

## SHAW FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CASTING AND CREATIVE TEAMS FOR 2021 MAIN SEASON PRODUCTIONS

- Outdoor performances begin July 9 with *Charley's Aunt* -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (June 10, 2021) — Artistic Director **Tim Carroll** announces casting for the Shaw Festival's upcoming productions of *Charley's Aunt*, *Flush*, *The Devil's Disciple*, *Sherlock Holmes and the Raven's Curse*, *A Short History of Niagara* and *Trouble in Mind*.

"As we prepare to come together and begin in-person theatre performances again, I'm thrilled to be able to reveal the incredible artists returning to the company and welcome a few new faces making their Shaw Festival debuts," says Tim Carroll. "I can't wait for our audience to experience their talent on our stages, live and in real time."

### **CHARLEY'S AUNT** By Brandon Thomas

Directed by **Tim Carroll**

Scenic and costume design by  
**Christine Lohre**

Previews **July 9** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 25** ♦ Closes **October 10**

**Andrew Lawrie** as Charley and **Peter Fernandes** as Jack are two eager young men hoping to court their sweethearts. **Mike Nadajewski** is wild-card Lord Fancourt Babberley, whose turn in fancy-dress just might save the day.

*Charley's Aunt* also features **Neil Barclay**, **Patrick Galligan**, **Alexis Gordon**, **Claire Jullien**, **Marla McLean**, **Ric Reid** and **Gabriella Sundar Singh**.

Age Recommendation: Age 11+

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

### **FLUSH** Based on the novella by Virginia Woolf Adapted by Tim Carroll

Directed by **Tim Carroll**  
Scenic and costume design by  
**Hanne Loosen**

Puppetry by **Alexandra Montagnese**

Previews **July 10** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 24** ♦ Closes **October 2**

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

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

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

\*RBC Emerging Artists are sponsored by the RBC Foundation and RBC Emerging Artists Project.

**THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE**  
By Bernard Shaw

Directed by **Eda Holmes**  
Scenic design by **Michael Gianfrancesco**

Costume design by **Gillian Gallow**  
Original music by **Paul Sportelli**

Previews **July 14** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 23** ♦ Closes **October 9**

**Martin Happer** is scoundrel Richard Dudgeon in *The Devil's Disciple*, Bernard Shaw's first theatrical hit featuring his unique blend of dark comedy and melodrama. 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, Fiona Byrne, Julia Course, Tom McCamus, Peter Millard, Chick Reid, Johnathan Sousa** and **Shauna Thompson\***.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

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

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

Directed by **Craig Hall**  
Scenic and costume design by  
**Ken MacKenzie**  
Lighting design by **Michelle Ramsay**

Projection design by **Cameron Davis**  
Original music and sound design by  
**John Gzowski**

Previews **July 23** ♦ Available for review beginning **August 7** ♦ Closes **October 10**

The vibrant trio from 2018's fan-favourite *The Hound of the Baskervilles* returns for *Sherlock Holmes and The Raven's Curse*. **Damien Atkins** once again dons the deerstalker as Sherlock Holmes and reunites 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 **Jason Cadieux, Katherine Gauthier, Marla McLean, Mike Nadajewski, Chick Reid** and **Donna Soares**.

Age Recommendation: Age 12+

*SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE RAVEN'S CURSE* is sponsored by **CIBC** and **Hummel Properties**.  
Accessibility Partner: **Meridian Credit Union**.

**A SHORT HISTORY OF NIAGARA**

Created and performed by  
**Alexandra Montagnese** and **Mike Petersen**

Commissioned and presented by the  
**Shaw Festival**

Original music and sound design by  
**Ryan Cowl**

Directed by **Tim Carroll**

Previews **July 29** ♦ Available for review beginning **July 31** ♦ Closes **August 15**

The rich history of the Niagara Region – from the Maid of the Mist to Laura Secord to the founding of the Shaw Festival – is brought to life in thirty minutes through the lively, no dialogue artistry of puppet theatre.

Age Recommendation: Age 4+

*A SHORT HISTORY OF NIAGARA* is generously supported by the **Niagara Region**, presented in partnership with **Parks Canada** and sponsored by the **Humeniuk Foundation**.

***TROUBLE IN MIND***  
**By Alice Childress**

Directed by **Philip Akin**  
Scenic design by **Rachel Forbes**

Costume design by **Ming Wong**  
Lighting design by **Mikael Kangas**

Previews **August 8** ♦ Available for review beginning **August 21** ♦ Closes **October 9**

**Nafeesa Monroe** is Wiletta, the Black actor at the centre of Alice Childress' unflinching look at privilege and race in the theatre community. Appearing alongside Monroe is **Kiera Sangster** as veteran actor Millie Davis and **Graeme Somerville** as director Al Manners.

*Trouble in Mind* also features **Kaleb Alexander**, **David Alan Anderson**, **Neil Barclay**, **Kristi Frank**, **Patrick Galligan** and **Peter Millard**.

Age Recommendation: Age 14+

*TROUBLE IN MIND* is sponsored by **TD Bank Group** and **James F. Brown**.

Casts of the upcoming, yet to be announced, series of outdoor concerts and activities; ***Desire Under the Elms***, the fourth iteration of ***A Christmas Carol*** and the return of ***Holiday Inn*** will be announced at a later date. Further updates will be available at [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com).

Tickets for the 2021 season are available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW (7429) and online at [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com).

The Shaw Festival plans to present the 2021 season as per the revised schedule; however, performances will only take place if deemed safe to do so. In addition to following and exceeding the directives of local, provincial and federal governments and their respective public health agencies, The Shaw has implemented a robust [Duty of Care](#) initiative. These measures include significant infrastructure improvements and a commitment to ensuring the health and safety of audiences, company members and communities.

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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](http://shawfest.com).

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