

# **SHREK the Musical opens July 10 as part of SIUE summer showbiz 2015**

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*Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Caroline or Change*) and a sidesplitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. *Shrek* brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage, and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

*Shrek the Musical* presents a treasure trove of creative opportunities including costumes, sets, puppets ( there is a fire-breathing dragon after all), and more! Irreverently fun for the whole family, *Shrek* proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre.

*Shrek the Musical* opens at SIUE's Dunham Hall Theater on Friday, July 10 and plays July 11, July 17, and July 18 at 7:30 p.m. and July 12 and July 19 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults (18 and older) and \$12 for seniors (65 and up), non-SIUE students (with a valid school I.D.) and children (under 18). Free admission to SIUE students with a valid summer school I.D. \$12 for SIUE alumni, faculty staff, and retirees. Group discounted tickets are available. All seats are general admission. For tickets or more information call the Fine Arts box office at 618-650-2774 or email to [theater-tickets@siue.edu](mailto:theater-tickets@siue.edu).

*Shrek the Musical* will be in the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater located on the campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in Edwardsville, Illinois, just 35 minutes from downtown St. Louis. This is a handicapped accessible facility. To get there take I-270 East towards Edwardsville and then Illinois Highway 157 north to the campus on University Drive. Free parking in Lot E behind Dunham Hall off of Circle Drive, either from the south or the north ends. For a map of the campus please go to [www.siue.edu/maps](http://www.siue.edu/maps)

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