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SHAW FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES CASTS AND CREATIVE TEAMS FOR HOLIDAY PLAYBILL

- Festival gets festive beginning November 5 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (August 8, 2023) — Charles Dickens's [A Christmas Carol](#), the Shaw Festival's perennial production (and audience favourite), kicks off the holiday theatre season on November 5 at the Royal George Theatre. The seasonal celebrations continue when **Lerner and Loewe's** timeless musical [Brigadoon](#) conjures more magic and enchantment at the Festival Theatre on November 15.

"It's time to for you to enjoy some comfort and joy," suggested Artistic Director **Tim Carroll**. "Join us in Niagara-on-the-Lake and celebrate the season with the enduring favourite **A Christmas Carol** and the delightful **Lerner and Loewe** musical, **Brigadoon**."

The casts and creative teams of The Shaw's holiday offerings:

FESTIVAL THEATRE

Lerner and Loewe's

BRIGADOON

BOOK AND LYRICS BY ALAN JAY LERNER

MUSIC BY FREDERICK LOEWE

Original Dances Created by Agnes DeMille

Revised Book by Brian Hill

Directed by **Glynis Leyshon**

Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**

Original choreography by **Linda Garneau**

Set design by **Pam Johnson**

Costume design by **Sue LePage**

Lighting design by **Kevin Lamotte**

Projection design by **Corwin Ferguson**

Sound design by **John Lott**

Associate Choreographer: **Matt Alfano**

Fight direction by **John Stead**

Previews **November 15** • Available for review beginning **November 18** • Closes **December 23**

While hunting in the Highlands of Scotland, New Yorkers Tommy Albright (**Stewart Adam McKensy**) and Jeff Douglas (**Kevin McLachlan**) stumble upon Brigadoon – a village that appears out of the mist for one day every century. After falling for villager Fiona (**Alexis Gordon**), Tommy realizes the bewitched hamlet will once again vanish at sunset. As the day draws to a close, he must decide whether to return to the world he knows or stay forever in Brigadoon with the woman he loves.

This production of **Lerner and Loewe's *Brigadoon*** also features **Kristi Frank** as Meg Brockie, **Madelyn Kriese** as Jean MacLaren, **David Andrew Reid** as Charlie Dalrymple and **David Adams** as Archie Beaton, Head of Clan. Also appearing in this charming musical are **Alexandra Gratton, Jane Johanson, Claire Jullien, Graeme Kitagawa, Jawon Mapp, Peter Millard, Drew Plummer, Jade Repeta, Travis Seetoo, Genny Sermonia, Jay Turvey, Kelly Wong** and **Jenny L. Wright**.

Additional casting to be announced at a later date.

Age Recommendation: 8+/Grade 3+

LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

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Holiday Season Hotel Partner: **Vintage Hotels**.

ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By **Charles Dickens**

Adapted and originally directed by **Tim Carroll**

Directed by **Brendan McMurtry-Howlett**

Set and costume design by **Christine Lohre**

Lighting design by **Kevin Lamotte**

Original music by **Paul Sportelli**

Original movement and puppetry direction by **Alexis Milligan**

Previews **November 5** • Available for review beginning **November 11** • Closes **December 23**

This season, **Sanjay Talwar** takes over the role of everyone's favourite curmudgeon, Ebenezer Scrooge.

Visits by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley, the spirits of Christmas Past (**Élodie Gillett**), Christmas Present (**Shawn Wright**) and Christmas Yet to Come changes cold-hearted miser Scrooge into a kinder and more generous human.

The Shaw's charming adaptation of redemption, transformation and the discovery of joy also features **Jason Cadieux** as Mr. Hubble, **Marlene Ginader** as Belle, **Patty Jamieson** as Mrs. Dilber, **Andrew Lawrie** as Bob Cratchit, **Jonathan Tan** as Fred, **Jacqueline Thair** as Mrs. Cratchit and **Kiana Woo*** as Emily.

SELFIE ALERT: following the performance, audience members will have the opportunity to take a safely distanced photo with the cast.

Age Recommendation: 6+/Grade 1+

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Generously sponsored by **The Slight Family Foundation**, the Shaw Festival's 2023 season runs through to December 23, with a playbill featuring [Mahabharata](#), [Gypsy](#), Noël Coward's [Blithe Spirit](#), [The Amen Corner](#), [Prince Caspian](#), [On the Razzle](#), [Village Wooing](#), [The](#)

[Shadow of a Doubt](#), [The Playboy of the Western World](#), [The Apple Cart](#), [The Clearing](#), [A Christmas Carol](#) and Lerner and Loewe's [Brigadoon](#). This season's Outdoors @ The Shaw includes [Mother, Daughter](#), [The Game of Love and Chance](#), Rodgers and Hammerstein's [A Grand Night for Singing – One Act – in Concert](#), [Coffee Concerts](#), [Speakeasies](#), [A Short History of Niagara](#), [What's in Your Songbook?](#) and [Gospel Choir](#).

Direct bus service from downtown Toronto and Burlington to Niagara-on-the-Lake is available on the [Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express](#). Luxury buses are standard size wheelchair accessible, offer free Wi-Fi and have an on-board host. Return trip: \$29 per person. Ticket to a 2023 performance is required. Please pre-arrange with the Box Office. Schedule is subject to change. Please confirm dates and times with the Shaw Festival Box Office.

For more information or to purchase tickets or a seat on the Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express, please contact the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW or visit [shawfest.com](#).

Mask use at The Shaw: While the wearing of masks remains at the discretion of the individual, their continued use is encouraged and may be required in conjunction with regional health protocols and internal safety considerations. The Shaw continues to maintain its [Duty of Care](#) measures. Patrons are also requested to refrain from attending any performance or event if presenting COVID-19 symptoms.

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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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