

Decker Theatre Presents The Addams Family



If you're a fan of Gomez, Morticia, Wednesday, Pugsley, Lurch, Cousin Itt, and Thing, you're in for a treat. *The Addams Family* is coming to Clark College's Decker Theatre. *The Addams Family*, a Broadway musical comedy, will be presented at Clark College on February 28, March 1, 6, 7, and 8. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Summary: *The Addams Family*, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family— a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before— keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice wrote the book. Andrew Lippa wrote the music and lyrics for the songs "When You're an Addams," "Wednesday's Growing Up," "One Normal Night," "Tango de Amor," and many others.

Decker Theatre Crew

- Dr. Gene Biby, program director, oversees all elements of the season's productions.
- Lisa Conklin-Bishop is directing this production.
- Mark Owsley, technical director, oversees all technical elements in every production.
- Kyra Sanford is the scenic designer, scene shop foreman, and scenic artist.
- Galatia France is the costume designer.

"This show has been on our radar for a couple of years. We felt this was a great time to produce this show, given the popularity of the television show, 'Wednesday,'" said Biby. "We had also chosen two rather serious plays as our fall and spring shows and wanted a light-hearted comedy for the winter quarter."

He is correct about the popularity of the *Wednesday* series on Netflix, which is among the most-watched series on the streaming service. *The Addams Family* has been popular since cartoonist Charles Samuel Addams introduced his eccentric, macabre characters to readers of *The New Yorker* in the 1930s. *The Addams Family* evolved into a 1964 television series with a catchy theme song (see the lyrics at the end of this story), and then spun off into animated TV programs, theatrical films, video games, and a Broadway musical.

Clark College's Decker Theatre is one of more than 200 theatrical productions of the musical in 2025 throughout the U.S. and also in Canada, Cambodia, Italy, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Theatre in Frost Arts Center on Clark's main campus. Please enter through the front entrance, and go through the lobby, and the theatre entrance is located in the southeast corner of the courtyard.

Tickets:

- General admissions: \$12
- Senior Citizens (60+): \$10
- Clark students, faculty, and staff: Free by providing Clark ID

Reserve your tickets here.

Learn more:
<https://www.clark.edu/academics/programs/dept/theatre/season.php>

The Addams Family: Fun Facts

Origin: The Addams Family characters were created in the 1930s by American cartoonist Charles Samuel Addams who created a series of 150 stand-alone single-panel comics that featured a cast of macabre characters who became known as the Addams Family. About half of his comics were published in the New Yorker over 50 years until his death in 1988.

Franchise Timeline includes:

Television

- Original TV series, 1964-1966: *The Addams Family* TV series, based on Charles Addams' characters, aired for

two seasons, with all 64 episodes filmed in black and white. The lead of Gomez Addams was played by John Astin; Morticia Addams was played by Carolyn Jones.

- Animated TV series: *The New Addams Family* (1973) and *The Addams Family* (1998-1999) both produced by Hanna-Barbera and aired on Saturday mornings.
- The Netflix series, *Wednesday* (2022) stars Jenna Ortega as Wednesday Addams.

Theatrical films

- Series of live-action theatrical films, the 1990s: *The Addams Family* (1991); *Addams Family Values* (1993); *Addams Family Reunion* (1998), all starring Raul Julia as Gomez, Angelica Houston as Morticia, Christopher Lloyd as Uncle Fester, and Christina Ricci as Wednesday.
- Animated theatrical films: *The Addams Family* (2019) and *The Addams Family 2* (2021)

Broadway musical: A musical comedy adaptation, *The Addams Family*, opened on Broadway in 2010. It starred Nathan Lane as Gomez Addams and Bebe Neuwirth as Morticia Addams. It closed on December 31, 2011, after 35 previews and 722 performances.

Video games: At least seven video games based on *The Addams Family* released between 1989 and 2022 on various game consoles

The Addams Family Trivia:

Q: What is Wednesday Addams' middle name?

A: Friday

Q: Which Oscar Award-winning actress provided the voice of the character Pugsley in the 1973 animated TV series *The Addams Family*?

A: Jodie Foster

Q. *Can you sing the Addams Family Theme Song from the 1964 TV series?*

The Addams Family Theme Song *(This song is not in the musical production to be performed at Clark College.)*

Composer Vic Mizzy wrote and arranged the theme for the 1964 “The Addams Family” TV series. Mizzy was a longtime composer for Hollywood films and television programs. The song’s arrangement was dominated by a harpsichord and a bass clarinet, and featured finger snaps as percussive accompaniment. Regardless of the quality of your voice, finger snaps are required. Sing along to the original theme song here

The Addams Family theme song (1964)

*They’re creepy and they’re kooky
Mysterious and spooky
They’re all together ooky
The Addams family*

*Their house is a museum
When people come to see ‘em
They really are a scree—um
The Addams family*

Neat...Sweet...Petite...

*So, put a witch’s shawl on
A broomstick you can crawl on
We’re gonna play a call on
The Addams family*