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### ON STAGE

**"Hairspray,"** through Oct. 6,  
Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre,  
9301 N. Michigan Road;  
[www.beefandboards.com](http://www.beefandboards.com)

### OPENING

**"Twelve Angry Men,"** Sept. 4-29,  
Indiana Repertory Theatre, 140  
W. Washington St., Indianapolis;  
[irtlive.com](http://irtlive.com)

**"The Addams Family (School Edition),"** Sept. 6-8, McDuffee Music Studio at Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School, 5555 S. Arlington Ave.; [mcduffeemusic.com](http://mcduffeemusic.com)

**"Pilgrims,"** Sept. 6-22 (Sept. 7 official opening), Storefront Theatre of Indianapolis, 717 Broad Ripple Ave.; [storefrontindy.com](http://storefrontindy.com)

**"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,"** Sept. 6-29, Actors Theatre of Indiana, The Studio Theater, 4 Center Green, Carmel; <http://www.atistage.org>

**"The Legend of Georgia McBride,"** Sept. 12-Oct. 6, Phoenix Theatre, 705 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis; [phoenixtheatre.org](http://phoenixtheatre.org)

**"Steel Magnolias,"** Sept. 13-28, Mud Creek Players, 9740 E. 86th St., Indianapolis; [mudcreekplayers.org](http://mudcreekplayers.org)

**"The Cocktail Hour,"** Sept. 19-29, Epilogue Players, 1849 N. Alabama St. (on the corner), Indianapolis; [epilogueplayers.com](http://epilogueplayers.com)

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# Theatre Bulletin

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## Shows, seasons open

Various theatres open their 2019-2020 season this weekend and in the coming weeks, and even some kids get into the act.

### \*Snap-Snap\*

McDuffee Music Studio, which brought the wonderful youthful energy of "Matilda" to Indy earlier this year, present the kooky "ooky" adventures of **"The Addams Family"** in the student version of their hit musical.

The family is as eccentric as ever, with a new twist -- normally somber daughter Wednesday is in love! So things get interesting when the boyfriend's "normal" family comes to visit. A cast of tweens and teens bring this Broadway hit to life. Just one weekend of shows -- 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday -- at the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School, 5555 S. Arlington.

### New space for Storefront

Storefront Theatre opens its first season in Broad Ripple with the drama **"Pilgrims,"** an examination of humanity in a sci-fi setting. Written by Claire Keichel, a New York-based playwright who has also worked in television (writing for Netflix's "The OA" and the upcoming HBO "Watchmen" series), the synopsis she gives is: "On a ship to colonize a newly discovered planet, a soldier and a teenage girl find themselves quarantined in one of the ship's cabins with only an outdated robot and each other for company. Suddenly, they're forced to explore their own traumatic pasts and roles in a dying society."

Three great local stage actors -- Kelsey Leigh Miller, Ryan Ruckman, and Carrie Ann Schlatter -- make up the cast, under the direction of Chelsea Anderson. The warm-up preview is Friday night, with the official opening Saturday at 717 Broad Ripple Ave. They next get the run underway Wednesday (Sept. 11) through the weekend and Sept. 18-22.

### Sometime 'Rotten' in Carmel

Actors Theatre of Indiana starts off big this weekend with **"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,"** the Broadway comedy musical based on the 1988 Steve Martin film. On the French Riviera, two rival con men -- each with their own style -- make a wager: Winner scores the cash; loser must leave. Opening Night is Friday at The Studio Theater in the Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Carmel.

### IRT gets 'Angry'

Indiana Repertory Theatre opens its season with the classic drama, **"12 Angry Men."** A jury of a dozen men from different backgrounds and perspectives meets to deliberate. Despite their differences, they all seem to agree the accused is guilty -- except for one. Can they reach a unanimous decision? On Opening Night, Friday, patrons get to tour the stage after the show.

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