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Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Summer Planned At The Little  
Theatre On The Square

**Sullivan, IL** - The Little Theatre On The Square has a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious summer in store. The 58th summer season opens on June 3 with **Mary Poppins** starring Effingham native, Colleen Johnson. Johnson who appeared as Tzeitel in the National tour of **Fiddler On the Roof**, and in last summer's Little Theatre production of **The Sound of Music** as Elsa Schrader says "As a little girl I loved going to productions at The Little Theatre. Every spring they would hold auditions. I have very fond memories of picking a song, jumping into the minivan with my parents, and heading over to Sullivan to try out for the summer season. I grew up in Effingham and feel so lucky to have such a professional theatre so close to home. I can't tell you how grateful and privileged I feel to be playing Mary Poppins. This practically perfect nanny is not only a dream role, but a dream come true to be performing so close to home and on the Little Theatre stage once again."

Joining Johnson on stage will be two Urbana youngsters in the roles of the Banks' children. Zoe Bowers who appeared as Brigitta in last summer's **The Sound of Music** will return to The Little Theatre stage as Jane, and Gideon Johnson will debut at The Little Theatre in the role of Michael. Bert, the jack-of-all trades, will be played by Jordan Cyphert who will also be making his Little Theatre debut. Including unforgettable songs like "Spoonful of Sugar" and "Let's Go Fly A Kite", this TONY nominated show reminds us that "anything can happen if you let it".

Next up, opening on Wednesday, June 17, will be the fun-loving musical, **Hairspray**. The winner of 8 TONY Awards, this show will star Sara Reinecke as the lovable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad. Joining Reinecke for this show will be two Little Theatre favorites, Jack Milo and Gus Gordon. Milo, who joins the summer company for several shows, will be remembered for his many appearances on The Little Theatre stage, most recently as The Old Man in 2013's **A Christmas Story**. Gordon, a Springfield resident, dons heels, make-up and wig to take his turn as Edna Turnblad, the role famously played by John Travolta in the 2007 movie version. Gordon was last seen at The Little Theatre as Julian Marsh in 2014's **42nd Street**. **Hairspray**, a family-friendly musical piled bouffant high with laughter, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs will

close on Sunday, June 28.

A song and dance extravaganza will open on Wednesday, July 1 at The Little Theatre. **Swing!** celebrates the music of the Swing era of jazz including many well-known tunes by artists like Duke Ellington, William "Count" Basie, Benny Goodman and others. The third show of The Little Theatre's season closes on Sunday, July 12.

Click your heels together and join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto as they journey through the magical land of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their hearts' desires. The Little Theatre will open the timeless classic, **The Wizard of Oz**, on Wednesday July 15. This fantastical musical treat for all the family will star Danielle Davila as Dorothy and feature Jack Milo as the Wizard. Also included in the cast will be Colleen Johnson as the Wicked Witch and many local children as Munchkins.

For its fifth selection, The Little Theatre brings a new musical to the stage. **The Addams Family**, based on the popular sitcom of the 60's and the cartoons of Charles Addams, opens on Wednesday, July 29. The macabre Addams family will include Jesse Sharp as Gomez. Sharp debuts at the Little Theatre after playing the role of Gomez on the Broadway International Tour in 2013 and 2014. Sharp will be joined by Colleen Johnson as Morticia and newcomer, Emmy Burns, a Millikin University grad, as Wednesday. **The Addams Family** closes on Sunday, August 9.

The Little Theatre closes its summer season with the play **Driving Miss Daisy**. Opening Wednesday, August 12, this warm hearted, and humorous story of the unlikely relationship between an aging, crotchety southern white lady and a proud, soft-spoken black man, will star Little Theatre favorite, Glory Kissel as Daisy and Little Theatre Executive Producer, John Stephens as Boolie. **Driving Miss Daisy** closes on Sunday, August 23.

Ticket for all of The Little Theatre On The Square Summer Season shows may be purchased by calling 217-728-7375 or purchased online at [www.thelittletheatre.org](http://www.thelittletheatre.org). The Little Theatre On The Square is a professional not-for-profit theatre. Located on the historic square in Sullivan, IL, The Little Theatre has been producing quality professional theatre for all ages since 1957.

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