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**2009 Open House to Launch 37th Season at Syracuse Stage**  
*Hourly Raffles, Family-Friendly Entertainment, Free Parking*

**Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**



(Syracuse, NY)—At the 2009 Open House planned for this Saturday, September 26, Syracuse Stage will conduct hourly ticket raffles for the chance to win a pair of tickets to any Syracuse Stage production in the upcoming season. Other events include Backstage Tours, a Tech Demo in the Archbold Theatre, open dress rehearsals of the annual Bank of America Children’s Tour, and complimentary refreshments provided by Dolce Vita World Bistro, Phoebe’s Restaurant & Coffee Lounge, and Strong Hearts Café. Visitors may park free of charge in the parking lot next to Phoebe’s Restaurant & Coffee Lounge. The 37<sup>th</sup> season at Syracuse Stage will begin October 14 with *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* by Steve Martin. Syracuse Stage season sponsors are *The Post-Standard* and Time Warner Cable.

For more information about the 2009 Open House, visit [www.SyracuseStage.org](http://www.SyracuseStage.org). Below, a schedule of events:

Time	Event	Details
10 a.m.	Lobby Opens (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)	Complimentary refreshments, activities for children, image display of previous productions. <i>Syracuse Stage, 820 East Genesee Street. Refreshments: Dolce Vita World Bistro, Phoebe’s Restaurant &amp; Coffee Lounge, and Strong Hearts Café.</i>
10:15 a.m.	Backstage Tour (45 minutes)	See where the magic happens! A guided tour of backstage areas - scene shop, costume shop, props shop & rehearsal halls. <i>Tours will run every 15 minutes as needed. Meet in front of the Archbold Theatre at Syracuse Stage.</i>

11 a.m.	Open dress rehearsal of <i>The Song from the Sea</i> , the Bank of America Children's Tour (45 minutes)	A spellbinding fantasy tale of Josh, a young boy who lives in a "very noisy house in a very noisy street in a very noisy city." Yet above all the clamor, Josh hears a mysterious, beautiful sound calling him toward the sea. <i>Recommended for pre-K and up. Presented in the Black Box Theatre at Syracuse Stage</i>
Noon	Tech Demonstration (30 minutes)	A sensory presentation of lights, sound & color showing how environments are created on stage. Introduced by Producing Artistic Director Timothy Bond. <i>Presented in the Archbold Theatre at Syracuse Stage - not to be missed!</i>
12:45 p.m.	Backstage Tour (45 minutes)	See where the magic happens! A guided tour of backstage areas - scene shop, costume shop, props shop & rehearsal halls. <i>Tours will run every 15 minutes as needed. Meet in front of the Archbold Theatre at Syracuse Stage.</i>
1:30 p.m.	Open dress rehearsal of <i>The Song from the Sea</i> , the Bank of America Children's Tour (45 minutes)	A spellbinding fantasy tale of Josh, a young boy who lives in a "very noisy house in a very noisy street in a very noisy city." Yet above all the clamor, Josh hears a mysterious, beautiful sound calling him toward the sea. <i>Recommended for pre-K and up. Presented in the Black Box Theatre at Syracuse Stage.</i>

## SYRACUSE STAGE

Syracuse Stage is Central New York's premier professional theatre. Founded in 1974, Stage has produced more than 220 plays in 36 seasons including a number of world, American, and East Coast premieres. Each season 90,000 patrons enjoy an adventurous mix of new plays and bold interpretations of classics and musicals featuring the finest theatre artists. In addition, Stage maintains a vital educational outreach program that annually serves over 30,000 students from 24 counties. A solid core of subscribers and supporters helps keep Syracuse Stage a vibrant artistic presence in Central New York. Additional support comes from the government, foundations, corporations and Syracuse University. Syracuse Stage is a constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre, and a member of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA), the University Hill Corporation and the East Genesee Regent Association. Syracuse Stage is a member of The League of Resident Theatres (LORT), the largest professional theatre association in the country.

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