Announcer ([00:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3.37)):

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Speaker 2 ([00:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=10.34)):

With the theme of Dream Big! Missouri State University’s [Tent Theatre](https://tenttheatre.missouristate.edu/) will entertain audiences with three live shows for its 60th season this year. It kicks off June 22nd. But the schedule will be different to celebrate the opening of the theatre’s new permanent structure, the John Goodman Amphitheatre. I’m Emily Yeap.

Mark Templeton, managing director of [theatre and dance](https://theatreanddance.missouristate.edu/) at Missouri State, joins me today to highlight what’s in store for Tent Theatre’s diamond jubilee season.

Mark Templeton ([00:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=40.79)):

We are all looking forward to this year, the 60th anniversary season of Tent Theatre. This year's theme, Dream Big! is something that we gravitated to very early in the process of describing the season because this year we are realizing a very big dream with the opening of the new John Goodman Amphitheatre. Hopefully, everything will go as planned this year and the theme will hold true and we will all have a fantastic time.

Emily Yeap ([01:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=70.78)):

The first two shows will take place in Coger Theatre in Craig Hall.

Mark Templeton ([01:15](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=75.06)):

We will begin our season with Xanadu and Xanadu many people know the Olivia Newton John version of Xanadu and it's based on that. We will open that show on June the 22nd. It's about a young person's dream to establish the first roller disco. And so, yes, there'll be skating on the Coger stage and so there's a lot of fun, ‘80s music to it. We are very excited to do this production. We actually had scheduled this back in the pandemic and of course we had to cancel that season, so we wanted to follow through with that to open this year.

Our second show will be Ken Ludwig's Moon Over Buffalo. That show will open up for four performances on June the 29th and that also will be in Coger Theatre. Ken Ludwig, the playwright, has been somebody we've gravitated to several times over the past few years. He is a great comedic writer and Moon Over Buffalo is about a play within a play and almost anything that could go wrong does go wrong. We actually visit a production of Cyrano de Bergerac in the midst of all of the chaos of that show. And so, it's slapstick farce and a lot of fun visually and for the characters as well.

Emily Yeap ([02:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=163.28)):

After a few weeks break, the last show will take to the stage in the fall.

Mark Templeton ([02:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=167.93)):

Finally, what we are all anticipating, is our final production of this year in the new John Goodman Amphitheatre. And we are opening with the production of Crazy For You. The music and lyrics are by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin. Some people have seen this musical before and know that there's a lot of tap dancing, a lot of movement, and it's a spectacular show and it does really represent what we will be seeing in the future in the John Goodman Amphitheatre. That show will open up on September the 9th. We will play it two weekends. It will go through the 17th.

There are a couple of days that it will be dark in between during the early part of the work week, but there'll be seven performances of Crazy For You in the new John Goodman Amphitheatre and I cannot tell you how excited we are.

Emily Yeap ([03:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=228.76)):

All shows start at 8 p.m. There are [season and single, standard and premium tickets, as well as group rates](https://tenttheatre.missouristate.edu/pricing.htm) (for 10 people or more). For single tickets, prices range from $21-$35, while season tickets to all three shows cost between $53-$87.

Mark Templeton ([04:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=248.11)):

We have had heavy traffic at the box office and online. So, if you want to see Tent Theatre, you should probably hop on those tickets pretty quick.

This year has been full of transitions for Tent Theatre and people have been so patient with us in understanding of all of the challenges with coming out of the pandemic and now performing in a theatre with a full house and starting in Coger and then finally transitioning to the grand finale of Crazy For You is something that we hope that the public will come be a part of. It'll be the inaugural performances in the new John Goodman Amphitheatre and that's something you might be able to tell your special people around you, that you were one of the few people that got to see it. So, come see Tent Theatre this year.

Emily Yeap ([05:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=301.24)):  
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That was Mark Templeton from Missouri State. I’m Emily Yeap for the Missouri State Journal.

Announcer ([05:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/6fxgzWsegNYJEG76G5qcj2SPIdgIOqISIXD6zN_cISSOg6Xb8eJ1KNSjTT3rULdxzum9B6wXPxwolKkfpvlDBm70LoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=316.029)):

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