

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Celebrate the most wonderful times of the year with Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* at the Shaw Festival**

– Production features *White Christmas* and classics from the Berlin music catalogue –

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 14, 2019)** — Just in time to kick-off the festive season, Irving Berlin's [Holiday Inn](#) begins previews November 16 on The Shaw's Festival Theatre stage. Directed by Associate Artistic Director **Kate Hennig**, this fresh take on the 1942 award-winning film features some of Irving Berlin's best-loved songs under the music direction of **Paul Sportelli** and with choreography by **Allison Plamondon**. *Holiday Inn*, along with The Shaw's evergreen sell-out [A Christmas Carol](#), are just two of the highlights celebrating the spirit of the season in picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Jim Hardy (**Kyle Blair**) leaves behind the bright lights of New York City showbiz and his song-and-dance partners Ted Hanover (**Kyle Golemba**) and Lila Dixon (**Kimberley Rampersad**) for a quiet Connecticut farmhouse. There he meets Linda (**Kristi Frank**), a tap-dancing schoolteacher who has never forgotten her stage dreams, and together they turn the rundown farmhouse into an inn like no other – open only to celebrate the special days of the calendar year. But their budding romance and the future of the inn are soon threatened by Ted and Lila's arrival in the small town.

**Judith Bowden's** set and costume designs are influenced by a nostalgic mix of Norman Rockwell and vintage greeting cards. **Kevin Lamotte's** lighting and **John Lott's** sound design enhance this production's various settings and holiday homages. The Shaw's *Holiday Inn* also features fight direction by **Kevin Kruckychwich**.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, food and money donations will be collected for [Project SHARE](#) at all *Holiday Inn* performances.

*Holiday Inn* is on stage at the [Festival Theatre](#) (10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake) from **November 16 to December 22** (available for review beginning November 23). This Shaw Festival production is proudly sponsored by **Mary E. Hill**, with additional support provided by its official hotel partner **Vintage Hotels**.

Recommended for ages 10+. Approximate running time is 2 hours and 20 minutes, including one intermission.

**Cast:** (in alphabetical order)

David Ball	Frank/Radio Quartet/Director
Carla Bennett	Stella
Kyle Blair	Jim Hardy
Kristi Frank	Linda Mason
Élodie Gillett	Rose/Radio Quartet/First Assistant Director
Timothy Gledhill	Stanley
Kyle Golemba	Ted Hanover
Kayla James	Susie/Production Assistant
Clara Poppy Kushnir	Charlie Winslow
Amanda Mattar	Daphne

Allison McCaughey	Janie
Kevin McLachlan	Buddy/Radio Host/Reporter
Drew Plummer	Byron/Cameraman
Andrew Prashad	Eugene/Sound Man
Kimberley Rampersad	Lila Dixon
David Andrew Reid	Alvin
Kiera Sangster	Hadley
Adam Sergison	Sawyer/Radio Quartet
Jacqueline Thair	Brenda/Radio Quartet
Jay Turvey	Danny
William Wagner	Charlie Winslow
Jenny L. Wright	Louise

### **Creative & Production:**

Kate Hennig	Director
Paul Sportelli	Music Director
Allison Plamondon	Choreographer
Judith Bowden	Designer
Kevin Lamotte	Lighting Designer
John Lott	Sound Designer
Kevin Kruchkywich	Fight Director
Ryan deSouza	Associate Music Director/Associate Conductor
Dora Tomassi	Stage Manager
Beatrice Campbell	Assistant Stage Manager
Annie McWhinnie	Assistant Stage Manager

### **About Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn***

Based on the film from Universal Pictures  
 Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin  
 Book by Gordon Greenberg and Chad Hodge

***Holiday Inn*** is presented through special arrangement with [R&H Theatricals](#).

Tickets for the 2020 Festival season are currently on sale to Friends of The Shaw and will be available to the public **December 7** through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW and [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com).

The Shaw Festival's 2020 season is on stage April 2 through December 23 featuring a playbill that includes [Gypsy](#), [The Devil's Disciple](#), [Sherlock Holmes and the Raven's Curse](#), [Mahabharata](#), [Charley's Aunt](#), [Prince Caspian](#), [Flush](#), [Assassins](#), [The Playboy of the Western World](#), [Desire Under the Elms](#), [Trouble in Mind](#), [A Short History of Niagara](#), [A Christmas Carol](#), [Me and My Girl](#) and [Shaw Not 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 [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com).

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