

# THE BUSHNELL

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## THE BUSHNELL ANNOUNCES 2015-2016 BROADWAY SERIES

**HARTFORD, CT/March 16, 2015** – In a sure sign spring is near, **The Bushnell** announced today its 2015-2016 Broadway Series season. Beginning this fall, The Bushnell will bring seven popular titles to Hartford as part of the Series, along with an additional off-Series family favorite to round out a strong season lineup. Series titles are **THE ILLUSIONISTS**, a mind-blowing showcase of magic and illusion; family friendly smash hits **Disney’s NEWSIES** and **Rodgers + Hammerstein’s CINDERELLA**; **LOVE LETTERS**, starring **Ali MacGraw** and **Ryan O’Neal**; and crowd-pleasing sensations **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL** and **DIRTY DANCING**. The seventh title, a current Broadway hit, will be announced in May. The 2015-2016 Bushnell Broadway Series is co-sponsored by Farmington Bank and Travelers.

Last year’s crowd-pleaser **RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER** was also announced to return to Hartford December 11-13 as a special off-subscription offering, and perennial favorite **MAMMA MIA** will return to The Bushnell Halloween weekend, October 30 – November 1.

Bushnell President and CEO **David Fay** said of the lineup, “I’m thrilled that the staff at The Bushnell has again put together an exciting and well-rounded season of high-quality entertainment from Broadway and beyond. There is much to appeal to families, Broadway traditionalists, and those who enjoy contemporary theatrical offerings. I think our season ticket holders and single ticket buyers will be very happy with these selections.”

Current season ticket holders will receive their renewal packages in March, and new subscription packages will be available in early summer; new patrons interested in season tickets may call the box office now to have their name placed on a waiting list. Single tickets will go on sale this summer. All dates, titles, and artists are subject to change.

## The 2015-2016 Broadway Series

### **THE ILLUSIONISTS: Witness the Impossible**, September 22-27, 2015

Direct from Broadway, the world's best-selling magic show is coming to Hartford! This mind blowing spectacular showcases the jaw dropping talents of the most incredible Illusionists on earth. **THE ILLUSIONISTS** has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

### **Disney's NEWSIES**, October 13-18, 2015

They delivered the papers, until they made the headlines...Direct from Broadway comes **NEWSIES**, the smash-hit, crowd-pleasing new musical from Disney. Winner of 2012 Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Choreography, **NEWSIES** has audiences and critics alike calling it "A musical worth singing about!" (The New York *Times*) Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you just don't want to miss.

### **Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA**, January 12-17, 2016

The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* and *South Pacific* that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love — the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers + Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream... or a really great pair of shoes.

### **LOVE LETTERS**, February 9-16, 2016

Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal, stars of the classic film *Love Story*, are reunited on stage! Andrew Makepeace Ladd III wrote his first letter to Melissa Gardner to tell her she looked like a lost princess. They were both seven years old. For the next fifty years, through personal triumphs and despair, through wars and marriages and children and careers, they poured out the secrets of their hearts to each other. They defied a fate that schemed to keep them apart, and lived — through letters — for the one most meaningful thing, their undying love for each other. Don't miss this enduring romance about first loves and second chances.

### **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL**, March 22-27, 2016

It began as one man's story... became everyone's music... and is now Broadway's musical. **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL** is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Featuring classic songs such as "My Girl" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," experience the story behind the music in the record-breaking smash hit **MOTOWN THE MUSICAL**! CBS *Sunday Morning* hails it as "More than a Broadway show. A celebration of music that transformed America!"

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**, April 26-May 1, 2016

A current Broadway title so hot we're not allowed to announce it yet. (But you're going to love it!)

**DIRTY DANCING – The Classic Story on Stage**, May 24-29, 2016

An unprecedented live experience, **DIRTY DANCING** explodes with heart-pounding music, passionate romance, and sensational dancing. Seen by millions across the globe, this worldwide smash hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring the hit songs, "Hungry Eyes," "Hey Baby," "Do You Love Me?" and the heart-stopping "(I've Had) The Time of My Life."

### **Ticket Information**

- Current season ticket holders will receive their renewal packages in the mail in March.
- If you wish to become a season ticket holder, please call The Bushnell Box Office at 860-987-5900. In early summer, new season ticket orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis after all renewing patrons have been accommodated.
- On-sale dates for individual tickets will be announced soon.

**2015-2016 season hi-res production photos and credits available at: <http://bit.ly/1xfStH>**

### **About The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts**

The Bushnell is Connecticut's premier performing arts center, hosting more than 350 events yearly, including major Broadway tours, symphony orchestras, family presentations, local arts and community events. The Bushnell is home to two theaters- the historic 2,800-seat Mortensen Hall, and the 907-seat Belding Theater, a state-of-the-art performance hall that opened in 2001. The Bushnell's nationally recognized, award-winning, arts-in-education program, PARTNERS® (Partners in Arts and Education Revitalizing Schools), now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, continues to provide quality arts-in-education programs for schools and communities across Connecticut. The Bushnell opened in January 1930 and is a not-for-profit organization that is proud to serve Connecticut and its citizens. For more information, call The Bushnell at 860-987-6000, The Bushnell box office at 860-987-5900 or visit our website at [www.bushnell.org](http://www.bushnell.org).

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