

SHAW 18 FESTIVAL

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR TIM CARROLL ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR THE 2018 SHAW FESTIVAL

- Tickets go on sale to Friends of The Shaw on November 4 and the public December 9 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 2, 2017) — Artistic Director **Tim Carroll** announces the Shaw Festival's 2018 ensemble. This season's 56 actors will take to the stage in 14 productions, plus numerous Secret Theatre experiences.

"I was thrilled to see the way this company and our audience engaged with each other last season. The connection between those of us who work at The Shaw and our visitors is deepening into a real sense of community," says Tim Carroll, Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival. "All of us at the Festival are looking forward to sharing the next part of the journey with our wonderful, loyal audience."

The Shaw Festival's 2018 season goes on sale to Friends of The Shaw beginning November 4 and the public on December 9. Tickets are available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-7429 and online at www.shawfest.com.

FESTIVAL THEATRE

THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW

By C.S. Lewis

Adapted for the stage by Michael O'Brien

Directed by **Tim Carroll**

Set designed by **Douglas Paraschuk**

Costumes designed by **Jennifer Goodman**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Projections designed by **Cameron Davis**

Original music and sound designed by

Claudio Vena

Movement and puppetry direction by

Alexis Milligan

Previews **April 4** ♦ Media Premiere **May 9** ♦ Closes **October 13**

A magical and spectacular plunge into Narnia... at its very beginning as Aslan (**Kyle Blair**) shapes it. Sent on an adventure by his Uncle Andrew (**Steven Sutcliffe**), Young Digory (**Travis Seetoo**) and his friend Polly (**Vanessa Sears**) stumble on a way to explore other worlds – but accidentally unleash a malevolent queen (**Deborah Hay**) who could destroy everything.

The Magician's Nephew also features **Andrew Broderick, Starr Domingue, Patty Jamieson, Madelyn Kriese, Emily Lukasik, Matt Nethersole, David Andrew Reid, Jeremiah Sparks, Michael Therriault** and **Jay Turvey**.

GRAND HOTEL

Book by Luther Davis

Music and lyrics by Robert Wright and George Forrest
Based on Vicki Baum's *Grand Hotel*
By arrangement with Turner Broadcasting Co.
Owner of the motion picture *Grand Hotel*
Additional music and lyrics by Maury Yeston

Directed by **Eda Holmes**
Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**
Choreography by **Parker Esse**

Designed by **Judith Bowden**
Lighting designed by **Kevin Fraser**
Sound designed by **John Lott**

Previews **May 3** ♦ Media Premiere **May 23** ♦ Closes **October 14**

Love, betrayal and murder are on the hotel itinerary in this musical set in the Roaring Twenties. The lives of the guests – a fading prima ballerina (**Deborah Hay**), an ill bookkeeper (**Michael Therriault**), a doctor with a love of morphine (**Steven Sutcliffe**), a typist enamored with the theatre (**Vanessa Sears**), a handsome, but poor Baron (**James Daly**) and a wealthy businessman (**Jay Turvey**) – collide over one unforgettable night at the *Grand Hotel*.

Grand Hotel also features **David Ball, Kyle Blair, Andrew Broderick, Ryan Cunningham, Starr Domingue, Kristi Frank, Élodie Gillett, Jeff Irving, Patty Jamieson, Madelyn Kriese, Allan Louis, Emily Lukasik, Marla McLean, Matt Nethersole, Kimberley Rampersad, David Andrew Reid, Kiera Sangster, Travis Seetoo, Jeremiah Sparks** and **Jenny L. Wright**.

Grand Hotel is sponsored by TD Bank Group.

MYTHOS: A TRILOGY **Gods. Heroes. Men.**

Written by and starring Stephen Fry

Directed by **Tim Carroll**
Set designed by **Douglas Paraschuk**
Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Projections designed by **Nick Bottomley**
Original music by **Paul Sportelli**

Previews **May 24** ♦ Media Premiere **June 7, 8, 9** ♦ Closes **July 14, 15**

One of the world's greatest storytellers, telling the world's greatest stories. In this trilogy of plays, **Stephen Fry** takes to the stage in the company of the Greek gods, heroes and men whose gripping tales still echo today. Laugh-out-loud funny, mind-blowing and often personal, *Mythos* is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Mythos is sponsored by **Tim and Frances Price** and **Corinne and Victor Rice**.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by R. Hamilton Wright and David Pichette

Directed by **Craig Hall**
Designed by **Dana Osborne**

Lighting designed by **Alan Brodie**
Projections designed by **James Nesbitt**

Previews **August 1** ♦ Media Premiere **August 11** ♦ Closes **October 27**

The murder mystery returns to the Shaw Festival with *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Sir Baskerville has been scared to death – literally. Now deductive genius Sherlock Holmes

(**Damien Atkins**) and his trusty companion Dr. Watson (**Ric Reid**) are on the case to find the murderer.

This whodunit mystery also features **Kristopher Bowman, Patrick Galligan, Cameron Grant, Claire Jullien, Natasha Mumba, Gray Powell** and **Graeme Somerville**.

ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

STAGE KISS

By Sarah Ruhl

Directed by **Anita Rochon**
Designed by **Gillian Gallow**

Lighting designed by **Louise Guinand**

Previews **April 11** ♦ Media Premiere **May 9** ♦ Closes **September 1**

Two bitter exes are cast in the same play as passionate lovers. They'll either strangle or seduce each other. Heartfelt and hilarious, this modern romantic comedy stars **Fiona Byrne** and **Martin Happer**.

Stage Kiss also features **Neil Barclay, Rong Fu, Jeff Meadows, Sarena Parmar** and **Sanjay Talwar**.

Stage Kiss is sponsored by CIBC.

OF MARRIAGE AND MEN: A COMEDY DOUBLE-BILL

How He Lied to Her Husband and *The Man of Destiny*

By Bernard Shaw

Directed by **Philip Akin**
Set and lighting designed by **Steve Lucas**

Costumes designed by
Tamara Marie Kucheran

Previews **May 13** ♦ Media Premiere **May 23** ♦ Closes **September 2**

Two of the best short plays about marriage. In *How He Lied to Her Husband*, find out what a man will do for the lady he loves – and how unexpected the consequences can be. In *The Man of Destiny*, Napoleon must defend his wife's honour. This comedy double-bill about the hitches of being hitched features **David Adams, Shawn Ahmed, Fiona Byrne, Martin Happer, Krystal Kiran, Andrew Lawrie** and **Kelly Wong**.

Of Marriage and Men: A Comedy Double-Bill is sponsored by the **Gabriel Pascal Memorial Fund**.

O'FLAHERTY V.C.

By Bernard Shaw

Directed by **Kimberley Rampersad**
Designed by **Sue LePage**

Lighting designed by **Mikael Kangas**

Previews **May 31** ♦ Media Premiere **June 20** ♦ Closes **October 6**

Young Dennis O'Flaherty has been sent back from the front to recruit more Irishmen to the war.

But he's neglected to tell his Irish Nationalist mother he's fighting for the English. Packed with family feuding and witty repartee, this Bernard Shaw one-act features **Patrick McManus, Tara Rosling, Ben Sanders** and **Gabriella Sundar Singh**.

O'Flaherty V.C. is sponsored by **Vintage Hotels**.

OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR

Book by Joan Littlewood, Theatre Workshop and Charles Cilton
Research by Gerry Raffles

Directed by **Peter Hinton**
Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**
Designed by **Teresa Przybylski**

Lighting designed by **Bonnie Beecher**
Projections designed by **Howard Davis**
Movement direction by **Alexis Milligan**

Previews **July 14** ♦ Media Premiere **August 1** ♦ Closes **October 13**

This provocative WWI musical is known to make audiences laugh, cry and clench their fists – all within a single number. Follow a band of singing, dancing Canadian soldiers into the Great War and rediscover the spirit behind “lest we forget.” This fiercely funny, piercing musical features **David Ball, Ryan Cunningham, James Daly, Kristi Frank, Élodie Gillett, Jeff Irving, Allan Louis, Marla McLean, Kiera Sangster** and **Jenny L. Wright**.

Oh What a Lovely War is sponsored by **William and Nona Macdonald Heaslip Foundation**.

JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE

The Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre is sponsored by **Paradigm Capital Inc.**

THE ORCHARD (AFTER CHEKHOV)

By Sarena Parmar

Directed by **Ravi Jain**
Designed by **Camellia Koo**

Lighting designed by **André du Toit**
Original music and sound designed by
Debashis Sinha

Previews **June 7** ♦ Media Premiere **June 20** ♦ Closes **September 1**

Sarena Parmar transforms Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* into the tale of a Punjabi-Sikh family fighting to hold on to their Okanagan Valley orchard. Based on the writer's childhood in British Columbia, this fresh adaptation confronts life, loss and the Canadian immigrant experience with bravery and beauty. *The Orchard (After Chekhov)* features **David Adams, Shawn Ahmed, Neil Barclay, Rong Fu, Krystal Kiran, Jani Lauzon, Andrew Lawrie, Jeff Meadows, Sarena Parmar, Pamela Sinha, Sanjay Talwar** and **Kelly Wong**.

The Orchard (After Chekhov) is sponsored by **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**
with support from the **Wuchien Michael Than Foundation**.

THE BARONESS AND THE PIG

By Michael Mackenzie

Directed by **Selma Dimitrijevic**
Designed by **Camellia Koo**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**
Original music and sound designed by
John Gzowski

Previews **June 10** ♦ Media Premiere **June 20** ♦ Closes **October 6**

An idealistic 19th century baroness (**Yanna McIntosh**) has found her next maid – a feral girl (**Julia Course**) who can barely speak, let alone keep house. Part *Pygmalion*, part wildly original buddy comedy, this heart-warming Canadian play cuts to the core of what it means to be “civilized” – and to be human.

The Baroness and the Pig is sponsored by **James F. Brown**.

HENRY V

By William Shakespeare

Co-Directed by **Tim Carroll** and **Kevin Bennett**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Designed by **Camellia Koo**

Previews **July 22** ♦ Media Premiere **August 8** ♦ Closes **October 28**

A troop of Canadian soldiers is hunkered down in a dugout during WWI with some copies of Shakespeare’s *Henry V* for company. As they enter the death-haunted morally ambiguous world of the play, the play enters theirs. Starring **Gray Powell**, this imaginative spin on Shakespeare’s play is a powerful exploration of what it means – and costs – to fight for king and country.

Henry V also features **Damien Atkins, Kristopher Bowman, Julia Course, Patrick Galligan, Cameron Grant, Claire Jullien, Yanna McIntosh, Natasha Mumba, Ric Reid** and **Graeme Somerville**.

Henry V is sponsored by **BMO Financial Group** and **James and Diane King**.

VARIOUS VENUES

SECRET THEATRE

By [REDACTED]

Directed by [REDACTED]
Designed by [REDACTED]

Lighting designed by [REDACTED]
Sound designed by [REDACTED]

Begins [REDACTED] ♦ Closes [REDACTED]

Returning for a second season, **Secret Theatre** will delight audiences with surprise theatrical experiences featuring [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and others. People who want to be in on the secret can sign up for the Secret Theatre newsletter at www.shawfest.com.

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About the Shaw Festival

Inspired by the spirit of George Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters in any way we want. The Shaw Festival, home to Two-Way Theatre, is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre. For more information, please visit www.shawfest.com.

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