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METROPOLIS ANNOUNCES 2016-2017 SEASON

Arlington Heights, Ill., May 2, 2016 – Metropolis Performing Arts Centre proudly announces its 2016-2017 season.

The 16-17 Season at Metropolis includes a series of popular theater productions:

- Mad-cap musical comedy *The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein* (September 22 – November 6, 2016)
- Academy and Tony Award-winning playwright Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (February 2 – March 19, 2017)
- Epic rock musical *HAIR* (May 18 – July 2, 2017)
- Five time Tony Award-winning play *Peter and the Starcatcher* (July 13 – August 20, 2017)

Tickets are \$30 for previews and \$38 for regular run shows and can be purchased online at MetropolisArts.com or by calling the Box Office at 847.577.2121. Become a Subscriber and see all 4 shows and save 30% off the single ticket price, or choose Flex and select 3 shows and save 25% off the single ticket price:

4 Shows at Regular Price \$120-\$152; 4 Show Subscription Price \$84-\$106.40
3 Shows at Regular Price \$90-\$114; 3 Show Subscription Price \$67.50-\$85.50

Subscribers enjoy additional benefits, including easy ticket exchanges at the Box Office window or via mail or fax, 10% off tickets to select shows all year long, and talkbacks with actors and directors on select dates.

The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein - Book by Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan, Music & Lyrics by Mel Brooks

Comedic genius Mel Brooks' hit movie comes to life in this mad-cap musical. Frederick Frankenstein distances himself from his family legacy but a call to settle his inherited estate in Transylvania brings him closer to the ancestors famous for bringing the dead back to life. With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor (pronounced Eye-Gore) and a voluptuous lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself swept into the mad scientist shoes of his grandfather. This raucous musical comedy hit is filled with memorable songs like *Transylvania Mania* and *Puttin' On The Ritz*.

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Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead - By Tom Stoppard

Academy and Tony Award-winning playwright Tom Stoppard's most-beloved stage work, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead* is a comical absurdist delight, acclaimed as a modern masterpiece. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, become the stars in this inventive tale. The two are tasked with a strange mission: discovering their friend Hamlet's vengeful intentions. Then charged with escorting the future Danish king to England they become caught in a strange scheme far beyond their own making. Comic moments unfold into surreal antics as they come to face the very nature of reality.

HAIR - Book & Lyrics by Gerome Ragni & James Rado, Music by Galt MacDermot

Trip to the era of hippie counter-culture and sexual revolution in the first ever epic rock musical, *HAIR*. Filled with hit songs *Age of Aquarius*, *Good Morning Starshine*, *Let the Sun Shine In* and many more. Focusing on a generation in cultural crisis, a tribe of young hippies celebrates freedom, love, sex and drugs. While questioning authority and protesting the war, one of their members is called into the draft, forcing them to examine their values. *HAIR* is a time capsule of the flower children's philosophy of peace, love, harmony and understanding.

Peter and the Starcatcher - A Play by Rick Elice, Based on the novel by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson, Music by Wayne Barker

This wondrous tale is the grownup's prequel to *Peter Pan*, based on the best-selling novel. Discover the origin story of the boy who never grew up in this five-time Tony winner. Cleverly and theatrically told, follow the journey of an orphan longing to find a home and family of his own. Imprisoned on a ship bound for Rundoon he is befriended by a young girl, Molly. Together they embark on an adventure encountering mermaids, protecting treasure and outwitting pirates. Let your imagination take flight in this whimsical adaptation.

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Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a complete performance schedule, visit **MetropolisArts.com** or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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