

NEW STAGE Theatre

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New Stage Theatre Presents *The Secret Garden: Spring Version*



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre presents *The Secret Garden: Spring Version* February 6 - 25! Based off the 1911 classic novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett with a book by Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon *The Secret Garden: Spring Version* is sure to be a magical hit! Curtain times and dates for performances are February 6 -10, 13, and 15-17 at 7:00 p.m. and February 11, 18, 24, and 25 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$45.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by the Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation. Security provided and patrols during performances. *Recommended for ages 8+*.

“A timeless tale of a special place where magic, hope, and love grow.”

Orphaned in India, 11-year-old Mary Lennox returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his disabled son Colin. The estate’s many wonders include a magic garden which beckons the children with haunting melodies and the “Dreamers,” spirits from Mary’s past who guide her through her new life, dramatizing *The Secret Garden’s* compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal. This enchanting classic of children’s literature of hope and perseverance is re-imagined in brilliant musical style by composer Lucy Simon and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Marsha Norman. This special shortened version of the beloved musical *The Secret Garden* is as beautiful and spirited as the original Broadway hit.

New Stage Theatre Artistic Director Francine Reynolds said, “*The Secret Garden: Spring Version*, a musical dramatization of the enchanting classic of children’s literature by Frances Hodges Burnett, brings a sense of wonder to the stage. With themes based on the finding of light in loss, growth in darkness, and the best way to plant roots, this compelling story of forgiveness and renewal is a tribute to the healing power of nature and love, of rejuvenation and resilience. Accompanied by piano, played beautifully by Musical Director Tim Moak, the soaring voices of the cast are a highlight of this intimate production. *The Secret Garden* is a show that the entire family can enjoy. With cast members ranging in age from 8 to 70, the musical offers something for everyone!”

The cast includes: Nicholas Perna as Archibald (Clinton), Hosea Griffith as Dr. Neville Craven (Jackson), Sarah Wade as Lily (Flowood), Lucy Ledford as Mary (Madison), Amani Palmer as Mary (Brandon), Ethan Hartfield as Colin (Brandon), Jeremiah Hardin as Colin (Jackson), Jamie Ferguson Ertle as Martha (Tuscaloosa, AL), Cameron Pitre as Albert Lennox (Jackson), Lauren Parkinson as Rose Lennox (Byram), Jade Krystal Dyer as Rose Lennox (Tallahassee, FL), Mandy Kate Myers as Mrs. Medlock (Jackson), Ward Emling as Ben Weatherstaff (Florence), Lawson Marchetti as Dickon (Jackson), Raven McGowan as Mrs. Winthrop (Brandon), Morgan McKay as Robin (California); Paul Pelletier Jr (Florida), Zachary MacDonald (Ridgeland), Erick Weeks (Madison), Michaela Lin (Mize) and Drew Stark (Florida) as Ensemble.

The youth chorus includes: Rhen Tanaka (Ridgeland), Mattie Ellis (Jackson), Natalie Pace (Clinton), Greenlea Pace (Bay Springs), Gigi Fitzsimmons (Brookhaven), Olivia Perna (Clinton), Charlie Perna (Clinton), Maggie Kate Roberson (Madison), Bailey Roberson (Madison), Oliver Roberson (Madison), Dylan Thomas (Madison), Brooklynn Jefferson (Jackson), Brooklyn Bailey (Jackson), Twyneseia Graise (Port Gibson), Austin Sampson (Clinton), and Amos Hardin (Jackson).

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Discount Nights

PAY WHAT YOU CAN NIGHT: Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 6 and name their price at the door. Valid for the February 6 performance only. Subject to availability (\$5 minimum on all credit card purchases)

STUDENT RUSH DISCOUNT: One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. Limit one ticket per ID.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth 18 and under can reserve \$15 tickets for the performances on Friday, February 9. This discount is only available by calling the box office and mentioning “youth night” for the discount.

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: February 6, 2024; Close: February 18, 2024

Performance Times:

February 6 -10, 13, and 15-17 at 7:00 p.m.
February 11 18, 24, and 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets:

\$45; seniors/students/military \$40

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com

Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 1 pm – 7 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (*a per-ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases*)

Director	Francine Thomas Reynolds
Music Director	Tim Moak
Choreographer	Drew Stark
Production Stage Manager	Mattea Pierce
Tech Director	Richard Lawrence
Scenic Designer	Sam Sparks
Costume Designer	Caleb Blackwell
Lighting Designer	Annalise Caudle
Sound Designer/Engineer	Alberto Meza
Asst. Stage Manager	Camden Clem
Properties Designer	Jenna Kahley
Asst. Director	Vern Allen
Lead Electrician	Matthew McMurtry
Assist. Tech. Director	Antonio Juarez
Assistant Costumer	Nina Frost
Production Assistant	Darby Frost
Charge Artist	Michael Montgomery
Carpenters	Dave Ellis
	Jimmy ‘JR’ Robertson

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