

You'll Fall in Love With *An American in Paris!*

An American in Paris is the Arts Center's holiday, perfect-for-the-whole-family musical sensation, onstage December 5-30.

A romance of song and step, *An American in Paris* is inspired by the Academy Award-winning film and features the music of George and Ira Gershwin. The Arts Center is proud to be the first regional theatre in the southeast to produce this new musical, which won four Tony Awards in 2015; in fact, it was the most awarded show of any Broadway production that season.

In search of a fresh, new start, World War II veteran Jerry Mulligan chooses newly-liberated Paris as the place to make a name for himself as a painter. But Jerry's life becomes complicated when he meets the lovely Lise, a young Parisian shop girl with her own secret - and realizes he is not her only suitor. The stunning combination of musical favorites, a timeless story, breathtaking dance and a beautiful design results in a spectacular musical that includes the Gershwin songs "I Got Rhythm," "Liza," "'S Wonderful," "But Not for Me," "Stairway to Paradise" and orchestral music including "Concerto in F," "2nd Prelude," "2nd Rhapsody," "The Cuban Overture" and "An American In Paris."

Directed by Mark Martino (director of Arts Center's *Newsies* & *White Christmas*), the cast of twenty-one have immense



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triple-threat talent. Most of the cast hail from New York City and are dancing, singing and acting their way through the holiday season on our lovely island.

A visual feast, this elegant and exuberant musical features everything from Gene Kelly-style dance to stunning ballet en pointe, and in lush settings that transport you from a masquerade ball to the Grand Opera and, of course, along the Champs-Élysées.

Tickets for previews Dec 5-6 are \$50 for adults and \$37 for children. Regular performances, Dec 7-30, are \$60 for adults and \$47 for children. To purchase, visit artshhi.com or call (843) 842-ARTS (2787).

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