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Forty-five and fabulous

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In 1966 Broadway by the Bay premiered by taking fans to Oklahoma in their first theatre production — that was 111 shows ago.

Forty-four years of award-winning theater-later and the largest theater company on the

Peninsula will open its latest season with a trip to the French Riviera.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," based on the popular late-90's film, with music and lyrics by David Yazbek, will open Broadway by the Bay's 45th season Thursday, April 1 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. The Tony nominated musical comedy will run through April 18.

"We've put a lot of thought into the 45th season," said Artistic Director Brooke Knight who herself celebrates her 18th year with Broadway by the Bay in 2010. "(The shows) all celebrate something. We are all very excited."

Celebration will be the theme for Broadway

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by the Bay in 2010 and why would it be any other way. Even through tough times the award-winning theater company finds ways to put on excellent productions. In 2010 it's the goal of BBB to celebrate all that is good and fun about musical theater along with acknowledging the people who take part in providing audiences with a really rich experience.

"If it were not for the artistic collaborations and the sense of family, or even village that goes into creating each show," she said, "the thrilling moments on the stage would not come to life. (And) If it were not for the support and presence of our patrons, our creativity would only take place in a vacuum."

So each show in season 45 was carefully selected with that theme in mind.

In "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," a story of two-con men in the French Riviera trying to out-do each other's schemes, celebrating life is the theme.

"It's about second chances," Knight said, "and about the fun of surprises."

The theme continues past "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" when Annie hits the San Mateo stage in late July. "Annie" celebrates tomorrow," Knight said. "It's a celebration of what's to come. I think it's something we can all relate to."

In September "La Cage Aux Folles" returns to the Broadway by the Bay stage — it was first brought to the Peninsula by BBB in 1991.

"It's about acceptance," Knight said, "and celebrating who we are despite what everyone else might think."

"I think everyone feels really good," Knight said about BBB as they head into this season. "We're always excited about what comes next," she said. "I'm never more nervous or more excited than on opening night."



BROADWAY BY THE BAY SEASON PREVIEW

For its 45th season ...

Forty-four years ago, Broadway by the Bay opened its doors with a production of Oklahoma — it was their lone production of 1966. Thursday, April 1, Broadway by the Bay will kick off its newest season with "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," a comedy which will run through April 18.

But that's only the beginning — Broadway by the Bay has two more musicals and a short slated for 2010.

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Don't miss everyone's favorite orphan! This timeless Tony-award winning tale of little orphan Annie features a cast of unforgettable characters. You can bet your bottom dollar the whole family will love it.



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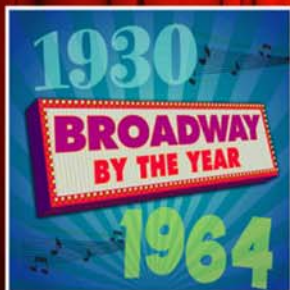
Take a trip to the French Riviera with the riotously funny, Tony-nominated musical comedy, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. This is the story of two very funny con men who try to out-con each other. They soon find out that the small French town the live in isn't big enough to support two filthy, shameless, lying, cheating, dirty rotten scoundrels.

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Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, La Cage Aux Folles is a funny tale of unconditional love and, above all, a need to celebrate who we are.

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A musical and historical snapshot of the Great White Way highlighting the years 1930 and 1964 with songs from "Girl Crazy," "The New Yorkers," "Funny Girl," and "Fiddler on the Roof."



April 1-18

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

July 15-August 1
Annie

Sept. 16-Oct. 3

La Cage Aux Folles

Nov. 18-21
Broadway by the Year



Orchestra/Loge

Sides/Rear

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