

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Henry V in the Canadian trenches

- *Shakespeare's play through the lens of the Great War* -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (July 19, 2018) — Co-directors **Tim Carroll** and **Kevin Bennett** relocate [Henry V](#) to a World War I dugout where **William Shakespeare's** drama of politics and war is acted out, experienced and debated among Canadian troops. **Henry V**, the first Shakespeare play to be produced at The Shaw, begins previews at the **Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre** on July 22.

1918. In a trench somewhere in France, a battalion of soldiers rehearse **Henry V** to pass the time as they prepare to go over the top. As the moment for the attack approaches, boundaries blur and the death-haunted, morally ambiguous world of the play merges with that of the combatants.

The production features **Gray Powell** as King Henry V with an ensemble cast of **Damien Atkins, Kristopher Bowman, Julia Course, Patrick Galligan, Cameron Grant, Claire Jullien, Yanna McIntosh, Natasha Mumba, Ric Reid** and **Graeme Somerville**.

The contrasting settings of a cramped dugout and a peaceful hospital far behind the lines are created by designer **Camellia Koo** and lighting designer **Kevin Lamotte**.

Henry V is on stage at the [Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre](#) (10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake) from **July 22** to **October 28** (Media Premiere August 8). This Shaw Festival production is proudly sponsored by **BMO Financial Group** and **James and Diane King**. The Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre is sponsored by **Paradigm Capital Inc.**

This production has an age recommendation of 12+.

Cast: (in alphabetical order)

Damien Atkins	Scroop/Nym/Dauphin/Gloucester/Katherine
Kristopher Bowman	Bardolph/Gower/Duke of Brittany/Alice/Westmorland/French King
Julia Course	Williams/Messenger/York/Duke of Bourbon/Queen Isabel
Patrick Galligan	Ambassador/Chorus/Cambridge/Constable/Fluellen/Salisbury/French Soldier
Cameron Grant	Hostess/Messenger/Chorus/Boy/Governor/Rambures/Alexander Court/Montjoy/Westmorland
Claire Jullien	Orleans/Gloucester/Duke of Burgundy
Yanna McIntosh	Alice/Chorus/Erpingham/Grandpré/Warwick
Natasha Mumba	Katherine/Dauphin/Bates/Bedford/Herald
Gray Powell	King Henry V

Ric Reid Grey/French King
Graeme Somerville Chorus/Exeter/Pistol

Creative & Production:

Tim Carroll Co-Director
Kevin Bennett Co-Director
Camellia Koo Designer
Kevin Lamotte Lighting Designer
Beatrice Campbell Stage Manager
Bradley Dunn Assistant Stage Manager

The Shaw Festival's 2018 season is now on stage with a playbill that features [*The Magician's Nephew*](#), [*Grand Hotel*](#), [*Mythos: A Trilogy – Gods. Heroes. Men.*](#), [*The Hound of the Baskervilles*](#), [*Stage Kiss*](#), [*Of Marriage and Men: A Comedy Double-Bill*](#), [*O'Flaherty V.C.*](#), [*Oh What a Lovely War*](#), [*The Orchard \(After Chekhov\)*](#), [*The Baroness and the Pig*](#), [*Henry V*](#), [*Secret Theatre*](#). [*A Christmas Carol*](#) begins November 14 and runs until December 23.

Direct bus service from Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake on the [Shaw Express](#) began April 4. Patrons can choose to come for a day or stay for the weekend with a round trip costing \$25. New this season: the Shaw Express will stay for two performances on some Saturdays – departing Toronto at 10 a.m. and leaving The Shaw at 11 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Please confirm dates and times with the Shaw Festival Box Office. A ticket to a 2018 Shaw Festival performance is required to access this service.

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