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**HAVING A BALL: RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA COMES TO IU AUDITORIUM  
FEBRUARY 28**

**WHAT:** Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella  
**WHEN:** February 28 & March 1, 2018  
**WHERE:** IU Auditorium

**TICKETS:** Tickets start at \$17 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$29 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com), in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – The beloved musical *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella* waltzes into Bloomington February 28 and March 1. This Tony Award-winning musical features a fresh take on a timeless tale of one young woman's transformation from a chambermaid into a princess, teaching us the importance of kindness, compassion, and a great pair of shoes.

IU Bloomington alumna Katilyn Mayse is a featured ensemble member on the tour and understudies the roles of Ella and stepsister Gabrielle. Graduating from the IU BFA program with a degree in musical theatre in 2016, this is her national tour debut.

The 2013 Tony Award-winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The King & I* and *The Sound of Music* combines the story's classic elements—glass slippers, a pumpkin, and a beautiful ball—along with some surprising twists. One of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most cherished titles, this work was originally created for television—debuting in 1957 starring Julie Andrews. On March 3, 2013, the show made its long-overdue Broadway debut at the Broadway Theatre with 770 performances before ending its run and earned nine Tony Award nominations.

With music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, an original book by Hammerstein II, and a new book by four-time Tony Award nominee Douglas Carter Beane, this production breathes new life into a wonderfully classic story. The show features some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago."

"We are excited for our audiences to see impossible things happening before their very eyes in this production of *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*," said Executive Director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher. "The stunning transformations and musical numbers are enhanced with some clever twists, making this illustrious musical fairytale nothing short of magical."

Even now, after the show's successful two-year run on Broadway and the subsequent tour still delighting audiences across the country, it's obvious this melding of superb traditional songwriting and a playful new script has found a sweet spot for contemporary family audiences. This lush production is what *The New Yorker* calls "EYE-POPPINGLY OPULENT enough to WOW any six-year-old at heart!"

For more information about *Rodger + Hammerstein's Cinderella* and the rest of the 2017–2018 season, visit [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com). The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's

performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Roger and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* at IU Auditorium is presented in partnership with Smithville Fiber, Indiana University Alumni Association, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, and Riley Physicians. IU Auditorium's 2017–2018 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, French Lick Resort, and IU Division of Residential Program and Services.

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