Big Fish: The Musical

Utah State Theatre

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Dallas Heaton

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Caine Lyric Theatre

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Music by Tom Kitt
2010 Tony Award nomination
- Best Play
2010 Pulitzer Prize and
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Caine Lyric Theatre
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Based on the 2003 Tim Burton film, Big Fish

BIG FISH THE MUSICAL
Music & Lyrics by Andrew Lippa
Book by John August
APR 14 - APR 22, 2017
Morgan Theatre
Welcome to Utah State Theatre and the Department of Theatre Arts. This season we bring you an outstanding array of award-winning plays; from new musicals and contemporary plays to American classics and world drama.

I am tremendously proud of the work of our students and faculty. As an audience member you get to experience the accomplishments of not only our student actors but also student costume designers, set designers, lighting designers, sound designers, projection designers, prop designers, stage managers and technical directors; all being trained to work as professionals in their fields. Theatre productions are where all that rigorous training students receive in classes is put into practice. We have chosen our season carefully, not only for the educational possibilities for our students but with the intention of providing stimulating, inspirational and joyful experiences for our audiences. There is simply nothing like live theatre! If this is the first time you have attended one of our productions, we hope it will become a habit and that you will look forward to the next theatrical treat. If you’re a regular patron, we thank you sincerely for your support.

With warm regards,

Adrianne Moore
Artistic Director, Utah State Theatre
Department Head, Department of Theatre Arts
Caine College of the Arts
UTAH STATE THEATRE
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In consideration of patrons already seated in the theatre, reserved seating will be held until curtain, after which alternate seating will be used. When traveling, please allow ample time for delays and parking.

NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed inside the theatre.

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Limited wheelchair seating is available. Please inform the ticket office representative when making your reservation that you require wheelchair space.

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Babes-in-arms and children under 6 are not allowed in the theatre during performances. As a courtesy to other audience members, please ensure that children are not disruptive during the show. Age appropriateness is directly related to the subject matter of each show, so please check with the ticket office representative when making your reservation.

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Assisted listening devices are available in most venues on a first-come, first-served basis. Ask the House Manager for details.
DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed Columbia Pictures film directed by Tim Burton, BIG FISH centers on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest... and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him – most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. The story shifts between two timelines, the 1950's and 2001. In the present-day real world, Edward Bloom faces his mortality while Will prepares to become a father himself. In the storybook past, Edward ages from a teenager, encountering a Witch, a Giant, a Mermaid, and the love of his life, Sandra. The stories meet as Will is determined to find the truth behind his father’s epic tales.

Overflowing with heart and humor, BIG FISH reminds us why we love going to the theatre – for an experience that's richer, funnier and BIGGER than life itself.
John August, born August 4, 1970 in Boulder, Colorado, is an American screenwriter, film director and producer. He earned a degree in journalism from Drake University, and an MFA in film from The Peter Stark Producing Program at the University of Southern California. August's debut film was 1999's critically acclaimed GO. He acquired the film rights to Daniel Wallace's BIG FISH. His adaptation became the 2003 Tim Burton film of the same name and earned August a 2002 BAFTA Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay. He wrote the book for the Broadway musical adaptation of BIG FISH, which is the show you are seeing today.

Since 2003, August has written the screenplay for several Tim Burton films, including CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (an adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic children's book), CORPSE BRIDE, and FRANKENWEENIE. THE NINES, his writing/directing debut, premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival and Venice Film Festival's Critics' Week.

Andrew Lippa was born December 22, 1964 in Leeds, England. He emigrated to the US in 1967 and grew up in Oak Park, Michigan. Lippa received his bachelor's in music education from the University of Michigan, and worked in education until 1991. He began his professional theatrical career at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Connecticut. He was hired to be the pianist for a production of IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...IT'S SUPERMAN but quickly rose to become the dance arranger and assistant musical director. Following Goodspeed, Lippa worked at various theatres as music director and/or pianist, in addition to being an increasingly in-demand arranger.

He contributed three new songs to the Broadway version of YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN, and created all new arrangements. In addition to BIG FISH, Lippa has written music and lyrics for several successful shows, including THE WILD PARTY, A LITTLE PRINCESS, ADDAMS FAMILY and JOHN & JEN.
BIG FISH
Book by JOHN AUGUST
Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

BIG FISH is based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the Columbia Motion Picture written by John August.


CAST

EDWARD BLOOM ------------------------------------------- Michael W D Francis
WILL BLOOM ----------------------------------------------- Dane Michael Braddy
SANDRA BLOOM --------------------------------------------------- Clarissa Boston
YOUNG WILL BLOOM/Will & Josephine’s son -------------- Holden Nielsen
JOSEPHINE BLOOM --------------------------------------------------- Tracy Gubler
THE WITCH ----------------------------------------------- Nicole Vander Does
KARL THE GIANT ------------------------------------------- Brendan Allen
JENNY HILL/BEARDED LADY ---------------------------------------- Katie Francis
AMOS CALLOWAY ------------------------------------------- Benjamin Krutsch
DR BENNETT/MAYOR/MAGICIAN --------------------------------- Mitch Shira
DON PRICE/WEDDING GUEST/CIRCUS CARNIE ----------------- Brad Summers
ZACKY PRICE/WEDDING SERVER/CIRCUS CARNIE ------ Cameron S Neeley
FISHERMAN/WITCH/BEST MAN/BARBER/ CIRCUS MUSCLEMAN ----------------- Scotty Fletcher
Cast continued

FRAT BOY/WITCH/GROOMSMAN/SHARECROPPER/
CIRCUS ACROBAT ----------------------------------- Colter Christensen

SHOTGUN TOUTER/VIOLIN MUSICIAN/
FATHER OF THE BRIDE/JUGGLER --------------------- Travis Charron

MERMAID/BRIDESMAID/CHEERLEADER/
MAGICIAN ASSISTANT ------------------------------- Madeline Liddell

FORTUNE TELLER/WITCH/MOTHER OF THE BRIDE/
NURSE/GIRL WITH CAT ------------------------------- Sydney Lorraine Vance

ALABAMA LAMB/WITCH/MAID OF HONOR/
SHEPHERD ------------------------------------------ Rebecca Soelberg

CHEERLEADER/WEDDING GUEST/
CIRCUS TIGHTROPE WALKER ---------------------------- Amanda Glancy

ALABAMA LAMB/WEDDING SERVER/
SCHOOL TEACHER ------------------------------------ Kiah Spjute

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ORCHESTRA

Conductor / Keyboard: Dallas Heaton

Violin — Jennifer Ostermiller  Cello — Rachel Johnston
Guitar/Banjo — Ivan Gygi  Bass — Jacob Kilby
Percussion — Chris Jessee

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

- "Be the Hero" – Edward Bloom and Company
- Witch Sequence – The Witch, Edward Bloom and Company
- "Stranger" – Will Bloom
- "Magic in the Man" – Sandra Bloom
- "Jenny Hill" – Jenny Hill
- "Out There on the Road" – Edward Bloom, Karl, Jenny Hill and Company
- "Little Lamb from Alabama" – Sandra Bloom and Alabama Lambs
- "Time Stops" – Edward Bloom and Sandra Bloom
- "Closer to Her" – Amos Calloway, Edward Bloom and Company
- "Daffodils" – Edward Bloom and Sandra Bloom

— 15 minute intermission —

Act II

- "Fight the Dragons" – Edward Bloom and Young Will Bloom
- "Stranger" (Reprise) – Will Bloom
- "The River Between Us" – Will Bloom, Edward Bloom and Company
- "I Don't Need a Roof" – Sandra Bloom
- "Start Over" (Reprise) – Edward Bloom
- "What's Next" – Will Bloom, Edward Bloom and Company
- "How It Ends" – Edward Bloom
- "Be the Hero" (Reprise) – Will Bloom
BIG FISH PRODUCTION STAFF

Director: Jason Spelbring
Music Director: Dallas Heaton
Stage Manager: Alex Cespedes
Assistant Stage Managers: Emily Esparza, Dylan Rice
Technical Director: Trevor Flocco
Choreographer: Kevin Nakatani
Fight Captain: Brendan Allen
Dance Captains: Colter Christensen, Madeline Liddell
Rehearsal Pianist: Camille Decker
Costume Design: Lydia Semler
Assoc. Costume Design: Cortney Millecam
Asst. Costume Design: Sara Shouse
Wigs & Makeup: Sara Shouse
Lighting Design: Patrick Mathis
Asst. Lighting Design: Jenner Price
Projection Design: Joshua Roberts
Asst. Projection Design: Jaydon Carling
Master Electrician: Tanner Funk
Properties: Robin Perry
Asst. Properties: Annie Tran
Set Design: Dennis Hassan
Asst. Set Design: Stirling Brenna
Scenic Charge: Allie Baranowski
Sound Design / Audio I: James Marshall
Associate Sound Design: Bryan Richards
Asst. Sound Design / Audio II: Ashley Winch
RUN CREW
Rebecca Ashley, Anna Bodily, Max Falls
Rebecca Frost, Makinzie Howa, Gary Kemp,
David Kov, Chris Perez, Sarah Mandany, Kynsie McCabe
Liza Shoell, Victoria Perkins, Robin Perry, Sara Shouse
Ally Thieme, Kendall Westmoreland

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by Amy Herzog

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Music by Mary Rogers, Lyrics by Marshall Barer,
Book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer

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Welcome to Utah State Theatre's production of *Big Fish!* Tonight's performance will be accompanied by two student American Sign Language interpreters, JoJo Savea and Nathan Sutier. USU Theatre would like to thank these two and the Deaf Education Department for all the hard work they've done in making this possible. Patrons are invited to fill out a comment sheet on their way out of the performance to make future productions like this possible and even better. Thank you for your support of the arts and the Deaf community!

Sincerely,
Sherre Barnes - ASL Interpreter Coordinator
Big Fish
Morgan Theatre
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Thu Apr 20, 2017 7:30 PM

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