All Aboard...

I.D., Titanic, Good Kids, 110 in the Shade, HAIR, The Importance of Being Earnest!

JOIN US!

OPENING NIGHT EVENTS BEFORE EVERY SHOW!
Dear Friends and Centre Stage Patrons,

The mysteries of DNA, an unsinkable ship, a community’s reaction to a sexual assault, a rainmaker’s visit to drought-stricken Texas, the hippie counter-culture and the sexual revolution of the 1960s, and the funniest play by the world’s wittiest playwright.

Our 2015–16 season offers something for everyone and theatrical riches for all. Running the gamut of style, content, and tone, our stages will feature three musicals, one of the most beloved comedies ever, a little hip hop, and a healthy dose of social consciousness. Too much water and then not enough. Some tears and a lot of laughter. Mistaken identities, revelations, and great joy. Don’t miss out on this cornucopia of theatricality.

See you at the theatre,

Dan Carter
Director, School of Theatre
Producing Artistic Director, Penn State Centre Stage
OPENING NIGHTS

Our opening night receptions downtown and our pre-show dinners in the Nittany Lion Inn have always been a complement to our productions! Seeing friends, meeting other theatre lovers, and learning about the making of the production through the designers’ eyes all contribute to their success. So this year when we produce a show, we will also offer an opening night reception or dinner!

But it gets even better! This year we’ve added a spectacular dinner at Café Laura for the opening of Titanic, Thursday, October 8.

I.D.
Opening Night Reception, Friday, September 11, 2015, $30
Penn State Downtown Theatre Center
(Includes pre-show hors d’oeuvres and post-show desserts. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; show begins at 7:30 p.m. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

TITANIC
Café Laura Opening Night Dinner,
Thursday, October 8, 2015, $45
Café Laura, Penn State
(Reception at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m. Includes transportation to/from show. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

GOOD KIDS
Nittany Lion Inn Opening Night Dinner, Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, $45
(Cash bar at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty Staff Club at the Nittany Lion Inn. Includes transportation to/from show. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

110 IN THE SHADE
Nittany Lion Inn Opening Night Dinner, Friday, February 19, 2016, $45
(Cash bar at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty Staff Club at the Nittany Lion Inn. Includes transportation to/from show. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

HAIR
Opening Night Reception, Friday, April 1, 2016, $30
Penn State Downtown Theatre Center
(Includes pre-show hors d’oeuvres and post-show desserts. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; show begins at 7:30 p.m. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
Nittany Lion Inn Opening Night Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, $45
(Cash bar at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty Staff Club at the Nittany Lion Inn. Includes transportation to/from show. DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET.)

Please note: Titanic and Good Kids opening nights occur on Thursday evenings due to Penn State’s home football game schedule.
2015–16 SEASON FALL

SEPTEMBER 8–20
PENN STATE DOWNTOWN THEATRE CENTER

I.D.
By NSangou Njikam ● Choreographed by A. Kikora Franklin
Directed by Steve Broadnax

I.D. What makes us who we are? There are the stories our families tell us and the truths our DNA reveals. I.D. is a world premiere hip hop theatre piece that explores cultural identity utilizing dance, music, and emceeing.

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(Includes pre-show hors d'oeuvres and post-show desserts. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; show begins at 7:30 p.m. Purchase show ticket separately.)

OCTOBER 5–17
PAVILION THEATRE

TITANIC
Music and lyrics by Maury Yeston ● Book by Peter Stone ● Directed by Courtney Young

The haunting story of the great ship Titanic is transformed into a riveting musical that examines the lives of its passengers in the nights leading up to the ship's fatal encounter with an iceberg.

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(Reception at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., Café Laura, Penn State. Includes transportation to/from show. Purchase show ticket separately.)

NOVEMBER 16–DECEMBER 5
PAVILION THEATRE

GOOD KIDS
By Naomi Iizuka ● Directed by Holly Thuma

Provocative and stunningly current, Good Kids explores the very public and unsettling aftermath of a sex crime and its cover-up. Contains adult situations.

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Tickets: www.theatre.psu.edu
HAIR THE AMERICAN TRIBAL LOVE-ROCK MUSICAL

Book and lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni • Music by Galt McDermot
Directed by Emmy Frank

The first rock musical to hit the Great White Way -- the product of hippie counter-culture and the sexual revolution of the 1960s. Contains Explicit Content, Nudity, Drug References, Sexual References and Violence. No one under age 18 will be admitted without PSU I.D. or parent/guardian.

Evenings: $25 • Preview/Matinee: $18 • Penn State Student (with valid PSU ID): $12
Opening Night Nittany Lion Inn Dinner, Fri., April 1: $45 (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOW TICKET)
(Cash bar at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty Staff Club at the Nittany Lion Inn. Includes transportation to/from show. Purchase show ticket separately.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

By Oscar Wilde • Directed by Richard Robichaux

Considered to be Oscar Wilde’s most brilliant tour de force, The Importance of Being Earnest is celebrated not only for the lighthearted ingenuity of its plot, but for its inspired dialogue, still savored by all who enjoy artful conversation.

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• As the professional arm of the Penn State School of Theatre, Penn State Centre Stage serves as the mentoring program for young theatre professionals embarking in the theatre business.
• Each production is produced from conception to completion at Penn State, utilizing skills mastered and taught by theatre faculty and other industry professionals. As a result, Penn State’s School of Theatre is one of the very best programs in the United States.
• The costs associated with producing professional theatre far exceed the price of admission. Major funding is provided by corporate donations and the generosity of individual patrons.
• Your contributions make it possible to hire the actors, designers, choreographers, directors, and technicians who augment the resident company and make Penn State Centre Stage a truly “Professional Theatre.”

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Ticket Locations
Arts Ticket Center at Eisenhower Auditorium: M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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