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Springer Theatre for Young People spins tale of world's first web site

The Springer Children's Theatre presents the story of the world's first web site.

“Charlotte’s Web” is E.B. White’s much-loved story of Charlotte, a spider who attempts to save her friend, Wilbur, a pig, by writing mysterious messages praising Wilbur in her web.

Charlotte is determined to save Wilbur from the destiny he faces, the destiny that every farm pig faces. Her rescue attempt is aided by a barnyard of loveable geese, sheep, sheep, spiders, a rat and one brave little girl. “Charlotte’s Web” is an enduring tale of love, heroism and penmanship.

In 2000, Publishers Weekly listed the book version of “Charlotte’s Web” as the best-selling children's paperback of all time.

“Charlotte’s Web” runs at 7 p.m. this Friday and Saturday and July 18, 19, 25 and 26, and at 2 p.m. this Sunday and July 20 and 27. All performances are in the McClure Theatre, the Springer’s second theatre. The entrance to the McClure Theatre is on 1st Avenue, right behind the Springer.

This production of the Springer Theatre for Young People Series is the first production of the State Theatre of Georgia’s 2014-15 season. The first production of the Springer’s Mainstage Series is “Shrek The Musical,” which runs Sept. 18 – Oct. 4.

“Charlotte’s Web” became White’s most popular book. Four years before its publication, he wrote “Death of a Pig,” the story of the demise of a sick pig that he had struggled to save. Some fans said that White wrote “Charlotte’s Web” to save the pig in retrospect. However, White said, “I haven’t told why I wrote the book, but I haven’t told you why I sneeze, either. A book is a sneeze.”

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