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The Des Moines Playhouse Presents: *Bright Star*

The Des Moines Playhouse presents the Broadway musical *Bright Star*, Sept. 19–Oct. 5, 2025, in the John Viars Theatre. Tickets may be purchased online at dmplayhouse.com and by phone at 515-277-6261.

Bright Star is sponsored by Infomax Office Systems.

Billy Cane, recently returned from the front lines of World War II, dreams of becoming a writer. He meets editor Alice Murphy who gives him hope by paying him \$10 for his stories. However, the most compelling story brings Billy and Alice together in unexpected ways. With music by comedian, writer, actor and musician Steve Martin and Edie Brickell of the New Bohemians, this new Broadway musical is an uplifting love story.

The Playhouse cast includes Steve Betz, Whit Ellsworth, Alysa Goethe, Ben Green, Charissa Hamel, Rebecca Hunt, Will Johnson, Carolyn Kester, Dionysus Lewis Manuel Jr, Katie McGee, Andy McKissick, Samm Nicolino, Lucas Obert, Paul Olson, Shawn Pavlik, Brittany Roach, Hannah Rublaitus, Dan Tatulli, Ashley Schaeffer, Ethan Seiser, Abbey Tauchen, Christopher White, Alayna Wilber, and Maggie Wise. *Bright Star* is directed by Katrina Ploof with music direction by Brandon Record, choreography by Stella Webster, scenic design by Benjamin Kramer, costume design by Angela Lampe, and lighting design by Sam Stephen.

Bright Star Performances

Sept. 19–Oct. 5, 2025

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays

2 p.m. Sundays (added 2 p.m. show on Saturday, Oct. 4)

The IRIS Sensation Team will provide audio description for the 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, performance. The Playhouse can provide ASL interpretation with advance notice. These services are free and reasonable accommodations will be made. Requests should be made through The Playhouse ticket office.

Bright Star Tickets

Tickets start at \$29

To purchase: dmplayhouse.com, 515-277-6261, or Des Moines Playhouse ticket office

Ticket office hours: Noon-5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and 90 minutes prior curtain on show days

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About The Des Moines Playhouse: The Playhouse's mission, as one of Iowa's largest and oldest producing theatres, is to create extraordinary, shared experiences through live theatre. Located at the 42nd Street exit of I-235, the theatre has presented a full season of shows since 1919 and also offers a wide variety of educational experiences including classes for ages 4 through adult, theatre trips to New York, and volunteer opportunities onstage and backstage.

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