

**March, April, May & June 2018 Calendar**

**Mar**

6	Board Meeting	6:00 PM
9-10	Performance - <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i>	8:00 PM
11	Performance - <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i>	2:00 PM
13	Audition - <i>Run For Your Wife</i>	7:00 PM
15-17	Performance - <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i>	8:00 PM
18	Performance - <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i>	2:00 PM
21	Membership Meeting - Board member elections	6:30 PM

**Apr**

3	Board Meeting	6:00 PM
17	Audition - <i>Youth Theatre Summer Show</i>	7:00 PM
21	Guild Spring Cleaning Day	10:00 AM

**May**

1	Board Meeting	6:00 PM
4-5	Performance - <i>Run For Your Wife</i>	8:00 PM
6	Performance - <i>Run For Your Wife</i>	2:00 PM
10-12	Performance - <i>Run For Your Wife</i>	8:00 PM

**Jun**

5	Board Meeting	6:00 PM
TBA	Performance - <i>Youth Theatre Summer Show</i>	7:00 PM

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Tickets: \$15 Adults/\$12 Students & Seniors

Rates may vary for fundraiser productions.  
Sorry, we do not take reservations.

***Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

**Director's Notes**

I discovered "Your Show of Shows" at a young age. The actual moment is foggy. What isn't foggy is the unbridled joy I had at watching the cast perform with their own unbridled joy. Syd Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner.... They were all hysterical. Always hysterical. Always smart. Always GOOFY. Over the years, I've had a tendency to compare any television comedy to what I saw on that show; holding anyone new up to the standard they set.

In early 1983, I watched the movie "My Favorite Year" with the knowledge that it was loosely based on the behind the scenes staff of "Your Show of Shows." And I became aware that some of the writers who wrote for Caesar - notably Mel Brooks and Neil Simon - had gone on to write some of the funniest plays and movies that I then proceeded to fall in love with year after year, movie after movie, play after play.

So to say that I was enthusiastic about being chosen to direct this show - Neil Simon's own love letter to Syd Caesar and the merry band of misfits that toiled in that writers room - would be an understatement. Simon shows us these people, and asks us to fall in love with them the way he did. This isn't a show with a tremendous plot - we're not uncovering a bank heist or watching a couple fall in and out of love during turbulent times. This is a show about a room of people and who they were when they were in that room.

I discovered the Theatre Guild of Webster Groves at a young age. It was the Summer of 93 - flood waters around the area were beginning to crest - and I was about to perform in my first Community Theatre show. Since that time 25 years ago, I've had the opportunity to work in several capacities in and around town for a variety of companies. But now I've gotten to come back. Working here, now, on this show - there's symmetry in that for me. And I'm very, very grateful.

Tom Kopp  
Director

**Up Next!**

***Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

**By Neil Simon  
Directed by Tom Kopp**

**Tickets \$15 Adults  
\$12 Senior and Students  
March 9-11; 16-19, 2018**

**Performance time 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
2:00 p.m. Sunday**

All Guild members are invited to attend an  
Opening Night Performance Party  
Friday, March 9th!

**We hope to see you there!**





**Scenes from *Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

**Cast**

Lucas - Jesse Paul  
 Milt - Zach Murphy  
 Val - Larry Zerega  
 Brian - Peter Wiant  
 Kenny - Brandon Atkins  
 Carol - Sarah Hirshfield  
 Max - Danny Brown  
 Helen - Ivey March  
 Ira - Bill Smith



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**Word Search! *Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

Sid Caesar  
 Weekly Comedy  
 Wacky  
 Writers Room  
 Middle America  
 Television  
 Joseph McCarthy  
 Star Madman  
 Max Prince  
 Laughter  
 Variety Show  
 Humor

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**Join us for our 91st Season!**

***Laughter on the 23rd Floor***

Directed by Tom Kopp  
 March 9-11; 15-18, 2018

***Run For Your Wife***

Directed by Rob Corbett  
 May 4-6; 10-12, 2018

**Youth Theatre Summer Show**

June 2018

**Director's Take Note!**

Director submissions are due by  
**Week of March 12**

Please indicate if you have any preferences (certain shows or time slots) check the website soon for the 2018-2019 season!



Congratulations to all of our 2017 Theatre Mask Awards nominees!

Check out [www.theatreguildwg.org](http://www.theatreguildwg.org) for a full list of nominees!



**Youth Theatre Auditions!**

April 17, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Show dates in June!



**Spring Cleaning!**

Save the date! **April 21st** marks the day for Spring Cleaning at the Guild! Many hands make light work!



**Rest in Peace, Joe O'Connor** It is with great sadness to share the news of the death of Joe O'Connor. He was a valued member of the theatre community. He directed shows, was a talented actor and an important member of our youth theatre.

**Audition Notice! Audition Notice!**

***Run For Your Wife***

**March 13, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Show Dates:**  
**May 4-6; 10-12, 2018**

**Director: Rob Corbett**

**Cold readings from script.**  
**No appointment necessary.**

Look for more info on upcoming auditions online  
[www.theatreguildwg.org](http://www.theatreguildwg.org)



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