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2026/27 SEASON

FEATURING THREE WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICALS AND THREE EXTRAORDINARY PLAYS



WEST COAST-PREMIERE PLAY

PURPOSE

BY BRANDEN JACOBS-JENKINS
DIRECTED BY DELICIA TURNER SONNENBERG

WEISS THEATRE

MAY - JUN 2026



Fresh off Tony and Pulitzer wins, *Purpose* is "a thumping, riveting, guns-blazing, major new American play" (*NY Daily News*). For decades, the influential Jasper family has been a pillar of Black American Politics: civil rights leaders, celebrity pastors and congressmen. When the youngest son returns home with an uninvited friend, long-buried secrets and tensions threaten to topple their empire. As the *New York Times* said: "*Purpose* showcases Jacobs-Jenkins' vivid language, spitfire dialogue and sweeping sense of American history... you may have trouble catching your breath from laughing so hard."



WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL

THE FAMILY Album

BOOK BY SAM CHANSE
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY MILCK (AKA CONNIE K. LIM) AND AG (AKA ADRIANNE GONZALEZ)
DIRECTED BY JESS MCLEOD

POTIKER THEATRE

JUL - AUG 2026

Singer-songwriter Mia Bing has been hustling and is desperate to break through in the music industry. Just as she receives the call that could change her career, she's pulled back to her childhood home where she's once again the "disappointing" daughter of her Asian immigrant parents, still haunted by an unresolved secret. In 2017, MILCK and AG's "Quiet," a song about MILCK's survivor journey, became a viral sensation. That same spirit inspired them and acclaimed playwright Sam Chanse to draw on each of their personal stories to create *The Family Album*, a humorous and poignant original musical about finding your voice and using it for change.



WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL

GRIM

BOOK BY JOEY ORTON & BRAD SILNUTZER
MUSIC & LYRICS BY PETRO AP, SCOTT HOYING, JOEY ORTON & BRAD SILNUTZER
DIRECTED BY SAMMI CANNOLD

WEISS THEATRE

OCT - NOV 2026

GRIM is an irreverent, hilarious and heartbreaking world-premiere musical that celebrates life... and death. After 300,000 years collecting souls, the Grim Reaper is retiring and his daughter Diana must pass a simple test to take over. That is, until she unexpectedly falls for dorky human Josh and the beautiful chaos of humanity, planet Earth... and the DMV. If she loves life, can Diana be in charge of ending it? With an all-star creative team, an infectious score and sharp humor, GRIM will delight audiences with a bold and original theatrical experience.



WEST COAST-PREMIERE PLAY

THE MONSTERS

BY NGOZI ANYANWU DIRECTED BY TAMILLA WOODARD CO-PRODUCED WITH BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE

FORUM THEATRE

JUN 2026

Lil is obsessed with the art, strength and beauty of Mixed Martial Arts, inspired by her older brother Big, a star of the local MMA circuit. But they haven't spoken in years — until she suddenly appears at his door. Ngozi Anyanwu's searing new play explores sibling bonds, reunions and the fight to build a life you can be proud of. Through the propulsive lens of MMA, Big and Lil's story fuses the poetry of words and symphony of movement into a stylish, gritty and action-charged love story between estranged siblings.



WORLD-PREMIERE PLAY

A BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO

BY MAT SMART DIRECTED BY SHELLEY BUTLER

FORUM THEATRE

SEP - OCT 2026

The elusive Black-billed Cuckoo is notoriously hard to find, and it's exactly what Ruth has been searching for. Over 24 hours in Brooklyn's Prospect Park, a close-knit birding group is thrown into chaos when some members glimpse the rare bird and others don't. Award-winning playwright Mat Smart — known for his "intricate, delightful comic drama" storytelling (*The New York Times*) — introduces us to a fascinating community of people who revel in the idea that any given day might bring something they've never seen before. The 13th play to leap from our DNA New Work Series to the stage, A Black-billed Cuckoo is a comedy about healing, wonder and how to move on after missing out.



VORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL

PARTICLE FEVER

A MUSICAL BASED ON THE DOCUMENTARY FILM BY MARK LEVINSON & DAVID KAPLAN
BOOK BY DAVID HENRY HWANG
MUSIC & LYRICS BY BEAR MCCREARY & ZOE SARNAK
STORY BY DAVID HENRY HWANG, BEAR MCCREARY & ZOE SARNAK
DIRECTED BY LEIGH SILVERMAN

WEISS THEATRE

FEB - MAR 2027

Based on the acclaimed documentary, *Particle Fever* hurtles audiences into the most ambitious experiment ever attempted. More than 10,000 scientists from around the world joined forces to build the Large Hadron Collider and solve one of the universe's greatest mysteries. With epic, high-voltage music and lyrics by Bear McCreary and Zoe Sarnak, and a book by David Henry Hwang, *Particle Fever* captures the thrill of discovery and the heart of those who make it possible. Leigh Silverman leads this high-stakes adventure to the stage. Expect a love letter to curiosity itself — a roller coaster of ambition, resilience and hope, and a tribute to what humankind is capable of when we work together.