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Oak Grove Theater invites you to become a subscriber for our sixty-fourth season.

Oak Grove Theater is a community theater group that performs an annual five play summer season. The plays are performed at night, out-of-doors, at beautiful Oak Grove just outside of Verona, Virginia. Please feel free to come picnic at the Grove before the sun sets and the play begins.

The Oak Grove Theater season begins in late May and ends in late August. Tickets are only sold as a five-play subscription. Single play tickets are not available.

Oak Grove's productions open on a Thursday night. Each show has a seven consecutive night run. All performances begin at 8:45 p.m. sharp. Please be punctual and be seated by 8:40 p.m. as a courtesy to other subscribers and the play's cast and crew.

Oak Grove Theater is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is supported entirely by season subscriptions. Please subscribe to Oak Grove Theater this year and enjoy five wonderful performances.



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## 2017 Our 64th Season

### REX'S EXES

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten  
Directed by Patrick Smith and Produced by Alexis Wagner-Call  
Thursday, May 25 through Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Following their deliriously funny misadventures in *The Red Velvet Cake Wars* this southern-fried farce again finds the Verdeen cousins of Sweetgum, Texas – Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette – teetering on the brink of disaster. Gaynelle stubbornly refuses to face the Big Birthday 5-0. Peaches, sassy mortuarial cosmetologist, is determined to throw Gaynelle a most unwanted party. Jimmie Wy, Wide Bride wedding boutique owner, reluctantly agrees but the surprise will be on them. Hilarity escalates with an unexpected funeral, a Cajun bounty hunter, a hell-bent Aunt LaMerle, and a declared dead ex-husband funeral crashing to set the romantic record straight with all the Verdeen cousins. A rolling comedy of complications sure to leave you laughing all the way home.

### CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

by Tennessee Williams  
Directed by Greg A. Beam and Produced by Morgan Alberts Smith and John K. Craft  
Thursday, June 15 through Wednesday, June 21, 2017

In Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning classic, *CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF*, a powerful Southern family gathers at a birthday celebration for patriarch Big Daddy, who does not know that he is dying of cancer. In a scramble to secure their part of his estate, family members hide the truth about his diagnosis from him and Big Mama. Front and center as tensions mount are alcoholic former football hero Brick and his beautiful but sexually frustrated wife Maggie "the Cat". As their troubled relationship comes to a stormy and steamy climax, a shock wave of secrets is finally revealed. Brimming with Tennessee Williams' trademark emotional intensity and insightful wit, *CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF* is an American treasure – a rich and timeless family portrait that you won't want to miss.

### JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber  
Directed by Michael Lafferty, Music Direction by Graham McDowell,  
Choreography by Oshie Mellon and Produced by Sam Koogler  
Thursday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 12, 2017

*Jesus Christ Superstar* exploded onto the musical scene in 1971 – stunning audiences and changing the face of musical theater forever. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock opera tells the story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus through an extraordinary, groundbreaking score. Told through the eyes of Judas, it is as compelling today as it was at its inception over forty years ago, *Jesus Christ Superstar* has some of musical theater's most legendary songs from "I Don't Know How to Love Him", "Everything's Alright", and "Gethsemane" through to, of course, "Superstar".

### Calendar Girls

by Tim Firth  
Directed by Morgan Alberts Smith and Produced by Elizabeth Needham Bruce  
Thursday, July 27 through Wednesday, August 2, 2017

When Annie's husband John dies of leukemia, she and best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four mature fellow Women's Institute members to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame. Based on a true story. **Partial nudity possible, depending on the night.**

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

by William Shakespeare  
Directed by Justine Mackey and Produced by Greg A. Beam and Patrick Smith  
Thursday, August 17 through Wednesday, August 23, 2017

In one of the most famous of literary love quadrangles, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, begins with the wedding of the century, and tells the tale of four Lovers and a group of craftsmen known as Mechanicals. These workers are rehearsing a play to perform at the wedding. The Lovers and the Mechanicals enter the forest of Athens in search of love or new beginnings. The forest fairies interfere with them all, using magic to alter their affections. With non-traditional lovers and a new message about love in all shapes & sizes, this colorful, newly imagined *Midsummer* witnesses magic, hope and acceptance come to life, all in one magical night.

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