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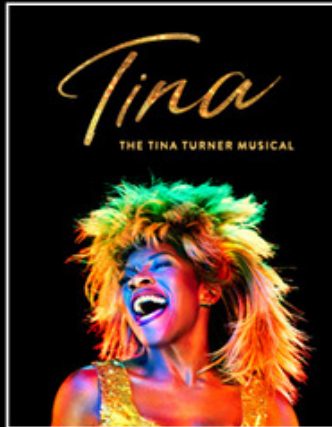
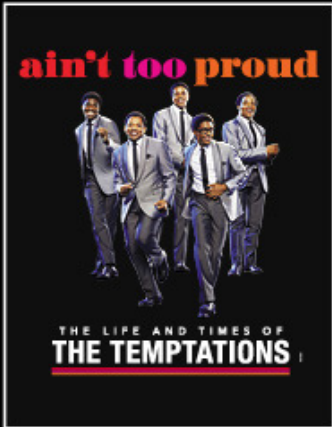
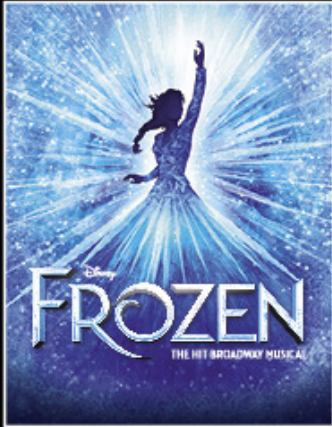


FROM THE WINGS

RBTL ANNOUNCES NEXT BROADWAY SEASON

RBTL has unveiled its 2023-2024 M&T Bank Broadway Season lineup! Next season, RBTL and Albert Nocciolino will present a 6-show Season Ticket package. Once again, there's something for everyone: family-friendly shows including a returning classic, several Tony Award® winners and two extended engagements, bringing Rochester even more weeks of Broadway.

THE 2023-2024 M&T BANK BROADWAY SEASON



6-SHOW PACKAGE NOW AVAILABLE

6-show Season Ticket packages are available now for both renewing and new Subscribers at rbtl.org and the Auditorium Box Office. Individual show tickets will go on sale at a later date.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BRIT FLOYD

April 25

SHEN YUN

May 6-7

ANTHONY HAMILTON

May 12

SIX

May 16-21

GUITARS AND STARS

May 24



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GET TO KNOW THE SHOWS INCLUDED IN RBTL'S 2023-2024 M&T BANK BROADWAY SEASON

The first of two shows with a two-week run is Disney's **"Frozen,"** coming September 26 - October 8, 2023. It features the songs you love from the original Oscar®-winning film, plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers. Overall, "Frozen" is an unforgettable theatrical experience filled with sensational special effects, stunning sets and costumes, and powerhouse performances.

RBTL's second engagement with a two-week run will have you popping the champagne! **"Moulin Rouge! The Musical"** makes its Rochester debut November 7-19, 2023, bringing you into a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory. Remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza, "Moulin Rouge!" is a celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom, and Love.

Next in the Season, Broadway classic **"Annie"** returns December 12-17, 2023, in a new production – just as you remember it and just when we need it most. This celebration of family, optimism and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way.



In the New Year, **"Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of the Temptations"** comes to RBTL's Auditorium Theatre January 30 - February 4, 2024. It follows the Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal during a decade of civil unrest in America.

Then, everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is heading to Rochester February 20-25, 2024. Based on the beloved film, **"Mrs. Doubtfire"** tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. It's "the lovable, big-hearted musical comedy we need right now," raves the Chicago Tribune – one that proves we're better together.

Finally, rounding out the Season, June 4-9, 2024, is **"Tina – The Tina Turner Musical,"** a triumphant story of the Queen of Rock and Roll set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her most beloved hits! It presents Tina's journey against all odds to become one of the world's most beloved artists of all time.



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RBTL'S AUDITORIUM THEATRE WELCOMES 68,000 PATRONS IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2023

RBTL has had a successful first few months of 2023, welcoming nearly 68,000 people since February 10. Throughout this time, RBTL's Auditorium Theatre hosted three touring Broadway productions, as well as several one night only performances. Almost 20,000 patrons alone attended performances of Disney's "Aladdin" during its run April 11-16, joining "Beetlejuice" and the "Blues is Alright Tour" in reaching sell-out status.

RBTL's Auditorium Theatre also welcomed 2,250 area students between performances of "Hadestown" in March and "Aladdin" in April. The experience was part of RBTL's A.R.T.S. Partners education program, infusing the arts into the classroom. Throughout the school year, students were taught curriculum based on themes of an individual show. They then had the opportunity to see that show live on stage.

"After the last few years dealing with the pandemic lowering attendance and programming, it's incredible to see this many people coming back out to enjoy the Theatre," said RBTL Executive Vice President Linda Glosser. "We've seen returning patrons and both kids and adults attending for the first time. We hope to keep this momentum going to continue to bring a variety of live entertainment to the Rochester community."



In the coming months, RBTL is hosting more sold-out performances with "Guitars and Stars" in May and Jerry Seinfeld in June. Tickets are also still available at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or the Auditorium Box Office for "Shen Yun," coming May 6-7, and Anthony Hamilton, who is performing May 12. Plus, "SIX" and "To Kill A Mockingbird" round out the 2022-2023 M&T Bank Broadway Season in May and June, respectively.

PGA'S WANAMAKER TROPHY TAKES CENTER STAGE AT RBTL'S AUDITORIUM THEATRE



In April, RBTL hosted a meeting for Visit Rochester members and the PGA's Wanamaker Trophy made a special appearance. Attendees had the opportunity to take their picture with the famed trophy, which has the names of past PGA Championship winners etched on it. This is ahead of this year's tournament, which will be held in May at Oak Hill Country Club.

This will be the fourth time golfers and fans have come to the Rochester area for the PGA Championship. The first was in 1980, the second in 2003, and the most recent time being in 2013.

A promotional graphic for the annual Golf Tournament. The background is a green golf course. On the left, the text reads "annual Golf Tournament benefiting arts education" in purple and black. In the center, there is a golf flag on a green tee with the RBTL logo. On the right, a white golf ball is shown with the text "Register Now" in black. The date "MONDAY, AUGUST 7" is written in white at the top right.

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A LITTLE BIT OF *HER-STORY*: MEET THE QUEENS OF “SIX”

Learn about the Queens before the show or hear more of their stories when “SIX” comes to RBTL's Auditorium Theatre May 16-21. Tickets are available on [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and at the Auditorium Box Office.

- **First marriage:** Arthur, Henry VIII's older brother, in 1501. He died a few months later.
- **Second marriage:** Henry VIII in 1509 to continue the Spanish alliance.
- **Only one surviving child:** Mary, the future Queen Mary I.
- **At one point, Aragon acted as regent of England while Henry fought in France.**
- **Henry, desperate for a male heir, tried to persuade the Pope to grant him an annulment of his marriage to Aragon, so he could marry Anne Boleyn. Due to her strong faith, Aragon refused to accept that her marriage was invalid. In fact, she's known for her dramatic speech to Henry when he had her brought to court to seek the annulment.**

CATHERINE OF ARAGON (1485-1536)



*Gerianne Pérez as Catherine of Aragon (center) in The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus*

ANNE BOLEYN (1501-1536)



*Zan Berube as Anne Boleyn (center) in The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus*

- **Marriage:** Henry VIII in 1533.
- **Children:** Elizabeth, who later became Queen Elizabeth I.
- **Prior to becoming Queen, Boleyn was Aragon's lady-in-waiting.**
- **Eventually, it was the Archbishop of Canterbury who granted Henry a divorce from Aragon and Boleyn was crowned Queen. She's much remembered for bringing about England's break with the Pope, who responded to Henry and Boleyn's marriage with excommunication.**
- **Three years into their marriage, Henry had Boleyn, who had yet to give him a male heir, charged with treason, adultery, and incest with her brother – all of which she denied. She was convicted and beheaded at the Tower of London.**

JANE SEYMOUR (1507 OR 1508-1537)

- **Marriage:** Henry VIII in 1536 – just 11 days after Boleyn's execution. Seymour is remembered as being the “only one [Henry] truly loved.”
- **Children:** Edward, the future King Edward VI. Seymour's two brothers later fought over the regency of the then young Prince Edward, following Henry's death.
- **Seymour was previously a lady-in-waiting to Aragon and then Boleyn.**
- **While still married to Boleyn, Henry sent Seymour a gift of money which she refused, apparently saying there “was no treasure in this world that she valued so much as her honor.”**
- **Seymour developed complications following the birth of her son and 12 days later she died from a hemorrhage.**



*Amina Faye as Jane Seymour in The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus*

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ANNA OF CLEVES (1515-1557)



Terica Marie as Anna of Cleves (center) in
The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus

- Also known as Anne of Cleves. Anna is what she would have called herself in her native language (German).
- **Marriage:** Henry VIII in 1540 – a move to form a political alliance. He chose her based on her portrait.
- When they first met, Henry was in disguise, possibly imagining some sort of romantic reaction. It was exactly the opposite. According to a witness, when Henry kissed Cleves, she turned away coldly from the stranger molesting her. The witness observed that he “never saw His Highness so marvelously astonished.”
- Throughout their marriage, Cleves was often called unattractive and unsophisticated. It was this, and Henry’s claim that her portrait didn’t accurately depict her, that led to their divorce after six months.
- Cleves reluctantly accepted the divorce without protest. As a result, she was rewarded with a large income and property in England, where she remained until her death.

- **Marriage:** Henry VIII in 1540 – 19 days after his divorce from Cleves.
- Howard was a lady-in-waiting to Cleves, was Boleyn’s first cousin, and Seymour’s second cousin.
- In 1541, Henry discovered Howard had affairs prior to their marriage. The first was with her music teacher when she was 13 years old. A year later, Howard began a relationship with the secretary to the Dowager Duchess. The two reportedly called each other husband and wife.
- While married to Henry, Howard began an affair with a courtier and distant relative. Historians believe that throughout all her relationships, Howard was used and abused by those with power over her.
- Following her arrest, an act was passed that considered it treason for a woman to become the king’s wife without disclosing her unchaste life. Howard was then beheaded on the grounds of treason and adultery.

KATHERINE HOWARD (1523-1542)



Aline Mayagoitia as Katherine Howard in
The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus

CATHERINE PARR (1512-1548)



Sydney Parra as Catherine Parr (center) in
The North American Tour Boleyn Company of SIX.
Photo by Joan Marcus

- **First marriage:** Edward Burgh in 1529. **Second marriage:** John Neville in 1534. **Third marriage:** Henry VIII in 1543. **Fourth marriage (in secret):** Thomas Seymour, the brother of Jane Seymour, in 1547.
- Before marrying Henry, Parr was in love with Thomas, but gave him up to marry the King. She was the only one of Henry’s wives to survive their marriage to him.
- Parr was the first woman in England to write and publish books under her own name and in English.
- Parr was an evangelical protestant and staunch supporter of the English Reformation, which cut back papal power and influence in England. Her religious opponents tried to turn Henry against her and had a warrant for her arrest. However, Parr was warned of this and begged for forgiveness, which Henry accepted.
- Shortly after her fourth wedding, Parr became pregnant, but tragically died during childbirth.

DISNEY'S "ALADDIN" CAST MEMBERS SURPRISE LOCAL STUDENTS

During the run of Disney's Aladdin April 11-16, thousands of local students had the opportunity to see the show. And some lucky schools even got the chance to have Q&A sessions with the actors! The day after seeing the performance, second and third graders at Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19 in Rochester received a visit from the "Genie" himself, Marcus M. Martin, "Babkak," Jake Letts, and ensemble member Taylor Mackenzie Smith. Then, the following day, students at the Gates-Chili Central School District got to meet Adi Roy ("Aladdin"), Senzel Ahmady ("Jasmine") and Aaron Choi ("Iago").



Above: Marcus M. Martin, Jake Letts and Taylor Mackenzie Smith at Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19.



Above and below: Adi Roy, Senzel Ahmady and Aaron Choi at Gates-Chili Central School District.

All the students were quite inquisitive; asking the cast what their biggest challenges are during the show, what part of the musical is their favorite, what it's like to ride the magic carpet, and, of course, how the Genie does his tricks (hint, it's that Disney magic).

These special Q&A sessions were part of RBTL's A.R.T.S. Partners education program, where students learn curriculum based on themes from a certain show that comes to the Auditorium Theatre. To learn more about A.R.T.S. Partners, go to rbtl.org.

And, for more on these special school visits - hear from the cast about their experience on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).



Above: Marcus M. Martin and Jake Letts high-five School No. 19 students after a Q&A session.



Above: Taylor Mackenzie Smith signs a poster for a School No. 19 classroom.

STARS OF TOMORROW RECOGNITION CEREMONY IS FAST-APPROACHING

RBTL's Stars of Tomorrow educational program, Presented by Palmer's, Sponsored by WROC, and Underwritten by Lake Beverage, is now in its 25th year – and this year's Recognition Ceremony is right around the corner! Since the fall, a team of trained and qualified adjudicators have been evaluating 37 area school musical productions in 10 categories. They then provide students and directors with written feedback and rubric scores in a variety of production areas.

On May 11, during the Stars of Tomorrow Recognition Ceremony, recognition will be given to schools with the highest scores in each of the adjudicated categories. Participating schools will also have the opportunity to perform a selection from their musical on stage at RBTL's Auditorium Theatre. Additionally, select students recognized for leading roles at the Ceremony, are eligible to compete in Stars of Tomorrow NYC Bound on May 25 for the chance to represent Rochester at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards / Jimmy Awards.



Schools participating in the 2022-2023 Stars of Tomorrow program are:

- **Albion** – “The Addams Family”
- **Allendale Columbia** – “Beauty and the Beast”
- **Aquinas Institute** – “Oliver”
- **Avon** – “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”
- **Batavia** – “Les Misérables: School Edition”
- **Brighton** – “Matilda”
- **Caledonia-Mumford** – “Bye Bye Birdie”
- **Campbell-Savona** – “The Wizard of Oz”
- **Canandaigua** – “The Addams Family”
- **Churchville-Chili** – “Mary Poppins”
- **Eastridge** – “Sister Act”
- **Gananda** – “The Wizard of Oz”
- **Greece Arcadia** – “The Addams Family”
- **Greece Athena** – “Anastasia”
- **Greece Odyssey** – “Into the Woods”
- **Hammondsport** – “The Little Mermaid”
- **Holley** – “Willy Wonka”
- **Le Roy** – “Les Misérables: School Edition”
- **Lyndonville** – “The Wizard of Oz”
- **Marcus Whitman** – “James and the Giant Peach”
- **Marion** – “Anything Goes”
- **Medina** – “The Little Mermaid”
- **Mt. Morris** – “Little Women”
- **Mynderse Academy** – “The Drowsy Chaperone”
- **Newark** – “The Wedding Singer”
- **Our Lady of Mercy** – “Matilda”
- **Palmyra-Macedon** – “Mary Poppins”
- **Penn Yan Academy** – “Amelie”
- **Pittsford Sutherland** – “The Addams Family”
- **Red Jacket** – “Cinderella”
- **Rush-Henrietta** – “Big Fish”
- **Southern Cayuga** – “Matilda”
- **Victor** – “Titanic”
- **Warsaw** – “Bright Star”
- **Wayne** – “Nice Work If You Can Get It”
- **Wheatland-Chili** – “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”
- **Williamson** – “Evita”

Check back in May, to find out the results of the Recognition Ceremony and to see who will be competing in Stars of Tomorrow NYC Bound!

MOST PERFORMED MUSICALS IN THE 2022-2023 STARS OF TOMORROW PROGRAM

Matilda

Brighton
Our Lady of Mercy
Southern Cayuga

The Addams Family

Albion
Canandaigua
Greece Arcadia
Pittsford Sutherland

The Wizard of Oz

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