

World Wide Technology 2017 Season Presenting Sponsor

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## THE MUNY ANNOUNCES 2017 SEASON

99<sup>th</sup> Season Includes 2 Muny Premieres

**ST. LOUIS – November 16, 2016 –** The Muny announced today its 2017 summer season, the 99<sup>th</sup> summer season in Forest Park. The exciting, bold line-up includes 2 Muny premieres, a revised version of rarely produced *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, the comedic masterpiece *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and the return of two all-time Muny favorites *A Chorus Line* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

The seven shows are: *Jesus Christ Superstar* (June 12 – 18), Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (June 20 – 29), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (July 5 –11), *All Shook Up* (July 13 – 19), *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* (July 21 –27), *A Chorus Line* (July 29 – August 4), and *Newsies* (August 7 –13).

Season ticket holders will receive their renewal notices the first week of December. New season tickets will be available beginning Monday, March 6, 2017, at the Muny box office in Forest Park. Gift card holders will have advanced access to season tickets beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Single tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, May 8, 2017. For more information, visit muny.org.

"Our 2017 season combines Muny classics and the premieres of popular new titles for what I'm sure will be an unforgettable summer at The Muny," said Muny president and CEO Denny

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Reagan. "In our 99<sup>th</sup> season, we continue to use our annual audience survey to listen to our audience, and this season includes some of our most continually requested shows."

"Last summer the Muny audience gave us such energy and joy -- it was a truly exhilarating and gratifying summer," said Muny Artistic Producer and Executive Director Mike Isaacson. "With this incredible line-up, we're inspired to do it again in our 99<sup>th</sup> season. This is a challenging, vibrant, bold line-up, with seven shows of terrific variety, and wonderful stories and gorgeous music. We can't wait!"

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World Wide Technology (WWT) and The Steward Family Foundation have once again made a leadership gift to continue as the Muny's 2017 Season Presenting Sponsor. They became the first overall season sponsor in the history of The Muny in 2014 and continue that role through 2017.

"Both WWT and The Steward Family Foundation are committed to The Muny and to making exceptional musical theatre accessible to everyone," said David Steward, chairman and founder of WWT. "This year's season promises to be spectacular and will showcase how much the performing arts enrich our community."

For preferred seating with new season tickets, purchase a Muny Season Ticket Gift Card, available now. Gift card holders will be able to call or visit the box office beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2017, to select their season tickets before they go on sale to the general public. For more information, visit muny.org or call (314) 361-1900.

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<u>The Muny's</u> mission is to enrich lives by producing exceptional musical theatre, accessible to all, while continuing its remarkable tradition in Forest Park. As the nation's largest outdoor musical theatre, we produce seven world-class musicals each year and welcome over 350,000 theatregoers over our nine-week season. Now celebrating 99 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre. For more information about The Muny, visit <u>muny.org</u>.