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Town Hall Arts Center Presents
Once Upon a Mattress

Littleton, CO – The first production in Town Hall Arts Center’s 2016-2017 Season will be ***Once Upon a Mattress***. *Music by Mary Rodgers, book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer, lyrics by Marshall Barer.* *Once Upon a Mattress* is directed by **Robert Wells**, recently at Town Hall directing the 2016 production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and the 2015 production of *Shrek*. Bob has been directing productions in Denver for many years, and for many theaters, including the Bonfils/Lowenstein Theater (DCPA), Aurora Fox, University of Denver, Loretto Heights, and his own Avenue Theater. Musical direction is by **Donna Kolpan Debreceeni**, last seen music directing *Legally Blonde* and directing and leading the band at THAC for *Smokey Joe’s Cafe*. Donna is a **Henry Award Winner** for Town Hall’s 2012 production of *The Who’s Tommy*. **Kelly Kates** is the show’s choreographer; she was most recently here for the 2015 production of *Shrek*.

Did you know it wasn’t the pea that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. If you thought you knew the story of ‘The Princess and The Pea,’ you’re in for a walloping surprise! Chances are you’ll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

Featured in this production is **Taylor Nicole Young** as *Princess Winifred*. Taylor was most recently seen at Town Hall in the 2016 productions of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *Legally Blonde*. Returning to Town Hall is **LuAnn Buckstein** in the role of *Queen Aggravain*. LuAnn was in Town Hall’s production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* in 2016 and *The Clean House* in 2015. **Kayla Mally** makes her Town Hall debut as *Lady Larken*. Kayla is graduating from MSU Denver this December with her BFA in Musical Theatre. Also returning to the Town Hall stage are **Zach Stailey** as *Sir Harry*, **Mark Shonsey** as *Prince Dauntless*, and **Kevin Walton** as *King Sextimus*. For a complete listing of cast and production crew go to: townhallartscenter.org/once.

Town Hall's production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, presented by [Colorado Business Bank](#) opens **Friday, September 9, 2016** and runs through **Sunday, October 9, 2016**. Show times are **Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (& 2:00 p.m. on 9/24) and Sundays at 2 p.m. (& 6:30 p.m. on 9/25)**

Ticket Information:

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale, priced \$23.00-\$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/once. Group discounts available for purchasing ten or more tickets. 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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