry, it was adapted for the stage by Rick Elice in 2014, and won five Tony Awards.

Peter and the Starcatcher is a comedic telling of the events leading up to the story of Peter Pan as we know it. It's a new imagining of how Peter Pan,



Captain Hook, Wendy, the Lost Boys, and Tinkerbell came to be.

The show features 11 male roles, and one female role, but more female roles are a possibility. The actors play over 100 parts combined among them.

The director behind the helm is veteran director and actor with MTW, Colleen Bowen. Colleen most recently directed *9 to 5* and *Sweeney Todd*, and is well remembered for her role as Mama Rose in *Gypsy*.

“It’s a fun night of laughing with pirates! Who doesn’t love pirates? We get to watch as the pirates try to steal the treasure. What? Could that bad man be Captain Hook? The show is for the whole family and will be an adventure for all,” says Bowen.

Mary Poppins (Continued)

Like her previous shows, the costumes and sets are sure to amaze audiences, says Toevs.

“Sheryl Sutherland is our lead costume designer and Sheryl has a team making alterations. Whenever you go on an adventure with *Mary Poppins* into the park, the dull grays and blacks turn into amazing colors. It is pretty awesome!”

And a critical member of the production team for *Poppins* is the Numerica Performing Arts Center and

their staff led by Executive Director Matt Cadman and Technical Director Mike Locke. MTW and the Performing Arts Center have partnered to bring the *Apple Blossom Musical* back to the Numerica PAC. Daina has high praise for the partnership.

“The PAC is such a great support. Working hand in hand with Mike Locke is wonderful. Our partnership is going well and everyone is putting in 100% to make sure *Mary Poppins* will be an outstanding show this spring.”

Performance dates are May 4th-7th and 11th-14th at 7:30 P.M. There are two matinee performances on May 8th and 14th at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office in person, or by calling (509) 663-ARTS, or online at www.numericapac.org.

With such a popular show, we recommend purchasing your tickets as soon as possible.

Nason Creek Fundraiser

Without fail, every summer that we are selected, you can find board member Arlene Jones heading up the Nason Creek Rest Stop fundraiser. Arlene and her volunteers can be found at the rest stop with homemade cookies, coffee, and good conversation.

With help from many volunteers and our entire membership, Arlene and crew sell their concessions by donation, with all money raised benefitting our scholarship program.

This year, our crew will be hard at work on the pass July 8th-10th.

We are asking our membership for help. Arlene hopes to collect about 100 dozen cookies. Anyone wishing to help us and bake cookies should contact Arlene Jones at (509) 884-6835. Cookie drop off is at the Riverside Playhouse on Friday, July 7th.

Updates at the Playhouse

We have been busy down at the Playhouse this winter and we have some great improvements to announce.

After having to replace our roof two years ago, we were finally able to pay off our loan earlier than expected. Now we can enjoy our new roof, debt free!

Ever have a hard time seeing in our parking lot coming or going from a performance? Well, not anymore! Thanks to facilities chairperson Vern Smith, we have fixed and replaced our lights to help light the way to the Playhouse. Thanks Vern!

Riverside Playhouse

Meet Our New President

Most of our members already know Tiffany Mausser. She is a veteran director, actor, and choreographer with both Music Theatre of Wenatchee and Leavenworth Summer Theater. She has also served as an MTW board member and served as our secretary for 2 years.

We are very excited to announce that as of January, Tiffany has assumed another new role: President of the MTW board.

Tiffany replaces Jeff Heminger, who has stepped down after his term ended, but he will still remain on the board.

“Jeff was a fantastic President who lead by example and repre-



sented MTW with dignity, enthusiasm, and charisma. I am extremely proud of Jeff’s presidential legacy and his continued service to MTW. I

can only hope to do half as good a job as he did,” said Mausser.

Tiffany explains that her favorite thing about being on the board is having the opportunity to guide and shape the future of MTW, especially by selecting upcoming productions. She has high hopes for her term as our new President.

“I hope to maintain the artistic and financial integrity of MTW as an organization by continuing to produce quality productions, and also to expand the scope of MTW by reaching new audiences, increasing membership, and creating more community exposure and participation.”