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McLeod Theater Season Sponsored by SIH

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MSP'S 2019 SEASON TO CLOSE WITH THE UPROARIOUS MUSICAL COMEDY, "THE DROWSY CHAPERONE"

This show-within-a-show begins when a die-hard musical fan plays his favorite record, "The Drowsy Chaperone," and a forgotten Jazz Age Musical comes to life in his living room! As the overture starts, the musical bursts to life with largerthan-life characters and laughout-loud results. The story follows a glamorous Follies star who plans to give up her career to marry her true love, while her producer is desperate to keep his showgirl and stop the nuptials at any cost



Alexa Boese stars as Janet in "The Drowsy Chaperone.

Katelin Coursey stars as Louise, famously known as Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous

striptease artist of the burlesque scene.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" features book by Bob Martin and Don McKeller with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison. This zany musical comedy was the darling of the Tony Awards, winning the most statues in 2006.

Read full "The Drowsy Chaperone" press release.

MCLEOD PRESENTS "GYPSY" - 60TH ANNIVERSARY

McLeod Summer Playhouse opens its final professional production of 2019 this weekend with a very special 60th anniversary production of *Gypsy: A Musical Fable*, the play widely acclaimed as "America's Greatest Book Musical."

Inspired by the memoirs of famous striptease artist, Gypsy Rose Lee, the play deftly integrates a compelling story, complex characters and memorable Broadway standards such as "Ev'rything's Comin' Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "Together (Wherever We Go)." MSP's take on the classic runs July 12-21. SIH Medical Group sponsors McLeod Summer Playhouse 2019.

Read the full "Gypsy" press release.

MSP LETS LOOSE WITH "THE FULL MONTY"

While spying on their wives at a "Girls' Night Out," a group of unemployed steelworkers sees how much the women enjoy watching male strippers. Jealous, out-of-work, and feeling emasculated, the men come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. As they conquer their fears, the men discover that they're stronger as a team, and the strength they find in each other gives them the individual courage to go "The Full Monty."

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SIH, Southern Illinois Healthcare, is proudly sponsoring the 2019 season of McLeod Summer Playhouse. SIH has been a big supporter of MSP and local theater for quite some time now, and MSP is excited to have them along once again to produce professional theater for Southern Illinois.

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If you want to help make 2019 even better, become a Friend of MSP.

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Left to right: Ethan (Ethan Rich), Harold (Derek Brookens), Dave (Gavin Carnahan), Jerry (Jeffrey Salsbury), Horse (Devin Bowles) and Malcolm (Josh Kimball)

POLKADOTS: THE COOL KIDS MUSICAL

Presents a Colorful History Lesson for Audiences of All Ages

Polkadots is inspired by Civil Rights pioneers Ruby Bridges and The Little Rock Nine. It follows 8-year-old Lily Polkadot who just moved to the "Squares Only" small town of Rockaway. As the first Polkadot to attend an all-Square school, Lily faces an almost impossible task of gaining acceptance from her peers.

Read "Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical" press release.



Left to right: Penelope Square (Brooke Bucher), Ms. Square (Lyndsay Manson), Lily Polkadots (Kalyn Glover), Sky Square (Bryce Beliveau)