

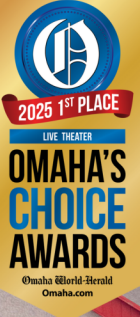


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The Lofte Community Theatre
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Bringing the
Arts to
Rural
Nebraska

2026

Shows & Special Events



The Lofte Community Theatre





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2026 Shows



You Can't Take It With You

By Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman

You Can't Take It With You was one of the most popular plays of its time, winning the 1937 Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as an Academy Award for its film version in 1939. The family of Martin Vanderhof lives just around the corner from Columbia University. Grandpa, as Martin is more commonly known, is the head of a large and extended family of charming eccentrics. When his granddaughter Alice falls for her boss, Tony, a handsome scion of Wall Street, she fears that their two families – so unlike in manner, politics and finances – will never come together. But why be obsessed by money? After all, you can't take it with you.

March 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29

Auditions: December 15 & 16, 2025 at 7 PM



Making God Laugh

By Sean Grennan

Making God Laugh follows one typical American family over the course of thirty years' worth of holidays. Starting in 1980, Ruthie and Bill's grown children -- a priest, an aspiring actress, and a former football star -- all return home, where we learn of their plans and dreams as they embark on their adult lives. The empty-nester parents contend with their own changes, too, as old family rituals are trotted out and ancient tensions flare up. As time passes, the family discovers that, despite what we may have in mind, we often arrive at unexpected destinations.

May 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

Auditions: January 26 & 27 at 7 PM



Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Music by Richard Rodgers; Book by Oscar Hammerstein II

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of charm and elegance. Originally presented on television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews, Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella was the most widely viewed program in the history of the medium. Get swept away to a kingdom where dreams-come-true!

July 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31; August 1, 2

Auditions: May 18 & 19 at 7 PM



A Few Good Men

By Aaron Sorkin

Aaron Sorkin's groundbreaking debut tells the story of a group of military lawyers assigned to defend two Marines in Guantanamo Bay. During the course of the trial, they uncover a high-level conspiracy designed to eliminate weaker soldiers in the name of patriotism. Recognizing our nation's 250th birthday, we celebrate the armed forces with this classic play. We suggest PG13.

September 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13

Auditions: May 11 & 12 at 7 PM



Arsenic and Old Lace

By Joseph Kesselring

Drama critic Mortimer Brewster's life is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunts' window seat. Mortimer rushes to tell Abby and Martha before they stumble upon the body themselves, only to learn that the two old women are already aware of the dead man in their parlor. Find out how he got there by joining us for this classic comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: Family.

October 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25

Auditions: July 27 & 28 at 7 PM



Christmas at Leon's

Music By Mick Kovar; Book by Kevin Colbert & Mick Kovar

To celebrate our 50th season, we revive the Lofte's homegrown Christmas musical! It's Christmas Eve and a busload of troubled passengers seek refuge at Leon's diner while waiting out a snowstorm. With a little angelic help the travelers have a chance to reach their destinations with a renewed Christmas spirit. Last produced on the Lofte stage five years ago, join us at Leon's once again for an evening of laughter and song.

December 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20

Auditions: Sept 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM

2026 Special Events



Lofte Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition

- March 1st -

Join us for our annual meeting, recognize our Lofte volunteers, look back at the 2025 season, and vote for our 2025 "Loftescar" winners! In addition, get an exclusive sneak peek of the 2027 season show line-up! Keep an eye on the Lofte's social media platforms and [Lofte.org](https://lofte.org) for times and details.

Free Admission



Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre

- February 13th through 15th -

Celebrate love in style with our Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre, featuring Love/Sick, a collection of slightly twisted and completely hilarious short plays by John Cariani. With a delicious catered dinner and fantastic live performances, this evening will be full of fun you won't want to miss! **Friday and Saturday at 7 PM | Sunday at 2 PM**

Call the Lofte Box Office for pricing and details

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Missoula Children's Theatre

- June 8th through 13th -

Internationally known for their work with young artists, the Lofte is proud to host the Missoula Children's Theatre free week-long workshop again this year. Open auditions for all children entering 1st grade thru 12th grade will be held on **June 8th**.

Public Performances June 13th

Call the Lofte Box Office for pricing and details

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW



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- October 30th through November 1st -

Bring your spyglass, wear your trench coat, and prepare to help solve a gruesome murder! You might even be a suspect But before the ghastly event occurs, enjoy a delicious catered dinner onstage! Cash/credit card bar available.

Friday and Saturday at 7 PM | Sunday at 2 PM

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Veteran's Day Concert

- November 8th -

Honor our country's heroes with this free concert event! Bring the whole family to this patriotic performance by the Southeast Nebraska Community Band as we thank all who have served. **Concert at 2:30 PM**

Free Admission - Free Popcorn for Veterans

50th Anniversary Gala

- June 6th -



Join us as we celebrate 50 seasons of live Lofte entertainment!
Save the date and watch for details!

To join Club 50, and learn about how to receive free tickets to the 50th Anniversary Gala, visit [Lofte.org/club-50](https://lofte.org/club-50)

Ticket Order Form

Mail to: Lofte Theatre, PO Box 62, Manley, NE 68403 or pay online (lofte.org/tickets) or by phone

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Ticket Delivery:

- ☐ Email My Tickets / Print at Home (**FREE**)
☐ Pick Up My Tickets at Will Call (**FREE**)
☐ Mail My Tickets (+\$4.50)

Show Times:

Thursday - Saturday @ 7 PM
 Sundays @ 2 PM

All Tickets = General Admission Seating

Single Show Tickets available Feb 23rd, 2026

For Group Rates, email Tickets@Lofte.org or call the Box Office at (402) 234-2553

Season Tickets available Dec 1st at www.Lofte.org!

Please select show dates below:

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
You Can't Take It With You	Making God Laugh	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	A Few Good Men	Arsenic and Old Lace	Christmas at Leon's
☐ FR March 20th ☐ SA March 21st ☐ SU March 22nd ☐ TH March 26th ☐ FR March 27th ☐ SA March 28th ☐ SU March 29th	☐ FR May 1st ☐ SA May 2nd ☐ SU May 3rd ☐ TH May 7th ☐ FR May 8th ☐ SA May 9th ☐ SU May 10th	☐ SA July 18th ☐ SU July 19th ☐ TH July 23rd ☐ FR July 24th ☐ SA July 25th ☐ SU July 26th ☐ TH July 30th ☐ FR July 31st ☐ SA Aug 1st ☐ SU Aug 2nd	☐ FR Sept 4th ☐ SA Sept 5th ☐ SU Sept 6th ☐ TH Sept 10th ☐ FR Sept 11th ☐ SA Sept 12th ☐ SU Sept 13th	☐ FR Oct 16th ☐ SA Oct 17th ☐ SU Oct 18th ☐ TH Oct 22nd ☐ FR Oct 23rd ☐ SA Oct 24th ☐ SU Oct 25th	☐ SA Dec 5th ☐ SU Dec 6th ☐ FR Dec 11th ☐ SA Dec 12th ☐ SU Dec 13th ☐ TH Dec 17th ☐ FR Dec 18th ☐ SA Dec 19th ☐ SU Dec 20th

Ticket Options	Quantity	Cost	Total
Season Show Package (All 6 Shows)		\$108	\$
Single Ticket - Show #1		\$25	\$
Single Ticket - Show #2		\$25	\$
Single Ticket - Show #3		\$25	\$
Single Ticket - Show #4		\$25	\$
Single Ticket - Show #5		\$25	\$
Single Ticket - Show #6		\$25	\$
Credit Card Processing Fee (<i>Add if paying with Credit Card</i>)		5% + \$0.79	
Subtotal			\$
Tax-Deductible Voluntary Donation (<i>Add Desired Amount</i>)			\$
"Mail My Tickets" Option (<i>If Selected- Add Postage & Handling</i>)			\$4.50
Order Total			\$

Rent the Lofte for your next event! Visit Lofte.org/Rent-the-Lofte or call the Box Office at (402) 234-2553

Concession Meal Specials at Every Show!

Payment Information: Check or Credit Card

☐ Check Check Number: _____

☐ Credit Card

For Ticket Exchanges, call the Box Office at (402) 234-2553 -No Refunds-

We Accept: ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

Credit Card #: _____ CVV: _____ Expiration: ____/____

Signature: _____