

World Wide Technology 2018 Season Presenting Sponsor

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MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS - Photos and Video

ST. LOUIS (August 5, 2018) – Below are links to photos and video from The Muny's centennial season production of *Meet Me In St. Louis*, Saturday, August 4, 2018. Attendance for the opening night performance was 8,869. *Meet Me In St. Louis* is proudly sponsored by Emerson.

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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. With hits such as "The Trolley Song," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Boy Next Door" 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.

The magnificently-talented cast features Erin Dilly (Mrs. Anna Smith), Stephen R. Buntrock (Mr. Alonzo Smith), Ken Page (Grandpa Prophater), Kathy Fitzgerald (Katie), Emily Walton (Esther Smith), Liana Hunt (Rose Smith), Dan DeLuca (John Truitt), Jonathan Burke (Lon Smith), Elena Adams (Tootie Smith) and Elle Wesley (Agnes Smith). An exceptional ensemble completes this cast, including Akilah Ayanna, Michael Baxter, Leah Berry, Shawn Bowers, Michael Burrell, Emma Gassett, Berklea Going, Madison Johnson, Jeff Jordan, Halle Morse, Ben Nordstrom, Commodore C. Primous III, Payton Pritchett, Cooper Stanton, Julia Paige Thorn and Nathaniel J. Washington. The company is also joined by the Muny Kid and Teen youth ensembles.

A show-stopping creative team leads this production with direction by Marcia Milgrom Dodge, choreography by Josh Walden, music direction by Charlie Alterman, scenic design by Michael Schweikardt, costume design by Tristan Raines, lighting design by Rob Denton, sound design by John Shivers and David Patridge, video design by Matthew Young, wig design by Leah J. Loukas, and production stage management by J. Jason Daunter.

The seven shows in the 2018 Muny season 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). For more information, visit muny.org.

Tickets are currently on sale for this historic season. In addition, Muny gift cards for the 100th season are now available online and at The Muny Box Office. For more information, visit muny.org or call (314) 361-1900.

World Wide Technology 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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Now celebrating 100 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre.

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