

SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE AND THE SSC FOUNDATION PRESENT

# SSC PLAYHOUSE

CLASSES - PRODUCTIONS - COACHING



Music by  
**MARY RODGERS**

Book by  
**JAY THOMPSON,  
DEAN FULLER,  
MARSHALL  
BARER**

Lyrics by  
**MARSHALL BARER**

The Very Silly,  
Slightly Saucy,  
Medieval  
Musical  
Comedy

# ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

Staging and Direction  
**Bobbie Saltzman**

Musical Direction  
**Stephen R. Lopez**

**8 pm • April 29, 30, May 1, 2**  
**Thursday, Friday Matinee 11 am • April 30, May 1**  
**Weekend Matinee 2 pm • May 2, 3**

**\$8 - General Admission • \$6 - Seniors/Students with ID**

**Reservations Advised • Reservations Required For Weekday Matinees**

**Two Complimentary Tickets For SSC Employees**

**Discount Rates For School, Senior Groups for Weekday Matinees: \$4 per person.**

**Kindig Performing Arts Center of South Suburban College  
15800 S. State Street o South Holland, Illinois 60473**

**24/7 Box Office VoiceLine: 708/210-5741**

**MORE INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2**

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**BOX OFFICE HOURS:** Our box office is irregularly staffed by volunteers, who often work in the late afternoons or evenings. Email works best, if you're connected. Call us at our 24/7 voice mail line at **708-210-5741**. Please leave a detailed message on voice mail. We will return your call within 36 hours, or you may receive a response via fax. Fax: **708-225-5817**  
Email: **boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu**.

**RESERVATION POLICY:** Reservations for the 11:00am performances on April 30 and May 1 are **REQUIRED**. Groups must reserve in advance and payment IN FULL is due on or before April 24, 2009.

**RESERVATION CHANGES:** May be made up to Monday, April 20, 2009. If you are adding to your reservation, you should call earlier as we may not be able to accommodate additional seating for your group.

**PAYMENT:** Make checks payable to: SSC Performing Arts Center. Cash and purchase orders are also accepted. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

**REFUNDS:** We do not issue refunds of any kind. If you are paying for your reservation via check, please make sure the check is written for the correct amount. We cannot issue "change" if you pay by check.

**RUNNING TIME / HOW LONG IS THE SHOW:** *Once Upon a Mattress* is approximately two and a half hours long, including a 15 minute intermission.

**SEATING:** Seating arrangements are at the sole discretion of the theatre manager. Our main objective is to keep your group seated together. A few days prior to the performance, you will receive a seating chart which marks your group's location. Please let us know at the time of your reservation if you require wheelchair seating.

**BUS PARKING:** Busses will unload in front of the Performing Arts Center. The designated parking area for busses will be indicated on the campus map you will receive along with your seating chart. Cars may park in the student lot directly across from the theatre. There is no charge for parking on SSC's campus.

**EMAIL:** [boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu](mailto:boxoffice@southsuburbancollege.edu)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q:** Do teachers or chaperones pay? Does my 1 year old need a ticket? They will sit in my lap.  
**A:** Yes. Admission is paid by everyone who attends.
- Q:** Is this show appropriate for a 5 year old? 12 year old?  
**A:** Read the synopsis below (About the Show) and use your best judgment when deciding what age group to bring to the show. The show is over two hours long and your child may not be used to sitting quietly for that period of time. All audience members will be expected to demonstrate proper theatre etiquette during the performance.
- Q:** If we're late, will we still be able to get in to see the show?  
**A:** We cannot guarantee that we will seat late arrivals, nor can we guarantee there will be space available at another show time. Please be courteous to the other groups who did arrive on time. If you need to make more than one trip to bring your group here, you need to make sure your final group arrives NO LATER than 15 minutes prior to the stated show time.
- Q:** Our group will be carpooling and everyone won't arrive at the same time. How should we pay?  
**A:** If your group arrives separately, please arrange for payment to be collected or made by one person.
- Q:** May I bring snacks to the show?  
**A:** We do not allow food or drink in the theatre.
- A:** Can our group have lunch on campus?  
**Q:** We have EXTREMELY limited facilities for group lunch space on campus. Please email or call for more information.
- Q:** What time do the doors to the theatre open?  
**A:** We open the house for seating 45 minutes to one-half hour before the performance begins. Please be prompt so we can start on time.
- Q:** May I take pictures during the show?  
**A:** Photography or videotaping of performances is a serious copyright violation and is not allowed per our agreement with R&H Theatricals. This includes the small "movies" that can be taken with digital cameras. We will confiscate your camera for the remainder of the show, remove your film cartridge or erase your memory card.

**ABOUT THE SHOW:** When "Once Upon A Mattress" opened on Broadway in 1959, it enjoyed a long success with its star Carol Burnett in her first stage role, and made her a household name.

Rumor in the kingdom has it that Queen Aggravain won't let any of her royal couples marry until her precious babied son, Prince Dauntless, marries first. She's not anxious to let him go, and by all tricky ways possible, she undermines the attempts of all princess candidates to pass the Queen's ridiculous tests. Meanwhile, Dauntless's brother, Sir Harry, and his Lady Larkin didn't "wait" and now are "in trouble," so Harry dashes out to find his brother a bride and returns with the lovable Winnifred The Woebegon, Princess of the Swamp. Dauntless adores her, but the queen is not amused, and decides that Winnifred is to be tested for sensitivity to ONE TINY PEA placed under a stack of twenty mattresses. A "genuine princess" would never for a moment rest.