

# SING! SING! SING!

Five musicals (and more) are contained in one **'Musical of Musicals'**



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From left: Richard Bowman, Cameron Gates-Lira, Darren Hull and Ann Bronson pose for a photo from a production of 'The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)'

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

Even a lover of musicals may never be able to see all the musicals ever staged. But there's one musical that may solve that problem.

"The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)," opening Friday, June 29, at the Coaster Theatre, combines several composers' styles into five satirical musicals centered on one story: How will the heroine pay her rent, and can the hero rescue her from the evil landlord?

The first version, "Corn!," from Rodgers & Hammerstein, is set in Kansas in August. It is followed by a Sondheim selection that takes place in a New York apartment house, where the landlord is an artist with a deadly plan. Next comes a Jerry Herman version with a character reminiscent of both Dolly and Mame who advises the young heroine how to be a star and get someone else to pay the rent.

A rock musical, ala Andrew Lloyd Webber, borrows themes from Puccini, and a Kander & Ebb version with hints

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## IF YOU GO

**What:** "Musical of Musicals (A Musical!)"

**Where:** Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, Ore., 97110, Phone: 503-436-1242, website: coastertheatre.com

**When:** 7:30 p.m. June 29 to Sept. 2 (see website for exact dates); Sunday performances 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29 and Sept. 2

**Who:** Directed by Patrick Lathrop and assistant director Katherine Lacaze, "Musical of Musicals" is performed by Darren Hull, Richard Bowman, Ann Bronson and Cameron Lyra.

**Cost:** \$20 and \$25



**LEFT:** From left: Darren Hull, Ann Bronson, Cameron Gates-Lira and Richard Bowman act out a scene from 'The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)'. **RIGHT:** Darren Hull, left, Richard Bowman, center, and Cameron Gates-Lira pose for a photo during a rehearsal.