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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
Book by Burt Shevelov and Larry Gelbart
Music by Stephen Sondheim
Directed by John Fagan
Music Director – Susan Lyle
March 28 – April 21, 2013
Thurs. – Sat. 8pm
Sun. 3pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FORUM!!!!  This musical comedy turns 50 this year and tells the bawdy story of a slave named Pseudolus (Todd Weir) and his attempts to win his freedom by helping his young master woo the girl next door who has already been sold to a military champion for his wife. The plot displays many farcical elements, including puns, slap-stick comedy, mistaken identities (frequently involving characters disguising themselves as one another), and satirical comments on social class. The title derives from the line that vaudeville comedians often used to begin a story: "A funny thing happened on the way to the theater".

The musical's original 1963 Broadway run won several Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Book. A Funny Thing has enjoyed several Broadway and West End revivals starring Nathan Lane and Whoopi Goldberg.

Tickets for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum are $30 for adults and seniors, and $25 for juniors (ages 4-18). Student rush tickets available 15 minutes prior to show time for $20 with school ID (day of, based on availability), one ticket per ID.

Shows run Thursday through Sunday and all seats are reserved. You can reach the box office at 864-233-6733 or visit us online at www.centrestage.org.

This production is sponsored by Harry & Sheila Bolick, Clemson Downs, Piedmont Natural Gas, TD Bank, and The Westin Poinsett
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum will be performed March 28, 2012 with 8 p.m. performances March 28-30, April 4-6, 11-13, 18-20 and 3 p.m. performances April 7, 14, and 21. Shows Thursdays – Sundays only.

The box office can be reached at (864) 233-6733 on Tuesdays – Fridays from 2-6 p.m. and two hours before performances. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.centrestage.org. The theatre is located at 501 River Street inside the Smith Barney Morgan Stanley building just one block off Main Street in downtown Greenville. For more information, visit Centre Stage online at Centrestage.org.

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Production details

**Play title:** A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum  
By Burt Shevelov & Larry Gelbart  
Music by Stephen Sondheim

**Tickets:** All tickets are $30  
Senior, junior, and group discounts available

**Play type:** Musical Comedy

**Dates:** March 28 – April 21, 2013

**Location:** Centre Stage  
501 River Street  
Greenville, SC 29601  
(First floor of the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney building, one block behind the Westin Poinsett Hotel)

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**CAST**
Todd Weir, Pseudolus  
Richard Beveridge, Senex  
Peter Simms, Miles Gloriosus  
Peter Haloulos, Erronius  
Rafe Holt, Hero  
Brady Smith, Hysterium  
David Bean, Marcus Lycus  
Daniel Martlatt, Protean 3

**Production Personnel**
John Fagan, Director/ Set Design  
Susan Lyle, Musical Director  
Laura Nicholas, Stage Manager  
Vaughn Newman, Jr., Choreographer  
Chase McBee, Pianist  
Deyah Cantrell, Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer  
Shannon Rossi, Props Master/  
Backstage Coordinator
Be sure to check out our “TALK Ladies' Night Out” performance on **Tuesday, March 26** as well as our 2013 Gala Fundraiser, “**Totally Toga Tonight**” on **Friday, March 22**. Details for both can be found at our website: [www.centrestage.org](http://www.centrestage.org)

**IN THE GALLERY AT CENTRE STAGE**

The art of Kim Hassold will be on display March 15th through April 26th, Tues. – Fri. 2-6 p.m. The exhibit is presented in cooperation with the Metropolitan Arts Council. This partnership is sponsored by South Carolina April 26th.