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## ***Mamma Mia!* will open the Springfield Muni's 2026 Season**

**Springfield, IL – Aug. 1, 2025** – The Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) 2026 Season will open with *Mamma Mia!* in May. The dynamic director duo of Morgan Kaplan and Andrew Maynerich will bring this show to the Muni stage for the first time, featuring songs from ABBA and high-energy dance numbers. The remainder of Muni's 2026 season will be announced later this fall.

*Mamma Mia!*, the ABBA hit that debuted in 1999 and hit Broadway in 2001, is set on a Greek island and follows a young-bride-to-be determined to uncover the identity of her birth father. The journey is filled with surprises, laughter and romance.

"We are absolutely thrilled to bring *Mamma Mia!* to the Muni stage for the very first time," said Kaplan and Maynerich. "This show is pure joy, filled with infectious music, colorful characters, and heartwarming stories of love, friendship, and family. We can't wait to share this experience with our community and to see audiences dancing, laughing and singing along to ABBA's iconic music under the stars."

Those interested in auditioning are encouraged to attend the 2026 Audition Workshop on January 31, 2026 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Adult auditions are scheduled for Feb. 21, 22 and 28 with callbacks on March 1. *More information about the workshops and auditions will be available on The Muni website in January.*

Looking for a holiday gift? You can purchase 2026 Muni tickets through Metrotix at [TheMuni.org](http://TheMuni.org).

### **About The Muni**

The Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) is a not-for-profit theatrical organization that has become a Springfield summer tradition, providing the best of Broadway to enthusiastic audiences for 75 years. Its outdoor amphitheater is located at 815 East Lake Drive. For more information on The Muni, please visit [TheMuni.org](http://TheMuni.org).

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