

REVIEW: La Mirada Theatre Kicks Off New Season in 40th Year

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As the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts celebrates its' 40th anniversary this year, it kicks off the season with the lively, jazz musical *Ain't Misbehavin'*, a tribute to the famous musician Thomas "Fats" Waller.

This rendition of the original Tony awarding-winning production in 1978, not only showcases Waller's great musical talents, but his knack for entertaining the crowd with his great personality.



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The cast, Frenchie Davis, Thomas Hobson, Boise Holmes, Natalie Wachen, and Amber Liekhus, flawlessly perform hits such as, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, “The Joint is Jumping”, “Squeeze me”, “Honeysuckle Rose”, “Black and Blue” and what seemed to be the crowd’s favorite, “Your feet’s too big”.

From beginning to end, the cast captivates the audience with a combination of bold, entrancing vocal performances and comedic duets and interludes. Upon returning from a brief intermission, the audience is able to appreciate the music from the band before the show resumes.

Whether or not you are familiar with Waller’s music, or the swing-jazz era as a whole, this show is guaranteed to keep your feet tapping and shoulders swaying in your seats throughout its entirety. Together, the cast’s performance, stage set, and wardrobe bring the jazz era to life and leave the audience in awe.

This production will be at the La Mirada Theatre until October 8th, so don’t miss out on your chance to see this phenomenal show while you can!

Performances are 7:30pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays; 8pm on Fridays; 2pm and 8pm on Saturdays; 2pm on Sundays. There will be no performance on Saturday, September 16 at 2pm. There will be an Open Captioned performance on Saturday, September 30 at 2pm and an ASL interpreted performance on Saturday, October 7 at 2pm. Tickets range from \$20 - \$70 and can be purchased at La Mirada Theatre’s website,

www.lamiradatheatre.com

or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310. Student, Senior and group discounts are available. \$15 Student Tickets available for the first 15 performances of the production.