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Blue Monkey Theater Co.



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## CINDERELLA OPENS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30



2007 marks the 50th Anniversary of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, the enchanting musical fairy tale that mesmerized more than 100 million television viewers when it aired in 1957. Blue Monkey's holiday production pays tribute to this Golden Age of Broadway musicals and the dazzling artists and designers of the period. Set in a mythical late '50s fairy tale kingdom, we give a nod to the era's most beloved ingenue, Audrey Hepburn, as a down-trodden young waif learns that happily-ever-after can happen even to her!

Speaking of which, our own Cinderella, Kari Viriding, is experiencing her own happily-ever-after this year, as she wears the Miss Oregon crown. Director John Monteverde, who has known her since she was just a little girl, says it's been Kari's lifelong dream.

"She's worked very hard to get this far," Monteverde says. "This show's all about how dreams really do come true, but they take a lot of hard work and focus. Fairy godmothers can provide a helping hand, but ultimately Cinderella has to make her own happy ending."

Talk about a Cinderella story! Nothing's impossible, as Kari Viriding, Miss Oregon 2007, stars in Blue Monkey's 50th Anniversary tribute to the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein romance.

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In addition to Kari, Monteverde touts a wonderful cast, including Jonathan Swartout as the prince, Marilyn Stacey as the fairy godmother, Victoria Blake as the wicked stepmother, hilarious step-sisters and adorable singing mice. And, of course, there's that beautiful Rodgers & Hammerstein score.

**WHAT:** Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

**WHERE:** The West End Theater  
1220 SW Taylor in downtown Portland

**WHEN:** November 30–December 30  
Fridays & Saturdays @ 7 pm ~ Sundays @ 2 pm, plus special holiday matinees. Check website for complete list of show times.

**TICKETS:** \$20 adults ~ \$16 students / seniors online, by phone or at the door.  
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