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The Lofte Community Theatre
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2025 Shows & Special Events

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2025 Shows

Hollywood, Nebraska

By Kenneth Jones



Two forty-something actresses have returned to their dying hometown in the Great Plains of Nebraska. TV star Jane is in from Los Angeles to check on her ailing mother. Stage actress Andrea is back from New York City to bury her father. Can childhood friends overcome past hurts to find hope in a place they left behind? Fall in love with a new American comedy about the urge to be creative, the itch to move away and the power of coming home. Our production of Hollywood, Nebraska will be a Nebraska premiere! *We suggest PG13.*

March 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30

Auditions: January 27 & 28 at 7 PM

OUR TOWN

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Described as the greatest American play ever written, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama of life in the small village of Grover's Corners has become an American classic and is Thornton Wilder's most renowned play. The story follows the simple daily lives of the Webb and Gibbs families as their children fall in love, marry, and eventually – in one of the most famous scenes in American theatre – die. Our Town is a play that shares the idea that we live life without really appreciating what it has to offer.

May 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11

Auditions: February 10 & 11 at 7 PM



Something Rotten!

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell

Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick

Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz. *We suggest PG 13.*

July 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31; August 1, 2, 3

Auditions May 19 & 20 at 7 PM



The Last Mass at St. Casimir's

By Tom Dudzick

In the endearing last chapter of the "Over the Tavern" trilogy of plays, it's the end of an era as the Pazinski clan has gathered to say their final goodbyes to their recently-sold childhood home. But when an unexpected blizzard results in a driving ban throughout the city, they're trapped together in their old house, forced to confront and resolve lingering family issues -- albeit through miraculous and comical mishaps.

September 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14

Auditions: May 12 & 13 at 7 PM



Rumors

By Neil Simon

As their tenth wedding anniversary party commences, Charley Brock, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Charley lies bleeding in another room, and his wife Myra is nowhere in sight. Though it's only a flesh wound, Charley's self-inflicted injury sets off a series of events causing his guests to scramble to get "the story" straight before the authorities arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity. *We suggest PG13.*

October 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26

Auditions: July 28 & 29 at 7 PM



One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall

By Lynne Halliday, James Hindman, Arlene Hutton and Craig Pospisil

One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall follows eight intertwined stories in a Midwestern mall on the last day of shopping before the holiday. A diverse cast of characters—from a lovesick mall Santa to an overeager mall cop, from a pair of brainy misfit teenagers to a pair of battling actors in a production of A Christmas Carol—navigate first meetings, second chances, and last-minute choices. One Christmas Eve wraps the joys and sorrows of the season into one festive package.

December 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21

Auditions: Sept 8 & 9 at 7 PM

2025 Special Events



Lofte Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition

- February 23rd -

Join us for our annual chili cook-off as we honor our volunteers, look back at the 2024 season, and vote for our 2024 "Loftescar" winners! In addition, get an exclusive sneak peek of the 2026 season show line-up! Keep an eye on the Lofte's social media platforms and Lofte.org for times and details.

Free Admission- Small charge for chili and concessions



PAVILION PAINT & SIP

- April 5th, June 21st, August 16th, & Sept 20th -

Spend an afternoon outside in the Lofte pavilion and paint a masterpiece under the guidance of our talented scenic designer and lifetime artist Linda Dabbs.

This, all while sipping on your favorite beverage and enjoying the beautiful Nebraska countryside.

Call the Lofte Box Office for pricing and details



Missoula Children's Theatre

- June 9th to June 14th -

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 9th at 10 AM.

Public Performances June 14th at 3 PM & 6 PM | \$10 Adults; \$8 Kids

**MURDER MYSTERY
DINNER SHOW**



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- October 31st & November 1st at 7 PM -

- November 2nd at 1 PM -

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.

Call the Lofte Box Office for pricing and details



Veteran's Day Concert

- November 9th -

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.

Free Admission - Free Popcorn for Veterans

Rent the Lofte!

The Lofte Community Theatre is the perfect place to host large events and gatherings! With our comfortable auditorium seating, large stage, optional concession stand offerings, and newly constructed outdoor pavilion, the Lofte can accommodate a wide variety of occasions, such as **weddings, recitals, work retreats, and more!**

Visit Lofte.org/Rent-the-Lofte for more information.



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

Season Tickets available Dec 2nd at www.Lofte.org!

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

Please select show dates below:

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Hollywood, Nebraska	Our Town	Something Rotten!	The Last Mass at St. Casimir's	Rumors	Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall
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**All Tickets = General Admission Seating
Single Show Tickets available Feb 24th, 2025**

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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	\$
Tax-Deductible Voluntary Donation (Add Desired Amount)			\$
"Mail My Tickets" Option (If Selected- Add Postage & Handling)			\$4.50
Order Total			\$

**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: ____/____

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