



K BANK BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA-BALTIMORE 08/09 SEASON AT  
THE HIPPODROME THEATRE IS ANNOUNCED

Baltimore.....The K Bank Broadway Across America-Baltimore 08/09 Season was announced today at the Hippodrome Theatre in the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. This marks the fifth year of the re-opening of the Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. The seven series shows are:

LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical  
September 30-October 12, 2008

Legally Blonde follows sorority star Elle Woods, an underestimated blonde who doesn't take "no" for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone more "serious," Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law. Along the way, Elle proves that being true to yourself never goes out of style."

DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! The Musical  
November 11-23, 2008

The magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale comes to life on stage. Originally conceived by 3-time Tony Award® winning Director Jack O'Brien, the whimsical world of Whoville is beautifully realized by an A-list creative team in this delightful musical production. Featuring the hit songs "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas," The Grinch discovers there's more to Christmas than he bargained for in this heart-warming holiday classic. Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small", decides to steal Christmas away from the holiday loving Whos.

A CHORUS LINE  
December 2-14, 2008

In an empty theatre, on a bare stage, casting for a new Broadway musical is almost complete. For 17 dancers, this audition is the chance of a lifetime. It's what they've worked for - with every drop of sweat, every hour of training, every day of their lives. It's the one opportunity to do what they've always dreamed -- to have the chance to dance. This is A CHORUS LINE, the musical for everyone who's ever had a dream and put it all on the line. Winner of nine Tony Awards®, including "Best Musical" and the Pulitzer Prize for drama, this singular sensation is the longest-running American Broadway musical ever. Now A CHORUS LINE returns. Come meet the new generation of Broadway's best. "A Chorus Line is back, and it's thrilling!"-John Lahr, *The New Yorker*. [www.AChorusLine.com](http://www.AChorusLine.com)

## CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

January 6-18, 2009

You'll believe a car can fly! CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG is everything you could want in a musical – and more. Sensational sets, stunning special effects, an irresistible story, and an unforgettable Sherman Brothers score, including memorable classics like “Truly Scrumptious”, “Hushabye Mountain”, and, the Oscar®-nominated title song, all add up to a Broadway blockbuster for the entire family. *The Wall Street Journal*/proclaims “Chitty has fun written all over it!” Based on the MGM/United Artists Motion Picture Music & Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman.

## GREASE

February 3-15, 2009

The one that you want is back! GREASE, *Time Magazine's* 2007 pick for “#1 musical of the year,” is rockin' across the country in this new production direct from Broadway. Take a trip to a simpler time of poodle skirts, drive-ins, and T-birds. “Bad boy” Danny and “the girl next door” Sandy fall in love all over again to the tune of your favorite songs: “Summer Nights,” “Greased Lightnin'” and “We Go Together” as well as additional songs from the hit movie: “Grease,” “Hopelessly Devoted to You” and “You're the One That I Want.”

## Chazz Palminteri in A BRONX TALE

April 14-26, 2009

Chazz Palminteri brings 18 characters to vivid life in this gripping tale of a rough childhood on the Bronx streets. A BRONX TALE was first mounted Off-Broadway in 1989 and helped establish Palminteri as a writer and actor with a distinct voice.

After starring in a feature film adaptation alongside Robert DeNiro, Palminteri brings his original one-man play to Baltimore with direction by four time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks. According to Palminteri, A BRONX TALE is a fictionalized story based on a true incident. When he was a young boy growing up in the Bronx, he witnessed a man shoot another man right in front of him while he was sitting on his stoop. At that time, he thought they were fighting over the parking space in front of his building. He never found out what they were fighting over. That incident was how A BRONX TALE began.

## SPRING AWAKENING

June 9-21, 2009

Broadway's most talked about new musical is now the biggest Tony Award Winner in years. SPRING AWAKENING is the groundbreaking fusion of morality, sexuality and rock & roll that has awakened Broadway like no other musical in years. Winner of 8 Tony Awards® including BEST MUSICAL, SPRING AWAKENING celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with a power, a poignancy and a passion you will never forget. We agree with *The NY Times* "Broadway may never be the same again!"

"A GROUNDBREAKING JOLT OF GENIUS!" --- Clive Barnes, *NY Post*

The season announcement today included special performances by members of the Broadway companies of LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical, Dr. Seuss' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS, A CHORUS LINE and GREASE.

In addition to the seven show subscription series, four additional shows have been announced. They are RIVERDANCE, March 10-15, 2009; CATS, April 28-May 3, 2008; MOVIN' OUT, May 8-10, 2009 and ANNIE, May 29-31.2009.

Once again K Bank is proud to be the title sponsor for Broadway Across America-Baltimore 08/09. The University of Maryland Medical Center, Your Baltimore/Annapolis Lexus Dealer, Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore, WBAL-TV, The Baltimore Sun and Amtrak are also sponsors of the season.

Season Packages for the K BANK BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA-BALTIMORE 08/09 SEASON are priced from \$145.00 - \$605.00

Current subscribers will receive their renewal packets in the mail. New subscriptions are now on sale.

Season ticket packages can be purchased as follows:

Online: [BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com](http://BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com)

Phone: 1-800-343-3103

In person: at the Hippodrome Box Office Mondays - Saturdays 10 am-5-pm

By mail: K Bank Broadway Across America-Baltimore 08/09 Season

P.O. Box 22790

Houston, Texas 77227-2790

Contact number for groups of 20 or more: 866.577.7469

Broadway Across America is owned and operated by British theatre producer John Gore (CEO) and led by Thomas B. McGrath (Chairman). Broadway Across America presents first-class touring Broadway musicals and plays, family productions and other live events throughout a network of 42 North American cities. Broadway Across America is also dedicated to the development and production of new and diverse live theatre for productions on Broadway, across America and throughout the world. Current productions include A CATERED AFFAIR, PASSING STRANGE, SPAMALOT, GO DIEGO GO and THE BACKYARDIGANS.

In addition to presenting the K Bank Broadway Across America/Baltimore Series, Hippodrome Foundation, Inc (HFI) is committed to increasing access to the Hippodrome and all of the assets through Education and Outreach programs for the community. The foundation provides weekday matinees, master classes with experts from touring shows, a Young Critics Program and more-HFI serves more than 5000 people every year with support from Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

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