

## *Mr. Popper's Penguins* On Stage at Main Street Theater!

They sing! They dance! They are Mr. Popper's Penguins!! Main Street Theater (MST) presents the delightful musical *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, based on the beloved novel by Richard and Florence Atwater. Performances are

Sundays, November 11 & 18 at 12:30pm and 3:30pm  
Monday – Wednesday, November 19 – 21 at 11am and 2pm  
Fridays, November 23 & December 21 at 11am and 2pm  
Saturdays, November 24 – December 15 at 11am and 2pm

at MST's Midtown location, 3400 Main St. in Matchbox4. All tickets are on sale via phone at 713.524.6706 or online at MainStreetTheater.com. Tickets are \$16 - \$24.

Main Street Theater offers **Accommodations Performances**. There is a Sensory-Friendly performance November 11 at 3:30pm. The Audio Descriptive performance (headsets available) is November 11 at 12:30pm. Large print playbills are also available at Will Call.

### **About *Mr. Popper's Penguins***

It is hard enough for Mr. Popper, a simple painter, to support himself and his family. The addition of twelve penguins makes it impossible to make both ends meet – until Mr. Popper has the splendid idea to turn the talented penguins into a traveling vaudeville act! The entire family will be tapping along with Mr. Popper and his “performing” feathered friends. A holiday treat for the whole family! **Recommended for Kindergarten and up. Children under the age of 3 (including sleeping babies) not allowed in the theater.**

The production is directed and choreographed by Jimmy Phillips (**Pinkalicious, A Charlie Brown Christmas, The Wizard of Oz** and more at MST). Steven Jones is the Musical Director. Brock Hatton will play Mr. Popper. Brock is also starring in Main Street Theater's MainStage production of *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* this holiday season. The rest of the cast includes Noah Alderfer, Maggie Ellison, Aaron Herrera, Bryan Kaplun, Bonnie Langthorn, Chaney Moore (also starring in *Miss Bennet...*), Natalie Nassar, Angela Pinina, Taelon Stonecipher, Jonathan Teverbaugh, and Elizabeth Tinder.

The design team is Amber Stepanik (costumes), Marcos Everstijn (set), Katie Gruenhagen (lighting), Shawn W. St. John (sound), and Mark B. Robbins (props). Danielle Docwra is the production stage manager. Saraiah Gonzalez is the performance stage manager.

### **About Main Street Theater**

Main Street Theater provides theater experiences for all ages. Founded in 1975, our MainStage produces professional, intimate, literary plays for adults and operates under an Actors' Equity Association union contract; our Theater for Youth produces professional, engaging productions based on children's literature for families and school groups, both in-house and on tour around Texas; and we offer Education and Outreach programs on-site and at satellite locations around the Greater Houston area for youth aged 4 – high school. We work out of 2 facilities: our Rice Village home on Times. Blvd., and as part of the MATCH (Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston) on Main Street.

Main Street Theater is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters, of Theatre for Young Audiences/USA (formerly ASSITEJ), the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people, and a founding member of Houston Arts Partners. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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