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## **A Season of Bright Shining Moments**

### ***Great Plains Theatre gears up for their 24th Season***

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The twenty-fourth mainstage season at Great Plains Theatre is full to bursting with castles, kings, adventure, and Christmas! 2018's season opener will invite audiences to sit around the famed round table of legend in Camelot. Great Plains Theatre's Camelot is a reworked version of the traditional musical created for a smaller cast. With the intimate seating at GPT, the classic story of King Arthur and his knights will envelope the audience and make them feel like a part of the tale! Camelot opens June 8th.

The season will leave King Arthur's court, and head straight into King Henry II's with The Lion in Winter. Audiences will follow Henry II and the powerful Eleanor of Aquitaine as they each scheme to put their favorite son on the throne. Shortly after the play's original release, and Tony award, it was turned into an award-winning movie. The Lion in Winter opens July 13th.

From 1183 Britannia audiences will travel to a land Far Far Away with the third show of the season and final show of the summer: Shrek the Musical. This musical adaptation of the 2001 animated film has taken the heartwarming story of Shrek the ogre, added a little Broadway flair, and made a show that's fun for the whole family. Shrek the Musical will also have a special component for its Great Plains Theatre production: a children's ensemble. The show will be coupled with Great Plains Theatre Academy's 3 week summer camp with participation in the mainstage musical as optional for campers. GPT is dedicated to providing quality professional live theatre to the region while also creating the unique opportunity for young actors to work with professionals within the field. Shrek the Musical opens August 10th, with camp beginning July 16.

The mainstage season will draw to a close in December with a celebration of all things Christmas, like waiting in the line on Black Friday, frantically building those "Some Assembly Required" toys on Christmas Eve, and In-Laws. Not Another Christmas Letter! The Musical has an original score written by Wichita native Laura Bergquist with book and lyrics written by Paul Cozby, and is delightful holiday fun! Not Another Christmas Letter! The Musical is a sketch vignette show about the trials, tribulations, and traditions surround the holidays. Not Another Christmas Letter! The Musical opens November 30.

The 2018 season promises to be full of adventure, intrigue, and just a dash of

whimsy! Season tickets are currently available and will remain available and a reduced sale price of \$110 per ticket until February 1, after which the price will revert to the adjusted 2018 price of \$120. Purchasing your season tickets now can save you \$30 over purchasing single tickets to each show. Beyond the savings, season ticket holders will have special access to Great Plains Theatre's new After Dark Readers Theatre series! Want to know more about this special deal? Call the box office at 785-263-4574!



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