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Muny Centennial Season Tickets Now Available

ST. LOUIS (March 5, 2018) – The Muny announced today that season tickets for The Muny's 2018 centennial summer season will be available beginning at 9am Monday, March 5. Tickets can be purchased online at www.muny.org, by phone (314) 534-1111, or in person at The Muny Box Office, open 9am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. The Muny proudly celebrates its 100th season in Forest Park this summer.

The historic season includes 2 Muny premieres. The seven shows are: **Jerome Robbins' Broadway** (June 11-17), **The Wiz** (June 19-25), **Singin' in the Rain** (June 27-July 3), **Jersey Boys** (July 9-16), **Annie** (July 18-25), **Gypsy** (July 27-August 2) and **Meet Me In St. Louis** (August 4-12).

JEROME ROBBINS' BROADWAY

EIGHT GRAND SHOWS, ONE GRAND STAGE MUNY PREMIERE!

In its first major staging since leaving Broadway in 1990, *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* is an epic musical anthology that honors the career highlights of Tony Award-winning director and choreographer, Jerome Robbins. Filled with mesmerizing production numbers from some of Robbins' biggest hits, including *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, *Peter Pan*, *The King and I* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, this is one monumental Muny premiere befitting a celebratory start to our centennial season.

THE WIZ

CAN'T YOU FEEL A BRAND NEW DAY? FIRST PRODUCTION IN 36 YEARS

Based on L. Frank Baum's nostalgic classic, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Wiz* sparkles with heart-pounding soul, unforgettable gospel and infectious rock rhythms. A Grammy Award-winner for Best Cast Show Album, winner of the Tony award for Best Musical and ranked as one of the highest-watched live television musicals, this reimaged familiar favorite will have you ready to "Ease on Down the Road" to meet the Wiz for yourself!

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

WHAT A GLORIOUS FEELING FIRST PRODUCTION SINCE 2011

A timeless Muny classic, Singin' in the Rain has all the makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline – the starlet, the leading man, a love affair for the ages and the unexpected transition from the silent film era to "talkies." Known for its unforgettable hit-parade of Hollywood standards, splashy production numbers, hilarious situations and snappy dialogue, this Muny production is sure to be a downpour of pure delight.

JERSEY BOYS

THE INERNATIONAL SENSATION ARRIVES AT THE MUNY MUNY PREMIERE!

The international sensation arrives at The Muny in style! The Muny is thrilled to be the first theatre in the world to produce *Jersey Boys* after its acclaimed international production. *Jersey Boys* is the authentic biographic story of worldwide megahit group, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Featuring over 30 chart-topping hits, including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," this Muny premiere is almost too good to be true, and will leave audiences saying, "Oh, What a Night!"

ANNIE

A BELOVED MUNY FAMILLY FAVORITE RETURNS
FIRST PRODUCTION SINCE 2009

Leapin' lizards, everyone's favorite plucky, irresistible orphan is back! Based on the popular 1920s Harold Gray comic strip, *Little Orphan Annie*, *Annie* is one of the most acclaimed musicals of all time. This seven-time Tony Award-winning family favorite features unforgettable hits like "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street" and the iconic Broadway standard "Tomorrow." You can bet your bottom dollar this is one beloved, multigenerational Muny favorite guaranteed to entertain the entire family.

GYPSY

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES FIRST PRODUCTION IN 12 YEARS

Revered by many as the greatest musical ever written, *Gypsy* is the timeless tale of an ambitious stage mother, Mama Rose, fighting for her daughters' success...while secretly yearning for her own. With a book by Academy Award-winner Arthur Laurents and lyrics by Tony Award-winner Stephen Sondheim, *Gypsy* features countless showstoppers, including "Let Me Entertain You," "Together, Wherever We Go" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." Starring Muny favorite and Tony Award-winner Beth Leavel, this is one Muny production guaranteed to shine.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

NEXT STOP, THE 1904 WORLD'S FAIR FIRST PRODUCTION SINCE 2009

Clang, clang, clang, we are off to The Muny! Based on the heartwarming 1944 MGM film, *Meet Me in St. Louis* paints a wholesome portrait of a turn of the century American family. Set in the summer of 1903, the Smiths eagerly await the grand opening of the 1904 World's Fair. Over the span of a year, the family's love, tempered with good-natured humor, guides them through romance, opportunity and unexpected heartbreaks. With hits such as "The Trolley Song," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and the title number, this is the perfect finale to our 100th season, and will evoke nothing but love and pride...right here in St. Louis.

Single tickets will be available beginning May 7, 2018.

World Wide Technology (WWT) and The Steward Family Foundation have once again made a leadership gift to continue as the Muny's 2018 Season Presenting Sponsor. They became the first overall season sponsor in the history of The Muny in 2014 and continue that role through 2018.

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<u>The Muny's</u> mission is to enrich lives by producing exceptional musical theatre, accessible to all, while continuing its remarkable tradition in Forest Park. As the nation's largest outdoor musical theatre, we produce seven world-class musicals each year and welcome over 370,000 theatregoers over our nine-week season. Now celebrating 100 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre.

For more information about The Muny, visit muny.org.