

## NEWS

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## El Camino College to Present "Hairspray"

Musical production features singing, dancing and tunes from the '60s!

Get ready for a toe-tapping good time during performances of the Broadway musical "Hairspray," presented by the El Camino College Theatre Department.

Set in the 1960s, "Hairspray" follows big-haired Tracy Turnblad as she aims for a spot on her hometown's TV dance show, "The Corny Collins Show." When she wins a spot on the program, she becomes a local celebrity and works to bring more diversity to the show.

Catchy songs throughout "Hairspray" include 1960s-style dance music and "downtown" rhythm and blues. The musical's original Broadway production opened in 2002, and the next year it won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Performances for the ECC production will be staged in the Campus Theatre and are scheduled for 8 p.m. May 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20, in addition to 3 p.m. shows on May 7, 14 and 21.

The production is led by director Luke Yankee, music director Mike Walker, vocal director Joanna Nachef and choreographer Candice M. Clasby.

Tickets to the performance are \$25 for adults and \$18 for children ages 5-17 and may be purchased online at centerforthearts.org, or by phone at 1-800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Campus parking is \$3. The Campus Theatre is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.