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THE SHAW'S 2024 CASTS AND CREATIVE TEAMS REVEALED

- New production of the Festival's most beloved musical Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* starts May 4 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 9, 2023) — Artistic Director **Tim Carroll** announced today the casting and creative teams for the Shaw Festival's 62nd season.

"Our extraordinary acting ensemble and creative artists are already working to make unforgettable experiences out of this mixture of all-time classics and hidden gems you won't find anywhere else," said Tim Carroll. "Our mission is to create real human connection and rekindle the joy of shared experiences; live theatre is the best way to burst out of our isolated bubbles. We can't wait to see you at The Shaw in 2024."

FESTIVAL THEATRE

Lerner and Loewe's

MY FAIR LADY

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner

Music by Frederick Loewe

Adapted from Bernard Shaw's play and Gabriel Pascal's motion picture *Pygmalion*

Original production directed by Moss Hart

Co-directed by **Kimberley Rampersad** and **Tim Carroll**

Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**

Choreographed by **Kimberley Rampersad**

Set designed by **Lorenzo Savoini**

Costumes designed by **Joyce Padua**

Lighting designed by **Mikael Kangas**

Sound designed by **John Lott**

Previews **May 4** • Available for review beginning **May 23** • Closes **December 22**

The adored musical adaptation of Bernard Shaw's play and Gabriel Pascal's motion picture *Pygmalion* follows a Cockney flower girl's transformation into a proper lady under the tutelage of a professor of phonetics and his fellow linguist.

The Shaw Festival's production of **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*** will feature **Kristi Frank** as Eliza Doolittle, **Tom Rooney** as Professor Henry Higgins and **David Alan Anderson** as Colonel Pickering.

The cast will also include **David Adams** as Alfred Doolittle, **Alana Bridgewater** as Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, **Shane Carty** as Harry, **Sharry Flett** as Mrs. Higgins, **Patty Jamieson** as Mrs. Pearce, **Taurian Teelucksingh** as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, with **Matt Alfano**, **Tat Austrie**, **JJ Gerber**, **Gryphyn Karimloo**, **Graeme Kitagawa**, **Allan Louis**, **Tama Martin**, **Allison**

McCaughey, André Morin, Drew Plummer, Jade Repeta, Kiera Sangster, Gabriella Sundar Singh, Jeremiah Sparks and Jacqueline Thair.

Sponsored by **Mary E. Hill.**

Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* Official Hotel Sponsor Vintage Hotels.

Age Recommendation: 9+/Grade 4+

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

ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS

By Richard Bean

Based on *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni

With songs by Grant Olding

Directed by **Chris Abraham**

Set and costumes designed by **Julie Fox**

Lighting designed by **Kimberly Purtell**

Original music and sound designed by **Thomas Ryder Payne**

Assistant Director: **Tara Rosling**

Previews **June 6** • Available for review beginning **June 21** • Closes **October 13**

Collecting a payout in Brighton with his current employer, petty East End criminal Roscoe Crabbe, Francis Henshall takes another job with Stanley Stubbers, an upper-class buffoon. To prevent discovery and remain dually employed, Francis must do everything to keep these "two guvnors" apart.

Peter Fernandes is Francis Henshall, the one man in the employment of the two guvnors – **Fiona Byrne** as Roscoe (a.k.a. Rachel Crabbe) and **Martin Happer** as Stanley Stubbers – in this commedia dell'arte-styled comedy.

Matt Alfano as Alfie, **Patrick Galligan** as Harry Dangle, **Allan Louis** as Lloyd Boateng, **André Morin** as Alan Dangle, **Jade Repeta** as Pauline Clench, **Tom Rooney** as Charlie Clench, **Kiera Sangster** as Dolly, **Graeme Somerville** as Gareth, along with **Andrew Lawrie** and **Lawrence Libor**, join in this mayhem-filled comic romp.

Sponsored by **James and Diane King.**

Age Recommendation: 11+/Grade 6+

ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

World Premiere

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE MYSTERY OF THE HUMAN HEART

By Reginald Candy

Based on characters by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Directed by **Craig Hall**
Set designed by **Ken MacKenzie**
Costumes designed by **Hanne Loosen**
Lighting designed by **Bonnie Beecher**
Projections designed by **Cameron Davis**
Original music and sound designed by **John Gzowski**
Assistant Director: **Peter Fernandes**

Previews **July 24** • Available for review beginning **August 15** • Closes **October 13**

Damien Atkins dons the deerstalker once again as Sherlock Holmes, the master of deduction and observation, in a new work by **Reginald Candy**. This time round, Holmes faces off against a villain so clever, so compelling and so lethal, that he may have met his match. **Ric Reid** returns as his ever-faithful friend Dr. John Watson.

Playing alongside the Baker Street duo will be **Deborah Castrilli** as Sarah, **Rais Clarke-Mendes** as Amelia Lestrade, **Nehassaiu deGannes** as Mrs. Allstrud, **Sochi Fried** as Miss Mary Sutherland, **Michael Man** as Mr. James Ryder, **Johnathan Sousa** as Mr. Hall Pycroft, **Sanjay Talwar** as Inspector Lestrade, **Sophia Walker** as Mrs. Vespertine Hunter and **Kelly Wong** as Mr. Jabez Wilson.

Sponsored by **Hummel Properties Inc.**

Age Recommendation: 12+/Grade 7+

ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE

The 2024 Season at the Royal George Theatre is sponsored by **124 on Queen Hotel & Spa**.

Agatha Christie's WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

Directed by **Alistair Newton**
Set and Projections designed by **Karyn McCallum**
Costumes designed by **Judith Bowden**
Lighting designed by **Siobhán Sleath**
Original music and sound designed by **Lyon Smith**
Movement directed by **Alexis Milligan**
Assistant Director: **Peter Fernandes**

Previews **April 6** • Available for review beginning **April 25** • Closes **October 13**

A wealthy widow is found brutally murdered and there is only one suspect: her handsome, charming, and much younger gentleman friend. At the centre of this Christie stage whodunit is a high-stakes fight to escape the hangman's noose.

Full of clever twists, shocking revelations and mounting tension, this thriller will feature **Kristopher Bowman** as Mr. Mayhew, **Fiona Byrne** as Greta, **Patrick Galligan** as Sir Wilfred Roberts, **Martin Happer** as Inspector Hearn, **Andrew Lawrie** as the accused Leonard Vole,

Lawrence Libor as Clegg, **Marla McLean** as Romaine, **Graeme Somerville** as Mr. Myers, Q.C. and **Shawn Wright** as Judge.

Sponsored by **Bruce and Wendy Gitelman**.

Age/Grade Recommendation: 8+/ Grade 3+

World Premiere

THE SECRET GARDEN

A Play with Songs

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Adapted for the stage by Jay Turvey and Paul Sportelli

Directed by **Jay Turvey**

Music direction by **Ryan deSouza**

Set designed by **Beyata Hackborn**

Costumes designed by **Judith Bowden**

Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**

Previews **May 31** • Available for review beginning **June 20** • Closes **October 13**

After the death of her parents, unloved and overindulged Mary Lennox is uprooted and moved to Yorkshire to live with her reclusive uncle in his cheerless mansion. She soon meets her sickly cousin Colin, and Dickon, a boy who knows all about animals and nature. When she discovers a walled garden with a locked door on the manor grounds, her curiosity is sparked into life.

The cast of this new adaptation by **Jay Turvey** and **Paul Sportelli** will include **David Adams** as Ben, **David Alan Anderson** as Archibald, **Sharry Flett** as Mrs. Medlock, **Patty Jamieson** as Mrs. Sowerby, **Gryphyn Karimloo** as Colin, **Tama Martin** as Robin, **Drew Plummer** as Dickon, **Gabriella Sundar Singh** as Mary Lennox and **Jacqueline Thair** as Martha.

Children and Family Programming supported by **Christopher and Jeanne Jennings**.

Age Recommendation: 8+/Grade 3+

World Premiere

THE ORPHAN OF CHAO

Adapted by Michael Man

**Based on the classical Chinese drama,
*The Great Revenge of the Zhao Orphan***

By Ji Junxiang

Directed by **Courtney Ch'ng Lancaster**

Set designed by **Jareth Li**

Costumes designed by **Christine Ting-Huan Urquhart**

Lighting designed by **Jareth Li**

Original music and sound designed by **Heidi Wai Yee Chan**

Assistant Director: **Tara Rosling**

LUNCHTIME ONE-ACT

Previews **June 13** • Available for review beginning **June 21** • Closes **October 5**

A violent palace power struggle leaves an infant – the last of the house of Chao – orphaned. A benevolent doctor sacrifices his own son to keep the child alive. Later adopted by his family's killer as son and heir, the orphan of Chao discovers the truth about his identity and exacts vengeance for the death of his clan.

Eponine Lee, Richard Lee, John Ng, Jonathan Tan and **Lindsay Wu** are set to appear in **Michael Man's** adaptation of this epic revenge tale.

Sponsored by the **Dorothy Strelsin Foundation**.
Supported by **Toronto Arts Council with funding from the City of Toronto**.

Age Recommendation: 14+/Grade

CANDIDA By Bernard Shaw

Directed by **Severn Thompson**
Set designed by **Michelle Tracey**
Costumes designed by **Ming Wong**
Lighting designed by **Louise Guinand**
Original music and sound designed by **Thomas Ryder Payne**

Previews **July 13** • Available for review beginning **July 31** • Closes **October 11**

Caught in an emotional tug-of-war between her charming socialist vicar husband and her “foundling”, a young and aristocratic, but penniless poet, Candida must ultimately decide which one truly needs her most.

The cast of the 2024 production of Shaw's popular and enduring romantic comedy will include **Damien Atkins** as Reverend Lexy Mill, **Sochi Fried** as Candida, **Ric Reid** as Mr. Burgess, **Johnathan Sousa** as Eugene Marchbanks and **Sanjay Talwar** as Reverend James Mavor Morell.

Sponsored by the **William and Nona Macdonald Heaslip Foundation** and the **Gabriel Pascal Memorial Fund**.

Age Recommendation: 14+/Grade 9+

JACKIE MAXWELL STUDIO THEATRE

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

THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND By Marcus Gardley

Directed by **Philip Akin**
Set and costumes designed by **Sean Mulcahy**
Lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte**
Original music and sound designed by **Jacob Lin**
Movement directed by **Alexis Milligan**

Previews **June 12** • Available for review beginning **June 20** • Closes **October 12**

Set in early 19th century New Orleans, a wealthy free Black woman with three unwed daughters finds herself facing an uncertain future as racial divides widen and society around her begins to change.

The cast of this steamy family melodrama about love, rivalry, passion and one woman's struggle for survival will include **Deborah Castrilli** as Agnès, **Nehassaiu deGannes** as La Veuve, **Rais Clarke-Mendes** as Maude Lynn Albans and **Sophia Walker** as Makeda.

Sponsored by **Sylvia Soyka**.

MATURE CONTENT

Age Recommendation: 14+/Grade 9+

THE HOUSE THAT WILL NOT STAND is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

SNOW IN MIDSUMMER

By **Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig**

Based on the classical Chinese drama,
The Injustice of Dou E That Moved Heaven and Earth

By **Guan Hanqing**

Directed by **Nina Lee Aquino**
Set designed by **Camellia Koo**
Costumes designed by **Joanna Yu**
Lighting designed by **Michelle Ramsay**

Previews **August 8** • Available for review beginning **August 15** • Closes **October 5**

Young widow Dou Yi is sentenced to death for a murder she didn't commit. She curses her town with a devastating drought, which will only end when she is proven innocent. A visiting businesswoman and her young daughter may be the key to the town's redemption and Dou Yi's peace in the afterlife.

Courtney Ch'ng Lancaster as Dou Yi, **Eponine Lee** as Fei-Fei, **Richard Lee** as Worker Zhou, **Michael Man** as Handsome Zhang, **John Ng** as Master Zhang, **Travis Seetoo** as Worker Fang, **Jonathan Tan** as Rocket Wu, **Lindsay Wu** as Worker Chen and **Kelly Wong** as Doctor Lu will be featured in this reimagined work from the 13th century Yuan Dynasty.

MATURE CONTENT

Age Recommendation: 14+/Grade 9+

Additional casting and creative team updates for the upcoming Shaw Festival season will be available at shawfest.com.

Tickets for the Shaw Festival's 2024 season can be purchased through the Box Office by calling 1-800-511-SHAW (7429) or at shawfest.com. Currently on sale to Friends of The Shaw, tickets will be available to everyone else on December 2. Patrons wishing to gain early access to tickets can visit the Festival's [Membership and Giving](#) page or call 1-800-657-1106 x 2556 to become Friends of The Shaw.

The Shaw's [Duty of Care](#) remains in place. While these measures include a commitment to ensuring the health and safety of audiences, company members and communities, there remains an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people congregate. Patrons are encouraged to take what precautions they deem necessary to protect themselves and are also requested to refrain from attending any performance or event if they are presenting any COVID-19 symptoms.

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The Shaw Festival wishes to acknowledge and honour the land upon which its patrons and company members gather as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. Recognition and thanks are extended to the Neutral Nation, the Mississauga and the Haudenosaunee for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

About the Shaw Festival

Inspired by the spirit of [Bernard Shaw](#), the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw 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, visit shawfest.com.

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