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Cape May Stage Announces Entertaining and Thought-Provoking Lineup for 2026 Season

Cape May, NJ – Cape May Stage, South Jersey’s premier professional Equity theater, proudly announces its 2026 season, an engaging lineup of powerful contemporary plays, heartfelt comedies, special musical events, and a returning holiday hit, all presented in the intimate setting of the historic Robert Shackleton Playhouse.

“We’re especially excited about this season because each production speaks directly to the world we’re living in right now,” says Producing Artistic Director Roy Steinberg. “From our nation’s founding ideals to love, loneliness, technology, and laughter, this lineup reflects the conversations audiences are already having — and invites them to experience those ideas together through live theater.”

The season launches on **June 3** with ***What the Constitution Means to Me***, a Tony-nominated play written by Heidi Schreck and directed by Roy Steinberg. Presented in recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this humorous and deeply personal play examines how America’s founding document shapes our lives across generations. Blending storytelling, history, and sharp wit, this work feels even more urgent and relevant today than when it first premiered.

What the Constitution Means to Me runs June 3 – June 28.

Over the Fourth of July holiday week, Cape May Stage presents a limited engagement summer production, ***Together Off-Broadway: Ethel Merman and Mary Martin***. This elegant concert experience blends story and song to reveal the humor, heart, and friendship behind the fame, while celebrating two legendary Broadway icons and their extraordinary impact on American musical theater.

Together runs July 4 – July 10, nightly at 8 pm.

Kicking off the heart of the summer season is the funny and insightful romantic comedy ***Kalamazoo*** written by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger, and directed by Josh Iacovelli. The play follows two seniors navigating the unfamiliar world of online dating as they confront vulnerability, loneliness, and the hope of new love. Called “a tender and intelligent romantic comedy” by BroadwayWorld.com, ***Kalamazoo*** offers both humor and compassion while showing how people from very different backgrounds can still find connection, even in their later years. ***Kalamazoo*** runs July 15 – August 23.

In the fall a new play, ***Your Name Means Dream***, takes center stage. Written by José Rivera and directed by Roy Steinberg, this moving near-future story centers on an elderly woman and the A.I. robot assigned as her caretaker. As the robot gathers memories and personal history, the play asks a profound question for our technological age: a machine may contain endless information — but can it also possess empathy, humanity... or even a soul? ***Your Name Means Dream*** runs September 9 – October 18.

And in October, Cape May Stage will present another special short-run show that celebrates the 250th founding of the United States. ***The American Soldier***, called “a compelling reminder of the human stories behind the uniform” by *The Huffington Post* will play for just three shows. Drawn from real letters home, this powerful play reveals a soldier’s raw, personal journey through service, sacrifice, and country.

The American Soldier runs from October 23 – October 25.

Just in time for the holidays, Cape May Stage returns the smash hit ***Murder for Two: The Holiday Edition***. Written by Joe Kinosian and Kellen Blair, and directed by Roy Steinberg, this fast-paced comedic musical mystery features two virtuosic performers — one playing the ambitious small-town detective, while the other transforms into every suspect in a whirlwind of quick changes and comic brilliance. Together, they trade rapid-fire banter and virtuosic piano riffs in a score packed with holiday sparkle.

Murder for Two: The Holiday Edition runs November 18 – December 27.

In addition to the main stage productions, Cape May Stage proudly presents its 2026 Broadway Series, featuring stellar musical talent and special events:

- Acclaimed tap dancer and soul singer **Solomon Jaye** performs on May 23 at 7 pm
- Comedy night comes to Cape May Stage with **Married, Single, and a Baby** on September 27 at 7 pm
- Award-winning song and dance duo **Nic + Desi** return for a Holiday Concert on December 13 at 7 pm

Experience the power of live theater this season at Cape May Stage. Tickets and subscription packages are available online at www.capemaystage.org or by calling the box office at **609-770-8311**. To view a video of Mr. Steinberg announcing this season's lineup, please visit the [Cape May Stage YouTube Channel](#).

Since 1989, Cape May Stage has been dedicated to producing compelling and impactful theater that engages audiences and enriches their lives. Located at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse on the corner of Bank and Lafayette Streets in the heart of historic downtown Cape May, NJ, Cape May Stage is dedicated to showcasing diverse, contemporary theater in the nation's oldest seaside resort. For more information, visit www.capemaystage.org, or contact Cape May Stage at info@capemaystage.org. To stay connected, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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