

# Bergen County Players Announces 2025-26 Season

*93rd Season To Open With Tony and Grammy Award-Winning Musical Phenomenon "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical"*

ORADELL, NJ, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Bergen County Players (BCP), one of America's longest-running little theater companies, is proud to announce its 2025/26 season with an ambitious, joyous, and playful year of audience-pleasing musicals and innovative plays for its 93rd season. From delightful musicals to hilarious comedies to thought-provoking dramas, BCP has garnered a reputation for outstanding quality productions at affordable prices. BCP is excited to kick off its 93rd season in September with the area premiere of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical phenomenon Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.



"This exhilarating new season features everything audiences have come to expect from the Bergen County Players," says BCP President Alyson Cohn. "Each offering of the 2025-2026 season provides impactful, moving, transformative theater that speaks to the moment, celebrates bold storytelling and invites audiences into fresh, unforgettable theatrical experiences. There is truly something for everyone."

Early Access tickets for Beautiful: The Carole King Musical and the rest of the 2025/26 season will be available starting early July. A minimum \$75 tax-deductible donation will activate Early Access status and can be transacted online or by phone at 201-261-4200 after July 1. Regular ticket sales for the general public will open later that month. (Dates subject to change. Please visit [www.bcplayers.org](http://www.bcplayers.org) for updates). The box office is located at the Little Firehouse Theatre, 298

Kinderkamack Road in Oradell, NJ.

MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS  
BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING  
MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by Carole King, Gerry  
Goffin, Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil  
Book by Douglas McGrath  
Directed by Alyson Cohn  
September 13 - October 11

Based on the life of Carole King, one of the most successful songwriters in history with more than 75 million records sold, this nostalgic and captivating musical, nominated for seven Tony Awards (including Best Musical), ran on Broadway for nearly seven years (and over 2,400 performances) to international acclaim. Featuring some of King's classic songs ("So Far Away", "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow", "You've Got a Friend") along with hits she created made famous by others ("Up on the Roof", "One Fine Day", "Take Good Care of My Baby"), the story depicts King's journey from young songwriter to a solo artist, highlighting her creative evolution and the challenges she faced.



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THE GAME'S AFOOT

Written by Ken Ludwig  
Directed by Glenn Woertz  
October 25 - November 15

It is December 1936, and Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is murdered, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous.

SPIN: THE RUMPELSTILTSKIN MUSICAL

Created by Neil Fishman and Harvey Edelman  
Directed by Bunny Mateosian  
December 6 - December 21

The story takes place in a Nice Little Kingdom and ignites when a foolish miller brags that his daughter, Jane, can spin straw into gold. Since she cannot perform such a miracle, Jane desperately enlists the powers of a magical being...Rumpelstiltskin... in exchange for a promise with dire consequences. A fun, fractured fairy tale for the entire family.

#### SEASCAPE

Written by Edward Albee

Directed by Dottie Fischer

January 10 - January 18

On a deserted stretch of beach, a middle-aged couple relaxes after a picnic lunch and converse idly about home, family, and their life together. They are suddenly joined by two sea creatures, a pair of lizards from the depths of the ocean, with whom they engage in a fascinating dialogue. The emotional and intellectual reverberations of this bizarre conversation will linger in the heart and the mind long after the curtain falls. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and three Tony Award nominations, this 'Limited Mainstage Production' will run for just five performances.

#### PLAY ON!

Written by Rick Abbott

Directed by Lynne Lupfer

February 7 - February 28

The hilarious story of a community theatre group trying desperately to put on a play in spite of maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script. Act I is a rehearsal of the dreadful show, Act II is the near disastrous dress rehearsal, and the final act is the actual performance, in which anything that can go wrong, does.

#### THE CAKE

Written by Bekah Brunstetter

Directed by Carol Fisher

March 14 - April 11

In this touching and topical dramatic comedy from the writer of the television series "This Is Us," vivacious, conservative North Carolina baker Della faces a crisis of conscience when Jen - whom she loves like a daughter - asks her to bake a cake for Jen's lesbian wedding.

#### THE 39 STEPS

Adapted by Patrick Barlow

From the movie by Alfred Hitchcock and the novel by John Buchan

Directed by Steve Bell

May 2 - May 31

London, 1935. The rather dull Richard Hannay encounters a woman who claims to be a spy.

When she is suddenly murdered, Richard finds himself the focus of a nationwide manhunt led by a mysterious organization called 'The 39 Steps'. This film noir gem is a hilarious comedy full of dazzling, inventive stagecraft and virtuoso performances that will have you rolling in the aisles until the death-defying, climatic finale.

## SECOND STAGE PRODUCTIONS

### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

From the Lux Radio Theatre

Adapted and Directed by Thomas Carey Gsell

December 13 - December 14

Don't miss this unique "mash-up" compilation of the movie written by Philip Van Doren Stern and the radio play by Lux Radio Theatre. No matter what the source, you'll swoon over this staged holiday favorite with its story of love and redemption.

### KODACHROME

Written by Adam Szymkowicz

Directed by John Giresi

June 6- June 7

This delightful one-act comedy is very much in the vein of Our Town as it tracks multiple characters throughout the small town of Colchester.

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