

IMMEDIATE RELEASE**LERNER AND LOEWE'S *MY FAIR LADY* MAKES
'LOVERLY' RETURN TO THE SHAW**

- The beloved musical begins previews on May 4 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (May 2, 2024) – **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady***, one of the most beloved musicals of all time, returns to the [Shaw Festival](#) stage. First performed at The Shaw in 2011, this new production of the timeless musical adaptation of **Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*** is co-directed by Artistic Director **Tim Carroll** and Associate Artistic Director **Kimberley Rampersad**. The production also features choreography by **Ms. Rampersad**. Bursting with lush orchestrations, memorable songs, charming comedy and breathtaking romance, The Shaw's production of **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*** begins previews on Saturday, May 4 at the Festival Theatre.

Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle (**Kristi Frank**) dreams of a better life. Through a chance encounter, she finds herself the subject of a wager between Henry Higgins (**Tom Rooney**), a renowned but misanthropic professor of phonetics, and his colleague Colonel Pickering (**David Alan Anderson**), an enthusiastic fellow linguist. Higgins vows to transform Eliza from a coarse, working-class nobody into an elite, upper-class socialite in six months. A new life and job prospects within her grasp, Eliza allows herself to be subjected to a series of intensive lessons in posh elocution and mannerisms under Higgins's eccentric and demanding tutelage.

Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* also features **David Adams**, **Matt Alfano**, **Tat Austria***, **Alana Bridgewater**, **Shane Carty**, **Sharry Flett**, **JJ Gerber***, **Élodie Gillett**, **Patty Jamieson**, **Gryphyn Karimloo****, **Graeme Kitagawa****, **Allan Louis**, **Tama Martin***, **Allison McCaughey**, **André Morin**, **Ruthie Nkut***, **Drew Plummer**, **Jade Repeta*****, **Kiera Sangster**, **Jeremiah Sparks**, **Gabriella Sundar Singh**, **Taurian Teelucksingh**** and **Jacqueline Thair**.

The Shaw's 2024 production of **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*** features music direction by **Paul Sportelli**, set design by **Lorenzo Savoini**, costume design by **Joyce Padua**, lighting design by **Mikael Kangas** and sound design by **John Lott**. The production team includes stage manager **Allan Teichman** and assistant stage managers **Kelly Boudreau** and **Annie McWhinnie**.

On stage at the [Festival Theatre](#) (10 Queen's Parade) from May 4 to December 22 (available for review beginning May 23), **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*** is recommended for audience members 9+/Grade 3+. Running time is approximately 3 hours, including one intermission.

Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* is sponsored by **BMO Financial Group** and **Mary E. Hill. Vintage Hotels** is the Official Hotel Partner of the Shaw Festival's production of **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady***.

The 2024 season at the Festival Theatre is supported by **Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund**.

Cast:

David Adams
Matt Alfano

Alfred P. Doolittle
Swing

David Alan Anderson
Tat Austrie*
Alana Bridgewater
Shane Carty
Sharry Flett
Kristi Frank
JJ Gerber*
Élodie Gillett
Patty Jamieson
Gryphyn Karimloo**
Graeme Kitagawa**
Allan Louis
Tama Martin*
Allison McCaughey
André Morin
Ruthie Nkut*
Drew Plummer
Jade Repeta***
Tom Rooney
Kiera Sangster
Jeremiah Sparks
Gabriella Sundar Singh
Taurian Teelucksingh**
Jacqueline Thair

Colonel Pickering
Ensemble
Mrs. Eynsford-Hill/Ensemble
Harry/Lord Boxington
Mrs. Higgins
Eliza Doolittle
Butler/Dr. Themistocles/Ensemble
Lady Boxington/Ensemble
Mrs. Pearce/Queen of Transylvania/Ensemble
Ensemble
Sir Reginal Tarrington/Ensemble
Zoltan Karpathy/Ensemble
Ensemble
Ensemble
Swing
Swing
Jamie/Ensemble
Swing
Henry Higgins
Ensemble
Bartender George/Ensemble
Ensemble
Freddy Eynsford-Hill
Ensemble

Creative & Production

Tim Carroll
Kimberley Rampersad
Paul Sportelli
Lorenzo Savoini
Joyce Padua
Mikael Kangas
John Lott
Angel Everett
Ximena Pinilla
Rose Tavormina
Jeff Pybus
Bex Tralli
Matt Alfano
Élodie Gillett
Ryan deSouza
Allan Teichman
Kelly Boudreau
Annie McWhinnie

Co-Director
Co-Director and Choreographer
Music Director
Set Designer
Costume Designer
Lighting Designer
Sound Designer
Assistant Set Designer
Assistant Set Designer
Assistant Costume Designer
Assistant Lighting Designer
Assistant Sound Designer
Dance Captain
Assistant Director
Associate Conductor
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager

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

** The Baillie Cohort is generously supported by the Baillie Family Fund for Education.

*** Christopher Newton Intern Jade Repeta is generously supported by **Marilyn & Charles Baillie**.

About 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**

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).

The Shaw Festival's 2024 season runs through to December 22, with a playbill featuring [Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady](#), [One Man, Two Guvnors](#), [Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Human Heart](#), [Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution](#), [The Secret Garden](#), [The Orphan of Chao](#), [Candida](#), [The House That Will Not Stand](#), [Snow in Midsummer](#) and [A Christmas Carol](#). The Spiegelent's season features [The Shaw Variety Show](#), [The Roll of Shaw](#), [Kabarett](#), [Cotton Club](#), [Coffee Concerts](#), [Footlights](#), [Speakeasies](#), [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. \$34 return per person. Ticket to a 2024 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: Masks are not currently required in our theatres. Though wearing a mask is optional, it is recommended; however, the choice remains at the discretion and comfort of the individual. 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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