

## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# LOVE TRIANGLES SPRING ETERNAL IN THE SHAW'S CANDIDA

- Previews of the Bernard Shaw classic begin July 13 -

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (July 11, 2024)** – Perennial **Bernard Shaw** favourite [Candida](#) starts previews Saturday at the Royal George Theatre. **Severn Thompson** directs an updated version of this classic love triangle, eliciting intriguing and delightful performances at every turn.

**Candida** (**Sochi Fried**) is happily married to the modernist Reverend James Morell (**Sanjay Talwar**), but finds herself curiously intrigued by penniless poet, Eugene Marchbanks (**Johnathan Sousa**). Marchbanks, a guest of the Morells, is smitten with **Candida** and resolves to free her from the apparent tedium of her seemingly conventional marriage. **Candida**, a classic free-thinking Shaw heroine, must decide what she wants more: a life of comfortable stability with her loving husband, or a passionate affair with a dashing young poet.

**Candida** also features **Damien Atkins**, **Claire Jullien** and **Ric Reid**.

This Shaw Festival production features historically inspired set design by **Michelle Tracey**, inventive costume design by **Ming Wong**, evocative lighting design by **Louise Guinand** and intriguing sound design by **Thomas Ryder Payne**. The production team includes stage manager **Leigh McClymont** and assistant stage manager **Ferne Hudson**.

On stage at the [Royal George Theatre](#) (85 Queen Street) from July 13 to October 11 (available for review beginning July 31), **Candida** is recommended for audience members 14+/Grade 9+. Running time is approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes, including one intermission.

**Candida** is sponsored by **The William & Nona Heaslip Foundation** and the **Gabriel Pascal Memorial Fund**. The Royal George Theatre is sponsored by **124 on Queen Hotel & Spa**.

### Cast:

Damien Atkins  
Sochi Fried  
Claire Jullien  
Ric Reid  
Johnathan Sousa  
Sanjay Talwar

Rev. Lexy Mill  
Candida Morell  
Miss Proserpine Garnett  
Mr. Burgess  
Eugene Marchbanks  
Rev. James Mavor Morell

### Creative & Production:

Severn Thompson  
Michelle Tracey  
Ming Wong  
Louise Guinand  
Thomas Ryder Payne

Director  
Set Designer  
Costume Designer  
Lighting Designer  
Original Music and Sound Designer

Alix Sobschak  
Aurora Judge  
Theo Belc  
Leigh McClymont  
Ferne Hudson  
Myra Malley  
Kim Charleen Smith  
David Chinchilla  
Damien Atkins  
Ausar Stewart  
Alexis Milligan

Assistant Set Designer  
Assistant Costume Designer  
Assistant Lighting Designer  
Stage Manager  
Assistant Stage Manager  
Rehearsal Assistant Stage Manager  
Production Stage Manager  
Fight Director  
Fight Captain  
Voice and Dialect Coach  
Movement Coach

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 Spiegeltent'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](#).

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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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