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### Redhouse Arts Center Announces 2017-2018 Season, Part of the season to take place at the new Redhouse @ City Center

The Redhouse Arts Center is pleased to announce its 2017-18 Main Stage Season filled with charm, wit, laughter, a dash of hysterical family dynamics and plenty of pure theatrical excitement. Join Redhouse on a fun-filled and nostalgic adventure as it begins the season at its current home and transitions to the new location in downtown Syracuse by early 2018. This year will also feature several on-stage special guests including those that are brand new to Syracuse and Central New York along with an abundance of longtime Redhouse favorites. Performances for productions running from September through December will take place at the Redhouse Main Stage on S. West Street and January through June productions are planned for Redhouse @ City Center located at 400 S. Salina Street.

Redhouse will kick off its season with *The Little Dog Laughed* by Douglas Carter Beane which runs from **September 7 to 24, 2017**. Starring Instagram sensation **Max Emerson (@maxisms)** and Redhouse Founding Artistic Director **Laura Austin**, this charming yet hilarious play is the perfect start to Redhouse's final season in its current home. Mitchell, an impossibly handsome Hollywood film star, is trying to come out of the closet, while Diane, his impossibly ballsy agent, is trying to keep him in. He is torn between his desire for fame and money and his longing for love, with all its requisite complications. *The Little Dog Laughed* is a biting, timely comedy, that takes aim at the entertainment industry and the way happy endings "should" look. Don't miss this Tony Award- winning comedy sure to keep you laughing from start to finish.

Just in time for Halloween, Redhouse will present *70 Scenes of Halloween* by Jeffrey Jones with performances running from **October 19 to 29, 2017**. We welcome back John Bixler along with a professional cast of local actors in what will be one of our final productions at the current location. This unique, fast-paced, frightening and funny work is the perfect Fall offering with plenty of Redhouse-style tricks and treats in store. Ghosts, beasts, witches and butcher knives? 'Stranger Things' are happening in suburbia. Join Joan and Jeff, a married

couple, as they spend an unusual Halloween night at home. Wildly theatrical, frighteningly funny, and, yes, downright scary.

As the holiday season approaches, Redhouse will up the charm level with *I Do! I Do!* with book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt. Performances will take place **November 30 to December 17, 2017**. Redhouse prides itself on providing a home in which artists can grow and thrive. This season we are thrilled to welcome back one of our regular performers, Tamar Underwood (*Beauty and the Beast, Dreamgirls*). This time, however, Tamar will be behind the scenes making his directorial debut with *I Do! Do!* This intimate and nostalgic musical is the perfect love story for the holidays. Follow Michael and Agnes through 50 years of marriage; from their wedding day to the night they pass on their beloved home to the next pair of newlyweds. This Tony Award winning musical features an unforgettable score including the classic song “My Cup Runneth Over With Love”. *I Do! I Do!* which ran on Broadway for 560 performances, will be the farewell toast to our current home at 201 S West Street.

In 2018 Redhouse will present the classic family drama *On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson with performances on **March 8 to 18, 2018** as the first main stage production in our new home. This captivating love story follows Ethel and Norman Thayer as they return to their summer home in Maine. Their respite is interrupted by the arrival of their estranged daughter, her fiancé, and his teenage son. In the twilight years of marriage, Ethel and Norman rediscover the importance of family. Redhouse is thrilled to welcome TV comedy icon, **Fred Grandy** (Gopher on the *Loveboat* and Dr. Ledreau on *The Mindy Project*) and his real life daughter Broadway’s **Marya Grandy** to star in this production.

Redhouse will celebrate the official Grand Opening of its new home at 400 S Salina with the ever-popular musical *La Cage aux Folles*, Book by Harvey Feirstein, Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman, based on the play by Jean Poiret. Performances will take place at Redhouse @ City Center from **May 31 - June 10, 2018**. An inspiring, feel good musical with brains, belly laughs, and a huge tuneful heart, it’s no wonder that *La Cage* won the Tony Award for Best Musical twice! Georges is the suave owner of a glitzy drag club on the French Riviera. Partnered romantically with his high-strung star performer, Albin, the pair live a charmed life—until Georges’ son turns up engaged to the daughter of a famously conservative, right-wing politician whose coming to dinner. Starring Redhouse favorite and Syracuse native Steve Hayes! Plenty of fun and festivities are in store both on and off the stage as Redhouse celebrates its new home.

2017-18 Season subscriptions go on sale to the general public July 1st with single tickets on sale August 14th. For question or more information call the Redhouse Arts Center box office at (315) 362-2785 or visit [www.theredhouse.org](http://www.theredhouse.org).

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#### About Red House Arts Center:

Redhouse Arts Center is a nonprofit, multi-arts organization dedicated to the production and presentation of interdisciplinary works, new theatre, music, visual art, and is a regional provider of community based arts education. Red House supports the creative process by providing a unique platform for regional, national and international artistic expressions. Through our public programs and community engagement initiatives, Red House aims to stimulate cultural activities and contribute to community development throughout Central New York. For more information visit [www.theredhouse.org](http://www.theredhouse.org).

**REDHOUSE ARTS CENTER 2017-18 SEASON  
PERFORMANCE DATES AND TIMES**

***The Little Dog Laughed***

By Douglas Carter Beane

September 7th -24th

Friday, September 8, 2017 at 8PM - Opening

***70 Scenes of Halloween***

By Jeffrey M Jones

October 19th - 29th

Friday, October 20, 2017 at 8PM - Opening

***I Do! I Do!***

Book and Lyrics by Tom Jones Music by Harvey Schmidt

Nov. 30th - Dec. 17th

Friday, December 1, 2017 at 8PM - Opening

***On Golden Pond***

By Ernest Thompson

March 8th- 18th

Friday, March 9, 2018 at 8PM - Opening

***La Cage aux Folles***

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman Based on the play by Jean Poiret

May 31st - June 10th

Friday, June 1, 2017 at 8PM - Opening

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