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Town Hall Arts Center Presents *Hairspray*!

LITTLETON, CO – The last musical production in the 2016-2017 Season at Town Hall Arts Center is *Hairspray*, what Clare Brennan of *The Observer* called, “As light and bouncy as a bubble of gum!” *Based upon the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman*. *Hairspray* delights audiences by sweeping them away to 1960s Baltimore, where the 50s are out—and change is in the air. Loveable, plus-size heroine Tracy Turnblad has a passion for dancing, and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, *The Corny Collins Show*. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to vanquish the program’s reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without mussing her hair?

Nick Sugar is back directing and choreographing his third show this season. **Nick** recently directed *A Christmas Story*, and *Bonnie and Clyde* this season. Sugar serves as a resident director at Town Hall Arts Center and last season he directed *West Side Story*, *Violet*, and *Legally Blonde*. Nick has received several honors for his work including The Best of Westword Award, The Denver Post Award, The Henry Award and The Marlowe Award. Musical direction and tracks creation is by **Donna Kolpan Debreceni**; last seen directing music for *Bonnie & Clyde* and *The Robber Bridegroom*. Donna is a Henry Award Winner for THAC’s 2012 production of *The Who’s Tommy*.

Featured actors in the production are **Faith Ford** as *Tracy Turnblad*. Faith is making her Town Hall Arts Center debut, a recent graduate from UNC in Greeley, you can catch her later this summer as Sister Mary Patrick in *Sister Act*. **Christopher Whyde** returns to Town Hall, after a more than 10-year hiatus, as *Edna Turnblad*. Chris was last seen at in the 2005 production of *Forever Plaid*. Also, returning to the Town Hall stage is **Margie Lamb** as *Velma Von Tussle*; and making her Town Hall Arts Center debut is **Lisa Young** as *Motormouth Maybelle*. For a complete listing of cast and crew go to:
townhallartscenter.org/hairspray.

Town Hall’s production of *Hairspray* is sponsored by [Globus family of brands](#), opens **Friday, May 19** and runs through **Sunday, June 18, 2017**. Showtimes are **Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (and 2 p.m. on 5/27 and 6/3) and Sundays at 2 p.m.**

Ticket Information:

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale, priced \$20.00-\$42.00 at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5 (**Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1 Hour prior to Shows**) or on-line at townhallartscenter.org/hairspray. Group discounts available for purchasing ten or more tickets, please contact Corey Brown at cbrown@townhallartscenter.org or 303.794.2787 x 213. In a continuing effort to make plays at Town Hall Arts Center accessible to all, ten value seats at \$10 each will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis one-hour prior to each published curtain time.

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