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MTS Presents Elf

Musical Theatre Southwest is proud to present *Elf - The Musical* at the African American Performing Arts Center (AAPAC) December 14-30.

The delightful musical is based on the 2003 New Line Cinema film, and tells the story of how Buddy, an orphaned baby crawls into Santa's bag one Christmas Eve and is taken to the North Pole to be raised by the elves. But Buddy's inability to make toys - and his height - finally leads Santa to tell him that he is actually human. Buddy goes in search of his birth father, Walter, in New York City. But when Buddy finds out that Walter is a man who is on Santa's naughty list, he decides to help his dad find the true meaning of Christmas.

Elf is wonderful entertainment for the whole family! *Elf* features songs by Tony Award nominees, Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (*Disney's Aladdin on Broadway, The Wedding Singer*), with a book by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan (*Annie, The Producers, Hairspray*) and Bob Martin (*The Drowsy Chaperone*).

Come find *your* inner elf at MTS! Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM at the African American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, just one block north of the MTS Center for Theater, on the NM Expo fairgrounds.

Special ticket prices for *Elf* are in effect: General admission is \$25, students, Senior and ATG Members-\$23 and children (10 and under)- \$15. Groups of 12 or more - \$20 each. Patrons may access the AAPAC through gate 3 off San Pedro. Expo NM reserves the right to charge for parking at any time. \$5 cash only.

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2019 Season Tickets Now on Sale



You can now order tickets for the 60th Anniversary Season. Shows and details for ordering are inside.

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Celebrate 60 Years of MTS



Join us for an evening celebrating 60 years of great musical theatre on February 2.

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HAIR Sells Out November Run



Hair has sold out all of its performances, thanks to great audiences and reviews.

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Save the Dates



December 1 @ 6:15 PM – Ushers for Eddie Money at Route 66 Casino

December 2 @ 4:30 PM – Amigos Training at MTS

December 2 @ 6:00 PM – Amigos Meeting

December 14 – 30- *Elf*

Performances at AAPAC
Fridays and Saturdays – Ushers @ 6:15 PM, Performances @ 7:30 PM

Sundays - Ushers @ 12:45 PM, Performances @ 2 PM

Celebrate 60 Years of MTS



Musical Theatre Southwest will host our 60th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward PI NE, in Albuquerque, NM.

Come join us for this formal affair and enjoy fine dining, dancing and reconnect with old cast mates and friends. There will also be musical entertainment with additional presentations from the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Dining selections include Chicken Beurre Blanc, Braised Short Rib, and Ratatouille for those who wish to have a vegan or gluten-free dinner.

In addition, there will be raffles as well as a silent auction for some fabulous items. A cash bar will be provided for our adult attendees. Room discounts are also available for our out-of-town alumni and visitors.

Tickets for the Gala are \$60 and can be purchased at www.musicaltheatresw.com

Get Your Season Ticket for our 60th Anniversary Season!

Season tickets for the MTS 2019 60th Anniversary Season went on sale on Friday, November 23. Season ticket holders receive priority seating for our shows as well as a free concession item at each show.

For the first time we are also offering a discounted rate for our patrons! A general admission season ticket for all four shows is \$90 and Seniors, Students, ATG, and TLC Members can purchase the season for \$85.

Our 2019 season includes *Chicago* in April, *Newsies* in July, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* in October and *Matilda* in December. (Please note: our 60th Anniversary Gala is **not** included in the Season Ticket).

“Fearless” Hair Sells Out All Performances



The MTS production of *HAIR* has sold out every performance of its November run. Called “fearless” by *Albuquerque Journal* writer Matthew Yde, the show wowed adult audiences with its direction by Jonathan Dunski, musical direction by Travis Rourk choreography by Luz Guillen and Stage Management by Brienne Santos. Critic Rob Spiegel of *Talkin’ Broadway* also added, “The intimacy of this black box theatre with the audience surrounding the actors on the same level as the action offers a much more exciting experience. These actors truly capture the spirit of the ‘60s.”

Musical Theatre Southwest is thankful to our audiences who provided us with such amazing support for this wonderful production.



Think of MTS on Giving Tuesday



Tuesday, November 27 is Giving Tuesday on Facebook, who will match donations to non-profit organizations up to \$7 million. Musical Theatre Southwest is participating in Giving Tuesday, and we hope that you will consider making even a small donation to support our *Community Theatre*. Please come to our Facebook Page, preferably in the morning at <https://www.facebook.com/musicaltheatresw/> on November 27 and pledge whatever amount you can.



We Are All Amigos

Did you know that everyone that volunteers for the company, from the Board of Directors to the Cast members that you see on onstage are all Amigos? The Amigos are a vital part of the Musical Theatre Southwest organization. They are the heart and soul of everything that we do.

You can be one too! We are always looking for energetic and fresh faces to join us in the magic of this community.

Amigos usher at MTS shows, perform Front-of-House Management, usher for performances at Rt.66 Casino, participate in MTS awareness for the Albuquerque community and engage in fund raising for the operations of MTS.

If you would like to participate as an Amigo, please attend one of the monthly meetings at MTS or sign up for Amigos activities at <https://www.musicaltheatresw.com/amigos>.

COMING SOON TO MTS CENTER FOR THEATRE



Mother Road Secret Room Series

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Alley Kats Tap Company is bringing back The Dance Collective as our in house studio recital performance and future plans for another New Mexico tap jam experience! Come enjoy The Dance Collective and everything it has to provide for a great show experience for all folks to enjoy!

January 5 @ 2 PM & 7:30 PM
January 6 @ 2 PM

Tickets:
<https://www.purplepass.com/#177738>



Libretto By Jeff Whitty; Music by Tom Kitt & Lin-Manuel Miranda; Lyrics by Amanda Green & Lin-Manuel Miranda

Directed and Choreographed by Devon Frieder; Music Direction by Madi Frost; Stage Management by Julian Griego; Production Coordination by John Howell; Cheer Captain is Veronica Baca

Tickets: [Purplepass.com/bringitonabo](https://www.purplepass.com/bringitonabo)