

Artistry is the new name for Bloomington Theatre and Art Center, which rebranded on July 1, 2015. Artistry is an independent, nonprofit *organization* based in the city-owned *venue* called the Bloomington Center for the Arts. The Bloomington Center for the Arts is home to seven nonprofit arts organizations and also presents outside acts. Artistry's programming comprises theater productions (formerly produced under the name Bloomington Civic Theatre), visual arts exhibitions, arts education at the Center for the Arts and other locations throughout the Twin Cities, and creative placemaking. The following program/organization names are no longer active and should not be used in reference to our programming: Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington Civic Theatre, Bloomington Theatre and Art Center.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Heather Dorsey, Interim Producing Artistic Director
952-563-8588, hdorsey@artistrymn.org

Meet the Phantom You've Never Known

(Bloomington, MN) Artistry is excited to announce the upcoming production of Yeston & Kopit's *Phantom*, taking place in the Schneider Theater October 16 through November 14, 2015.

The Tony Award-winning team of Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit reveal the man behind the mask in this story of a passionate soprano and a tortured genius. Closest to the original 1910 novel by Gaston Leroux, Yeston & Kopit explore the depths of the Phantom's character and illuminate his humanity in ways that create an intimate, deeply moving theater experience. Composer Maury Yeston's music echoes an earlier, classic age of musical theater, with lush, elegant music that evokes "musical theater's golden past" (*New York Times*). Audiences will experience Artistry at its best, as they see William Gilness* (last appearing here as Javert in *Les Misérables*) as the Phantom; hear the passionate score played by a 20-piece orchestra; and are transported to 1890s Paris through the magic of our accomplished designers.

Artistry is a regional arts nonprofit serving more than 70,000 people annually through theater, visual arts, arts education, and creative placemaking programs. Artistry is a proud participant in the Twin Cities Ivey Awards and one of seven nonprofit organizations based in the Bloomington Center for the Arts.

Phantom Fast Facts

Book by:	Arthur Kopit
Music & Lyrics by:	Maury Yeston
Director:	Karen Weber
Music Director:	Anita Ruth
Choreographer:	Michael Gruber

Cast:	
The Phantom (aka Erik)	William Gilness*
Christine Dae'e	Courtney Groves
The Count de Chandon (Philippe)	Riley McNutt
Gerard Carriere	Alan Sorensen
Cholet	Carl Schoenborn

* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States

~more~

Carlotta	Angela Walberg
Jean-Claude	Nathan Croner
Inspector LeDoux	Ryan London Levin
Buquet/ Ensemble	Ryan Halliday
Belladova dancer/ Ensemble	Elly Stahlke
Minister of Culture/ Ensemble	Kyler Chase
Flora/ Ensemble	Sommer Walters
Florence/ Ensemble	Siri Hammond
Fleure/ Ensemble	Nicole Park Riebe
Ballet Master/ Ensemble	France Roberts
Young Erik/Acolyte Dancer	Seth Beil

ENSEMBLE:

Madison Palmer **, Brianna Regan, Brandon Lund, Amanda Schnabel, Mike Tober, Becca Hart, Corey de Danann, Molly Jo Hall

** Dance captain

Location: Schneider Theater in the Bloomington Center for the Arts
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431

Admission: \$36 for Adults, \$32 for Seniors (age 62+), \$27 for ages 25 and under

For Tickets: Call the Artistry Box Office at 952-563-8575
or online at artistrymn.org.

Publicity Photos: Contact Katie Campbell, 952-563-8564 or kcampbell@artistrymn.org

Phantom Performance Schedule

Runs Friday, October 16 through Saturday, November 14 with performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30pm and Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm.

There will be two Saturday afternoon performances at 2:00pm on October 31 and November 14.

There will **not** be a Saturday evening performance on October 31.

There will be discounted performances on Wednesday, October 28, Wednesday, November 4, and Wednesday, and Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$3 off the original price.

Talk Back with cast and crew after the performance on Sunday, October 25 and Sunday, November 1.

Sign Language Interpreted performance on Friday, September 11 at 7:30pm.

Audio Description performance on Sunday, August 30 at 2:00pm