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SEASON 53



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THE RITZ

A REINVENTED CLASSIC

By Terrence McNally
Directed by Abe Reybold

August 12 – 30, 2026
Levin Stage

When Gaetano Proclo—a hapless, middle-aged, very married, very straight man—goes on the run from his mafioso brother-in-law, he hides in the last place anyone would think to look: The Ritz, a bustling gay bathhouse. Fast, fizzy, and unapologetically outrageous, ***The Ritz*** is a laugh-out-loud romp where the only thing dropping faster than the towels... is Gaetano's cover.



RED LIKE FRUIT

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL AWARD WINNER

By Hannah Moscovitch
Directed by Amanda Kibler

October 14 – 25, 2026
Jerome Stage

Lauren asks Luke to narrate her life—but as he speaks, her sense of self begins to fracture. As the story slips further from her grasp, one question lingers: Why did she ask him to tell it at all? Provocative and deeply intimate, ***Red Like Fruit*** explores the uneasy terrain of memory, complicity, and voice in the post-#MeToo era.



SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE ADVENTURE OF THE ELUSIVE EAR

By David MacGregor
Directed by Sidonie Garrett

November 11 – 29, 2026
Levin Stage

An as-yet-unknown Vincent van Gogh brings Sherlock Holmes a most unusual case. Joined by the ever-loyal Dr. Watson and the enigmatic Irene Adler, Holmes must unravel one of the Victorian era's most audacious crimes—and expose a conspiracy that could shake the art world to its core. Clever, fast-paced, and delightfully offbeat, this is Holmes as you've never seen him before.



ANTI-HERO: REVENGE OF THE SWIFTIES

WORLD PREMIERE

By Derick Edgren Otero
Directed by Ernie Nolan

December 9 – 27, 2026
Jerome Stage

When a fifteen-year-old girl from Ohio tells you she knows how to order snakes online, what do you do? You sit down and you listen! This uproariously funny, sharp satire follows fourteen-year-old Cora as she takes aim at a prominent music critic, who has savaged her favorite country-turned-pop star's most divisive album. As the battle between critic and fandom spirals out of control, one question remains: Who will win—truth, loyalty, or karma?



JOB

BROADWAY THRILLER

By Max Wolf Friedlich
Directed by Ernie Nolan

February 3 – 14, 2027
Jerome Stage

Jane, an employee at a major tech company, has been placed on leave after becoming the subject of a viral video that she cannot escape. Arriving at the office of crisis therapist Loyd, the line between therapy, interrogation, and power struggle begins to dissolve—asking what it costs to be seen, and who gets to decide what redemption looks like.



PRIMARY TRUST

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

By Eboni Booth
Directed by Emily Shackelford

March 3 - 14, 2027
Levin Stage

Kenneth's life is built on routine: a job at a local bookshop, quiet evenings, and mai tais at his favorite bar. When the shop closes, Kenneth must confront the fears, dreams, and unspoken grief that have kept him still for far too long. This 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama winner asks what remains when the routines that define us fall away.



SUFFS

TONY AWARD WINNER

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Shaina Taub
Directed by Ernie Nolan

June 2 - 20, 2027
Levin Stage

"A theatrical masterpiece that demands to be seen" (Forbes), this Tony Award-winning musical tells the engrossing true story of the women who fought for their right to vote. Fearless and timely, this history making musical about history reminds us that progress is always possible—but never guaranteed.

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