

# Under The Lights ON STAGE THIS MONTH

## HOW BLACK MOTHERS SAY I LOVE YOU

July 13 - August 19

Horizon Theatre (404) 584-7450  
HorizonTheatre.com

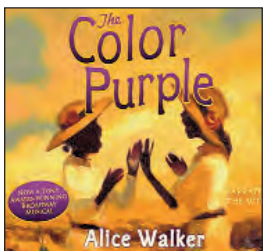


Second in Horizon's New American Dreams Series is *How Black Mothers Say I Love You*, a powerful story about a mother and her daughters. Hard-working Daphne left her two young daughters in Jamaica for six years to create a better life for them in America. Now thirty years later, proud and private, Daphne is relying on church and her nearby dutiful daughter to face a health crisis. But, when feisty activist Claudette arrives unexpectedly from far away to help out, her arrival stirs up the buried past, family ghosts and the burning desire for unconditional love before it's too late.

## THE COLOR PURPLE

Through July 29 Actors Express  
(404) 607-7469 Actors-Express.com

A great novel becomes a great American musical. Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning triumph bolts joyously to life with soaring music and unforgettable characters. Celebrating the very best of the human spirit, *The Color Purple* tells the uplifting story of Celie, a woman who struggles through adversity to find strength, love and power of her own voice.



## MARTIN LUTHER ON TRIAL

Friday & Saturday July 6 & 7

Ferst Center for the Arts  
(404) 894-9600 Arts.gatech.edu

A dazzling evening of theatre erupts onstage in an afterlife trial for the soul of Martin Luther . . . at Lucifer's request. This fantastical courtroom drama features Hitler, Freud, MLK Jr and Pope Francis as witnesses, a reenactment of Satan's rebel-

lion and his failed attempt to enlist Michael the Archangel! All this along with a thorough examination of Luther's life and his loving relationship with Katie Von Bora.

## BOOK OF MORMON

July 17 - 22

The Fox Theatre (855) 285-8499  
BroadwayInAtlanta.com



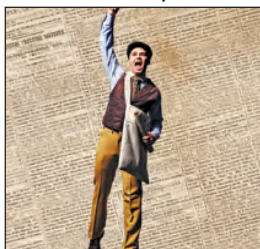
Back by popular demand, *The Book Of Mormon*, which played a record breaking two week return engagement in 2014, as well as in 2016, returns to Atlanta for a limited run, July 17-22 at the Fox Theatre. Hailed by The New York Times as "the best musical of this century" and the winner of nine Tony Awards, *The Book Of Mormon* is the blockbuster Broadway smash from *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, and the Oscar winning composer of Disney's *Frozen* and *Avenue Q*, Bobby Lopez. This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word.

## NEWSIES

July 19 - September 2

Aurora Theatre (404) 733-5000  
AuroraTheatre.com

Inspired by the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, Disney's *Newsies* kicks off the Aurora Theatre's 23rd season with rousing dance numbers and non-stop fun for the whole family. In this high-energy musical, audiences will follow charismatic Jack Kelly and his ragged band of teenaged "newsies" as they strike against an unfair system in New York City at the turn of the century. *Newsies* highlights publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst as they try to take advantage of newsboys to increase profits. However, everything changes when Jack Kelly and his group of "newsies" come on the scene.



## HOME THEATER

## NEW RELEASES

THE LATEST DVD, BLU RAY & VOD RELEASES

By John Moore

### RED SPARROW

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment)

On the surface, it would seem that *Red Sparrow* has all of the elements for a great movie. Jennifer Lawrence does a solid job with a Russian accent that's impressive enough; it's build around a popular spy novel, but in the end, the result is a pretty uneventful thriller. Lawrence plays a ballerina who is left without an income after an injury. She's lured by her uncle into a brutal spy training regimen and is tasked with getting close to the CIA to discover a mole. The ending has a satisfying conclusion, but the movie drags on for most of its two-plus hours. I'd hazard a guess that many viewers never make it to the end.

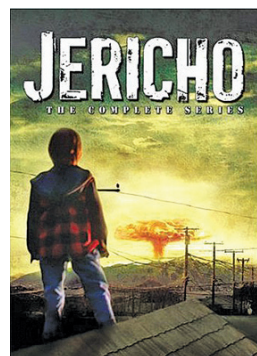


### JERICHO: THE COMPLETE SERIES

(Paramount)

It's been a decade since this short-lived CBS series went off the air, but it's earned an impressive cult status in the years since. Skeet Ulrich and Esai Morales star in this sci-fi drama about residents in a post-apocalyptic Kansas town dealing with the aftermath of nuclear attacks. The writing was top-notch with paranoia and

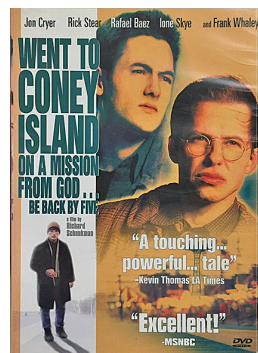
the unknown taking over every character. But, somehow the show was cancelled after two seasons, despite heavy lobbying from the diehard fans (likely to make room for another CSI spin off). Paramount has pulled together all 30 episodes and spread them across eight DVDs, including a bonus disc crammed with a slew of extras in this solid offering.



### WENT TO CONEY ISLAND ON A MISSION FROM GOD... BE BACK BY FIVE

[Special Edition] (MVD Rewind)

This 1998 indie feature co-written by Jon Cryer has received mixed reviews, but that hasn't stopped a core group of fans for lobbying for more attention to the film. The movie focuses on two New York friends setting out to find a long out-of-touch high school buddy who was spotted living on the street in Coney Island. The movie is not awful, but it's also not great. Cryer, however, does a commendable job with his role. MVD Rewind's Blu-Ray release comes with plenty of extras including a short comedy, behind the scenes featurettes, commentary and a collectable poster.



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