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The King and I



In its third summer season of musical theatre on the Eugene Downtown Mall, Mainstage Theatre Company will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, opening on Friday, July 12.

The King and I takes place in Bangkok, Siam, in the 1860s. A proper young Englishwoman, Anna, arrives in Bangkok to serve as teacher to the many wives and children of the King of Siam. The King, a proud and traditional monarch, is struggling to reconcile the burgeoning success of "barbarian" Western influences with his own rich cultural heritage.

The King and I is directed by Linda Czajkowska, with musical direction by Jim Roberts, choreography by Sheri Blankenship, and design by Joe Zingo. Kevin Boling plays the King, and Lynne Brown is Anna. They are joined by a cast of 22 local performers, including 15 children.

Performance dates are July 12-13, 18-20, 25-27, and August 1-3, at 8:30 pm, at the Central Plaza on the Eugene Downtown Mall. Theatre-goers are advised to dress appropriately for the cooler summer evenings.

Advance tickets are \$5 general admission and \$4 for seniors and children. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for \$6 and \$5. The Mainstage Theatre box office phone number is 683-4368.