

Summer Lyric Theatre celebrates 50 years

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A captivating rendition of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* was among last summer's productions. (Photo by Michael Palumbo)

Summer Lyric Theatre at Tulane University marks its 50th anniversary in 2017. The season is titled "One Singular Sensation: A Tribute to the Ladies of the Great White Way" and will feature three main shows, a gala, a theater-for-youth production and other outreach programs.

Opening the season will be *Annie Get Your Gun*, a throwback to the theater's very first season in 1968, followed by the more contemporary *Hairspray*. Closing the season is the Broadway classic *Gypsy*.

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The season will also feature productions from Summer Lyric's [education/outreach programs](#) including Little Lyric (*The Little Mermaid, Jr.*), Junior Lyric (*Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*), and the theater's High School Intensive. This season will also include a new stage version of *James and the Giant Peach* in Rogers Memorial Chapel (former home of the Patchwork Players) as a family-friendly offering featuring Tulane students.

Operations manager Charlie Farve Hayes said that Summer Lyric "really is a family" with many of the same people coming back each year, whether as part of the company or as members of the audience.

A cocktail party gala will be held June 3 in Dixon Hall featuring Summer Lyric alumni and the Summer Lyric orchestra. All proceeds will support the [Endowment](#).

For tickets and other information, please visit <http://summerlyric.tulane.edu/> or e-mail lyric@tulane.edu.

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