



**St. Richard Theatre Company**  
26855 Lorain Road · North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

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## **St. Richard Theatre Company Jazzes Up the Stage in *The Pajama Game***

The only “z’s” audiences will catch is a “jazzy” good time watching *The Pajama Game*, St. Richard Theatre Company’s 28<sup>th</sup> season production, April 11-13 and April 18-20.

*The Pajama Game* takes place in the mid-1950’s at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory where disgruntled workers are demanding a 7-1/2 cent pay raise. While workers stage a strike, romance strikes between Sid, the factory superintendent, and Babe, the leader of the Union Grievance Committee. Their stormy relationship blossoms in the midst of the troubled factory, creating conflict between management and labor, as well as between the men and the women! The musical combines romance, humor and a jazzy mix of upbeat and brassy songs including “Steam Heat” and “Hernando’s Hideaway” which have become popular musical theatre standards.

The original Broadway production opened in 1954 and ran for 1,063 productions. It was revived in 1973 with Hal Linden and Cab Calloway and then again in 2006 starring Harry Connick, Jr. and Michael McKean. The original production and the 2006 revival won Tony awards for Best Musical and Best Revival respectively, as well as Best Choreography. *The Pajama Game* is based on the novel *Seven And A Half Cents* by Richard Bissell and features a score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross.

*The Pajama Game* is Artistic Director Nathan A. Lilly’s 13<sup>th</sup> production with St. Richard Theatre Company. “Each year we strive to select a musical that will engage audiences of all ages and *The Pajama Game* delivers with its great score of song and dance numbers that will keep the audience wide awake and tapping their feet. But what really makes it a great production is the dedicated and talented cast, crew, staff and volunteer parents who work so hard for many months to bring the production to life,” said Lilly.

Laura Menser, St. Richard Theatre Company President, adds, “SRTC is fortunate and proud to have retained Mr. Lilly as our artistic director for more than ten years running. His attention to detail, creativity and his ability to motivate and develop the students has allowed our theatre company to achieve a high level of performance. Professional choreography, musical direction, set design, lighting

and a live orchestra brings this junior high production as close to Broadway as we can get!”

*The Pajama Game*, under the direction of Artistic Director Nathan A. Lilly, with musical direction by Brad Wyner and choreography by Nicci Cassara, features a cast and crew of more than 60 students ages 10-14.

Performances are April 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8:00 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Richard School Auditorium, located at 26855 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. For tickets call (440) 235-3414.

Founded in 1980, St. Richard Theatre Company is a non-profit organization committed to educating students in the dramatic arts and giving them the opportunity to gain self-confidence, self-awareness and a sense of accomplishment by expressing themselves through theatre in a Christian environment.

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## *The Pajama Game* FACT SHEET

### THE CAST

Sid Sorokin	Sean Bigley
Catherine "Babe" Williams	Elizabeth Sweeney
Vernon Hines	Brian Schuler
Gladys Hotchkiss	Sarah Menser
Myron Hasler	John Seelie
Prez	Mike Navratil
Mabel	Sarah Jesse

**Factory Workers:** Mary Jane Adams, Bree Ann Boehm, Danny Bova, Jessica Cherico, Charlene Edwards, John Ertle, Kirsten Eyeran, Rachel Graf, Emily Hetman, Katelyn Jakyma, Kalli Kacirek, Michelle Kenney, Nick Labate, Mary Therese Lavelle, Emma Longauer, Hannah Longauer, Hannah McGrath, Katie Parchem, Danny Sabo, Jack Shea, Bailey Smith, David Smith, JD Smith, Molly Sweeney, RJ Tallon, Angeline Walsh, Jane Whitten and Liann Winship.

### THE STAFF

Artistic Director/ Director	Nathan A. Lilly
Musical Director	Brad Wyner
Choreographer	Nicci Cassara
Chorus Director	Michelle Gaspar
Assistant Director/ Designer	Colin Robert Bigley
Production Manager/ Designer	Nathan A. Lilly
Stage Manager	Ryan Goellner
Wardrobe Director	Beth Cherico
Technical Director	Donna Longauer
Sound Design	Roland Massati

### PERFORMANCES

Friday, April 11	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 13	2:00 p.m.
Friday, April 18	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 20	2:00 p.m.

### FOR TICKETS CALL (440) 235-3414

Adults \$8.00

Seniors & Students (under 14) \$6.00

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