

The Shaw Festival announces casting for the 2020 season

- Tickets go on sale to Friends of The Shaw on November 2 and to the public on December 7 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 1, 2019) — Artistic Director **Tim Carroll** announces casting for the Shaw Festival's 2020 season.

"I'm really happy to have some familiar faces returning to the company – including a certain Artistic Director Emerita to the directing team – and I'm pleased to welcome a wave of fresh talent to keep us all on our toes," says Tim Carroll. "Our ensemble grows a bit this year thanks to our thrilling partnership with Ravi Jain's Why Not Theatre. I look forward to getting to work with all these incredible artists."

FESTIVAL THEATRE

GYPSY

A Musical Fable, Book by Arthur Laurents

Music by Jule Styne, Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Suggested by memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee

Original production by David Merrick and Leland Hayward

Entire production originally directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins

Directed and choreographed by **Kimberley Rampersad**

Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**

Set designed by **Cory Sincennes**

Costumes designed by **Tamara Marie Kucheran**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Fraser**

Sound designed by **John Lott**

Previews **April 8** ♦ Available for review beginning **May 7** ♦ Closes **October 11**

The Shaw Festival's Associate Artistic Director **Kate Hennig** stars as one of the most complex characters in musical theatre, Momma Rose. Thrust into the spotlight by the ultimate stage mom are **Madelyn Kriese** as June and **Julie Lumsden** as Louise. Their manager Herbie, played by **Jason Cadieux**, helps Momma Rose and her daughters find their limelight in this timeless musical about sex, power and longing.

Gypsy also features **Andrew Broderick, James Daly, Kristi Frank, Kyle Golemba, Drew Plummer, Kiera Sangster, Olivia Sinclair-Brisbane, Jacqueline Thair, Jay Turvey, Kelly Wong** and **Jenny L. Wright**.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

GYPSY is sponsored by **BMO Financial Group**.

THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE

By Bernard Shaw

Directed by **Eda Holmes**

Set designed by **Michael Gianfrancesco**

Costumes designed by **Gillian Gallow**

Lighting designed by **Bonnie Beecher**

Original music by **Paul Sportelli**

Previews **May 14** ♦ Available for review beginning **June 18** ♦ Closes **October 9**

Martin Happer plays the scoundrel Richard Dudgeon in ***The Devil's Disciple***, Bernard Shaw's first major hit, featuring some of the playwright's sharpest comedy. Verbally sparring with Happer are **Katherine Gauthier** as Judith Anderson and **Graeme Somerville** as Reverend Anderson.

The Devil's Disciple also features **David Alan Anderson, Damien Atkins, Kristopher Bowman, Julia Course, Emily Lukasik, Tom McCamus, Peter Millard, Chick Reid** and **Johnathan Sousa**.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLINE is sponsored by the William and Nona Macdonald Heaslip Foundation and the Gabriel Pascal Memorial Fund.

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE RAVEN'S CURSE
By R. Hamilton Wright
Based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Directed by **Craig Hall**

Designed by **Ken MacKenzie**

Lighting designed by **Michelle Ramsay**

Projections designed by **Cameron Davis**

Original music and sound designed by **John Gzowski**

Previews **June 21** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 23** ♦ Closes **October 18**

The vibrant trio from 2018's fan-favourite ***The Hound of the Baskervilles*** return for ***Sherlock Holmes and The Raven's Curse***. **Damien Atkins** stars as Sherlock Holmes with **Ric Reid** as the incomparable Dr. Watson and **Claire Jullien** as the long-suffering Mrs. Hudson.

Sherlock Holmes and The Raven's Curse also features **Peter Fernandes, Rong Fu, Katherine Gauthier, Marla McLean, Mike Nadajewski, Sarena Parmar** and **Chick Reid**.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE RAVEN'S CURSE is sponsored by CIBC.

MAHABHARATA
Adapted by **Ravi Jain and Miriam Fernandes**
Original concept developed with **Jenny Koons**
A Why Not Theatre Production
Commissioned and presented by the Shaw Festival

Directed by **Ravi Jain**

Designed by **Camellia Koo**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Projections designed by **Hana S. Kim**

Original music and sound designed by **John Gzowski** and **Suba Sankaran**

Previews **August 15** ♦ Available for review beginning **August 22** ♦ Closes **September 19**

Presented in conjunction with Toronto's [Why Not Theatre](#), the ***Mahabharata***, a visually stunning contemporary take on the Sanskrit epic foundational to Indian culture, will be brought to life by **Praneet Akilla, Nadine Bhabha, Hamed Dar, Jay Emmanuel, Miriam Fernandes, Harmage Singh Kalirai, Goldy Notay, Nadeem Phillip** and **Navtej Sandhu**.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

Mahabharata is one of the 200 exceptional projects funded through the Canada Council for the Arts' New Chapter initiative. With this \$35M initiative, the Council supports the creation and sharing of the arts in communities across Canada. *Mahabharata* was developed with support from the National Arts Centre's National Creation Fund.

Mahabharata is sponsored by **Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., Tim & Frances Price, and Corinne & Victor Rice** with additional support provided by the **Andy Pringle Creative Reserve**.

ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

CHARLEY'S AUNT By Brandon Thomas

Directed by **Tim Carroll**
Designed by **Christine Lohre**

Lighting designed by **Louise Guinand**

Previews **April 2** ♦ Available for review beginning **May 7** ♦ Closes **October 17**

Cameron Grant as Charley and **Peter Fernandes** as Jack are the two young men hoping to court their sweethearts. **Mike Nadajewski** stars as the wild-card Lord Fancourt Babberley, whose fancy-dress costume just might save the day.

Charley's Aunt also features **Neil Barclay, Rong Fu, Patrick Galligan, Claire Jullien, Marla McLean, Sarena Parmar** and **Ric Reid**.

Age Recommendation: Age 11+

CHARLEY'S AUNT is sponsored by **Mary E. Hill**.

PRINCE CASPIAN Adapted for the stage by **Damien Atkins** Based on the novel by **C.S. Lewis**

Directed by **Molly Atkinson**
Designed by **Cory Sincennes**

Lighting designed by **Jareth Li**
Original music and sound designed by
Alessandro Juliani

Previews **April 23** ♦ Available for review beginning **May 21** ♦ Closes **September 5**

The Shaw's third foray into Narnia stars **Jonathan Tan** as Prince Caspian, **Kyle Blair** as Peter, **Élodie Gillett** as Susan, **Andrew Lawrie** as Edmund and **Gabriella Sundar Singh** as Lucy. The ensemble cast is completed by **Nigel Bennett, Fiona Byrne, Moya O'Connell, Gray Powell, Sanjay Talwar** and **Shauna Thompson**.

Age Recommendation: Age 6+

PRINCE CASPIAN is sponsored by **Hummel Properties Inc.** with additional support provided by Children and Family Program Supporter **Christopher & Jeanne Jennings**.

FLUSH
Lunchtime One-Act
Based on the novella by Virginia Woolf
Adapted by Tim Carroll

Directed by **Tim Carroll**
Designed by **Hanne Loosen**

Lighting designed by **Nick Andison**
Movement and puppetry by **Alexis Milligan**

Previews **June 5** ♦ Available for review beginning **June 19** ♦ Closes **October 10**

Jeff Irving, Julie Lumsden, Drew Plummer and **Jacqueline Thair** tell one of the greatest love stories of all time... through the eyes of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's dog.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

FLUSH is sponsored by **James and Diane King**.

ASSASSINS
Book by John Weidman
Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
From an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr.
Playwrights Horizons, Inc. – New York City
Produced *Assassins* Off-Broadway in 1990
Orchestrations by Bruce Coughlin

Directed by **Meg Roe**
Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**
Movement by **Esie Mensah**

Designed by **Camellia Koo**
Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**
Sound designed by **Alessandro Juliani**

Previews **July 11** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 23** ♦ Closes **October 10**

The assassins and would-be assassins are **Andrew Broderick** as Giuseppe Zangara, **Jason Cadieux** as Samuel Byck, **James Daly** as John Wilkes Booth, **Kristi Frank** as Lynette Fromme, **Kyle Golemba** as John Hinckley and David Herold, **Jeff Irving** as the Proprietor, **Olivia Sinclair-Brisbane** as Emma Goldman, **Jay Turvey** as Charles Guiteau, **Kelly Wong** as Leon Czolgosz and **Jenny L. Wright** as Sara Jane Moore.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

ASSASSINS is sponsored by **James F. Brown**.

JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE

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

THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD
By J.M. Synge

Directed by **Jackie Maxwell**
Designed by **Judith Bowden**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Previews **May 6** ♦ Available for review beginning **May 21** ♦ Closes **September 6**

Moya O'Connell returns to the Shaw Festival to take on the role of Pegeen Mike opposite

Gray Powell as the would-be murderer Christy Mahon. O'Connell and Powell most recently played opposite each other in the critically acclaimed *Middletown* in 2017. **Fiona Byrne** plays Pegeen Mike's determined rival, the Widow Quinn.

The Playboy of the Western World also features **Nigel Bennett, Kyle Blair, Élodie Gillett, Andrew Lawrie, Gabriella Sundar Singh, Sanjay Talwar, Jonathan Tan** and **Shauna Thompson**.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD is sponsored by **Michael Eagen**.

DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS
By Eugene O'Neill

Directed by **Selma Dimitrijevic**
Designed by **Judith Bowden**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Previews **June 4** ♦ Available for review beginning **June 18** ♦ Closes **October 10**

Julia Course plays Abi Putnam, a young woman caught between duty to her new husband (**Tom McCamus** as Ephraim Cabot) and her passionate feelings for his son (**Johnathan Sousa** as Eben Cabot).

Desire Under the Elms also features **Kristopher Bowman, Martin Happer** and **Emily Lukasik**.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

TROUBLE IN MIND
By Alice Childress

Directed by **Philip Akin**
Set designed by **Rachel Forbes**

Costumes designed by **Judith Bowden**
Lighting designed by **Mikael Kangas**

Previews **July 17** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 26** ♦ Closes **October 10**

This devastatingly accurate satire is led by **Kiera Sangster** as Millie Davis and **Graeme Somerville** as Al Manners.

Trouble in Mind also features **David Alan Anderson, Neil Barclay, Patrick Galligan, Cameron Grant, Madelyn Kriese** and **Peter Millard**.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

Casting continues for the Shaw Festival's 2020 season – further updates will be available at www.shawfest.com. Casts of the fourth iteration of *A Christmas Carol* and the return of *Me and My Girl* will be announced in 2020.

Tickets for the 2020 season will be available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW (7429) and online at shawfest.com. The Shaw Festival's 2020 season goes on sale to Friends of The Shaw beginning November 2 and the public on December 7. Patrons wishing to get front-of-the-

line access to tickets can visit shawfest.com or call 1-800-657-1106 x 2556 to become Friends of The Shaw.

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About the Shaw Festival

Inspired by the spirit of Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw Festival is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre and to create a deeper human connection with the artists, the beauty and abundance of Niagara and with each other. For more information, please visit shawfest.com.

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