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**CIRCLE THEATRE PRESENTS**  
***GREASE IN CONCERT - The 2016 Season Kick-Off Concert***

Circle Theatre kicks off the 2016 season in true throw-back style with a one-night-only production of *GREASE IN CONCERT*, on Friday, April 1st at the theatre's home in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Aquinas College.

Here is Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding guys and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head greaser Danny Zuko and new-in-town good girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their "Summer Nights" as the rest of the gang sings its way through such songs as "Greased Lightnin'", "It's Raining on Prom Night", "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals place Grease among the world's most popular musicals. With a book, music, and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey and arrangements by Robert Stingway, this three-time Tony Awards® nominee is also a major motion picture from 1978 starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

The Circle Theatre production of *GREASE IN CONCERT* will be directed by **Jolene Frankey** and will feature multiple Circle Theatre performers from the past and present. In addition to the performance, guests will have the option of participating in a dance contest. Door prizes will also be given away throughout the evening.

This one-night-only kick-off of the 2016 season will be held at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Aquinas College, Friday, April 1st. at 7:30PM; doors open at 6:45PM. Seating is reserved. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Circle Theatre box office at 616.456.6656 or online at [www.circletheatre.org](http://www.circletheatre.org). The box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5:00PM and from 3:00PM to curtain on days of performances.

## **ABOUT CIRCLE THEATRE**

2016 will mark Circle Theatre's 64<sup>th</sup> year of producing plays and musicals for West Michigan audiences. Circle's 2016 Summer Concert Series will perform on select Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM and will feature a variety of genres and themes including *Any Way You Want It: Arena Rock Anthems*, *Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough: The Music of Michael Jackson*, *Classic to Cosmopolitan: Nashville Past and Present*, and *Made In The Mitten: Michigan Music Greats*. The Main Stage Series, taking place on Wednesdays-Sundays throughout the summer, features the Audience Choice Musical *Cats* in May, *Perfect Wedding* in June, *First Date* in July, *Over the River and Through the Woods* in August, and *Rock of Ages* in September. The Magic Circle Series, featuring classic children's tales brought to life on stage, celebrates 50 Years in 2016 with the story of *Charlotte's Web* this June/July. Circle Theatre first produced shows at the Rowe Hotel before moving to the Pantlind Hotel (now the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel) and the pavilion in John Ball Park. Circle Theatre now shares a collaborative performance space with Aquinas College and the Catholic Secondary Schools at the Aquinas College Performing Arts Center. Information regarding Season Flex Passes, Magic Circle, the Summer Concert Series, and special events can be gathered by calling the Circle Theatre Box Office at 616.456.6656 or by visiting the theatre's website at [www.circletheatre.org](http://www.circletheatre.org).

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