

BROADWAY AT THE RIALTO 2008/2009



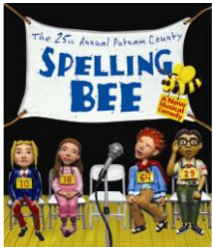
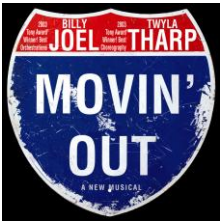
The 2008-2009 Season of BROADWAY AT THE RIALTO Announced!

LINE UP FEATURES FIVE BLOCKBUSTER HITS!

Press Release

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JOLIET, IL – We are thrilled to announce the 2008-2009 **BROADWAY AT THE RIALTO** line-up! The best of Broadway is returning to the Rialto – bigger and better than ever. The coming season features five blockbusters – including family favorites, Joliet premieres, and some of the biggest hits on Broadway!

The 2008-2009 **BROADWAY AT THE RIALTO** series will once again showcase top-quality touring Broadway productions direct from New York. The series will feature five spectacular shows including *Chicago*, *Movin' Out*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Mark Twain Tonight*, and *Annie*.

Season tickets range from \$177- \$250 and are available in two package options. The Classic Series features *Chicago*, *Movin' Out*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Mark Twain Tonight*. The Platinum Series includes all five shows and ranges from \$215- \$250. Purchasing a subscription package can save subscribers over \$25 per seat vs. buying individual tickets.

Current subscribers are receiving information this week on how to renew their seats for this exciting new season. Current subscribers can renew their subscriptions by calling the Rialto Square Box Office at (815) 726-6600 or by filling out the renewal form they receive in the mail. Current subscribers will have until **June 13th** to renew their seats before new subscribers will be seated. New orders will be seated in the order received.

The public subscription period will kick off with a special "Select-A-Seat" event on Tuesday, June 24 from 6:00-8:00PM. During the "Select-A-Seat" the public is invited into the Rialto to literally hand-pick their seats for the entire season. All unsubscribed seats will be available. This is the best opportunity for the public to secure subscription seats.

Immediately following the "Select-A-Seat" - at 8:00PM on June 24 - any unsubscribed seats will go on sale to the general public. To order a new subscription at that time, patrons may call the Rialto Square Box Office (815)726-6600. If available after all renewing series subscribers and new series subscribers are seated, single tickets for individual shows will go on sale approximately six weeks prior to each engagement.

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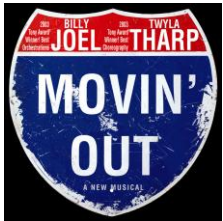
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Why subscribe? Subscribers get to reserve the best seats before the general public, get the same great seats at every show and have the first right to renew those seats or upgrade each year. In addition, subscribers can also enjoy lost ticket insurance, special offers and a 15% savings vs. single ticket prices.

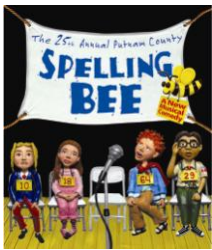
Following are details on the five series shows that Joliet has to look forward to in the coming year...

DIGITAL PRODUCTION PHOTOS FROM EACH OF THE SHOWS ARE AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY. PLEASE E-MAIL toddrossi@theatre-council.com



CHICAGO
OCTOBER 23, 2008

Come on babe – experience it live and in person! The one, the only, **CHICAGO**. It's Broadway's most popular musical – a razzle dazzle tale of sin and celebrity. And now, you can see it LIVE. The recipient of six Tony Awards®, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy and thousands of standing ovations, **CHICAGO** is the sensation that just keeps getting bigger and bigger.



MOVIN' OUT
DECEMBER 5, 2008

5-time Grammy winner Billy Joel and legendary director/choreographer Twyla Tharp have joined forces to create the spectacular new musical Time Magazine declares "The #1 show of the year!" The New York Times calls **MOVIN' OUT** "a shimmering portrait of an American generation. These tornado driven dancers and rock musicians propel the audience into delirious ovations."

MOVIN' OUT brings 24 Billy Joel classics to electrifying new life as it tells the story of five life-long friends over two turbulent decades. It all adds up to one unforgettable Broadway musical.



THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

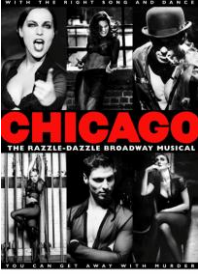
MARCH 15, 2009

In the Tony-Award winning new musical comedy **THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. **SPELLING BEE** has been hailed by the Wall Street Journal as "perfect in every possible way – that rarity of rarities, a super-smart musical that is also a bona fide crowd pleaser." This tuneful, offbeat and at times heartwarming show offers audience members the opportunity (strictly voluntary) to become part of the action as on-stage spellers. The New York Times calls **SPELLING BEE**, "irresistible, riotously funny and remarkably ingenious – gold stars all around."



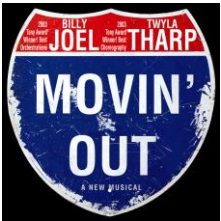
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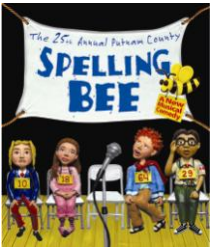
ANNIE APRIL 9, 2009

Leapin' lizards! **Annie** is coming to Joliet! The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Boasting one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including "It's the Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "N.Y.C." and the ever-optimistic "Tomorrow," **Annie** is a delightful theatrical experience for the entire family. Don't miss this all-new production that *Variety* calls "a winner!"



MARK TWAIN TONIGHT MAY 8, 2009

Mark Twain Tonight! continues to enthrall audiences, with Holbrook performing 20-25 shows a year. By Holbrook's estimation, he has now performed the show well over 2,000 times. Just as Mark Twain brought his wit and humor to far-flung places a half-century before, Holbrook-as-Twain has also performed around the world, from Saudi Arabia and Warsaw, to Edinburgh and New Delhi. Holbrook is not simply an impersonator of Mark Twain, he is an authority on the writer about whom Hemingway said, "American literature began."



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