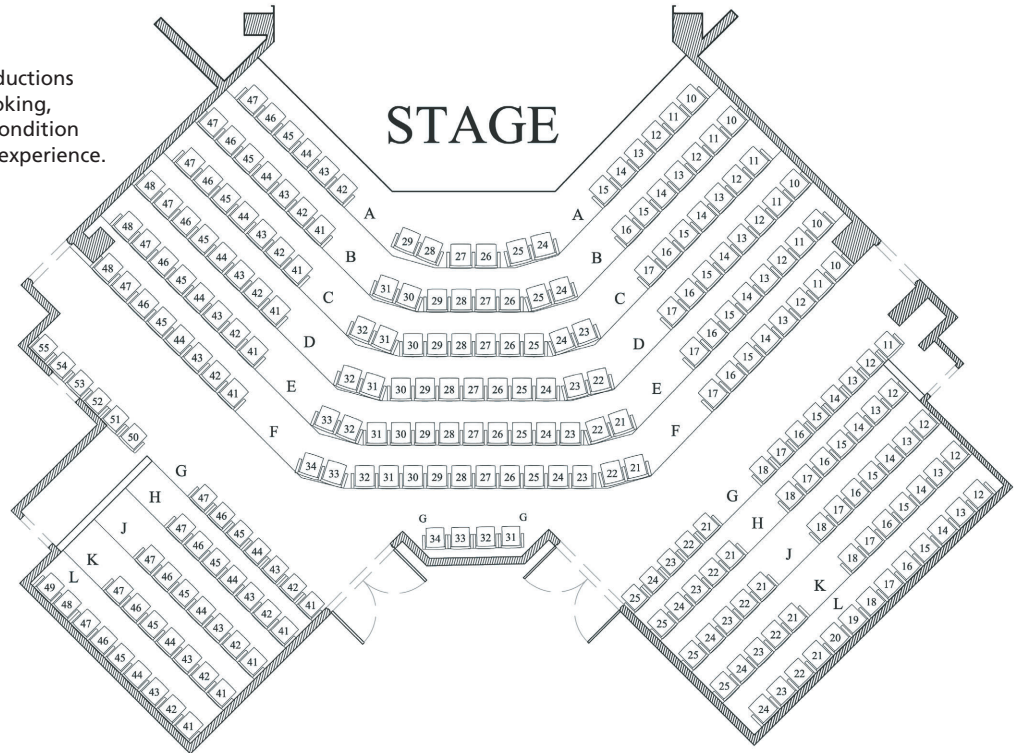


# Penumbra Theatre Company

**PENUMBRA THEATRE COMPANY**

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Penumbra Theatre creates professional productions that are artistically excellent, thought-provoking, and relevant, and illuminating the human condition through the prism of the African American experience.



# Bloomington Civic Theatre

**BLOOMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE**

Bloomington Center for the Arts  
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Bloomington Civic Theatre finally has a permanent home. It was founded in 1955 by a group of volunteers who believed a theater group would be a desirable addition to the culture for the new city of Bloomington. One of their earliest dreams was to have a space for rehearsals, and set construction, and a functional stage for performances. The City of Bloomington made that dream a reality with the opening of Bloomington Center for the Arts in 2003. Before then, Bloomington Civic Theatre performed on school and college stages when available. Sets and costumes were built and sewn in homes, garages, empty storefronts, and barns. The Bloomington Recreation Department advanced the fledgling group \$30 to begin their creative endeavor. It performed *The Curious Savage* at the old Bloomington High School on 98th and Penn Avenue South on June 24 and 25, 1955. For the first four years, it produced straight dramas only, and in 1960, presented its first musical, *Guys and Dolls* which critics labeled "a miracle in Bloomington". For more than 50 years, performers and technicians have come from all over the metro area to audition and volunteer for productions. Bloomington Civic Theatre currently produces four musicals a season—providing an amazing venue for amateur performers, and entertaining, high-quality, and reasonably priced shows for the theater-going public.

