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Harlequin Productions Unveils 2023 “Resilience” Season

Olympia, WA – September 25, 2022 - Harlequin Productions’ 2023 “Resilience” Season was revealed on Saturday, September 24, at Harlequin’s Annual Gala and 2023 Season Announcement at the State Theater in downtown Olympia. The night featured live music by local band Keys and Chords, with a presentation hosted by Aleksa Manila and Artistic Director Aaron Lamb. The night included a multimedia presentation of the season, including performances from two of the musicals announced.

Of note:

- In the spring of 2023, Harlequin will close the State Theater for renovations of the backstage, the enclosure of the performance space acoustically (including new seating), and the enclosure of the tech deck. Productions during that time will be performed at the Minnaert Center Mainstage and Black Box, and the Washington Center Black Box.
- The season highlights local and regional artists of all kinds, from playwrights to designers, directors and onstage talent.
- Productions will run for three weeks instead of four and will no longer include Saturday matinees.

The 2023 “Resilience” Season:

January 27 - February 11, 2023: **Ken Ludwig’s *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery***
Comedic genius Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me a Tenor*, *Moon Over Buffalo*) transforms Arthur Conan Doyle’s classic “The Hound of the Baskervilles” into a murderously funny adventure. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises, and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters.
Directed by Corey McDaniel.

March 17 - April 1, 2023: ***Building Madness*** by Regional Playwright Kate Danley
Professional World Premiere

Max and Paul are just trying to keep their architecture company afloat, but they accidentally hired the mob to build a police retirement home. They may never get the project done in this screwball comedy, but they are most definitely building madness. If you love those great old screwball comedies from Hollywood’s Golden Era of the 1930s, you will love this.

May 5 - 27, 2023: ***Hundred Days*** by Abigail Nessen-Bengson, Sarah Gancher, and Shaun Bengson

Join us as we transform The State Theater into a nightclub for an uncensored, exhilarating, and heartrending true story about embracing uncertainty, taking a leap, and loving as if you only had 100 days to live. With magnetic chemistry and anthemic folk-punk music, creators Abigail and

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Shaun Bengson explore a fundamental question: how do we make the most of the time that we have?

Directed by Aaron Lamb. Featuring local artist Amy Shephard and local band Sugar and the Spitfires

June 30 - July 15, 2023: **Falsettos** by William Finn and James Lapine

At the Minnaert Center Mainstage

Hilarious, heartbreaking and utterly unique, *Falsettos* revolves around the life of a charming, intelligent, neurotic gay man named Marvin, his wife, lover, about- to-be-Bar-Mitzvahed son, their psychiatrist, and the lesbians next door. It's a hilarious and achingly poignant look at the infinite possibilities that make up a modern family... and a beautiful reminder that love can tell a million stories. 1992 Tony Award for Best Score and Best Book of a Musical.

September 8 - 23, 2023: **The Revolutionists** by Lauren Gunderson

At the Washington Center Black Box

A new play about four very real women who lived boldly in France during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. Playwright Olympe De Gouge, assassin Charlotte Corday, former queen (and fan of ribbons) Marie Antoinette, and Haitian rebel Marianne Angelle hang out, murder Marat, lose their heads and try to beat back the extremist insanity in the Paris of 1793. This grand and dream-tweaked comedy is about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, compatriots and chosen sisters, and how we actually go about changing the world.

Directed by Lauren Love.

October 13 – 28, 2023: **This show is Top Secret!**

At the Minnaert Center Black Box

This play is simply too new for us to tell you what it is! We're legally not allowed to reveal this title until mid-2023. But trust us, and join us in the very intimate Minnaert Center Black Box for a theatrical evening like none you've ever experienced before.

Directed by Aaron Lamb. Featuring local artist Eleise Moore.

November 24 - December 24, 2023: **Holiday 2023**

Ring in the Yuletide season with a heart-warming holiday show at Harlequin! We don't know yet exactly what we'll put on the boards, but rest assured there will be good cheer, at least a few special effects, and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Subscriptions are available for purchase by mail, online at harlequinproductions.org, by phone at (360) 786-0151, and in-person at the Washington Center Box Office.

Single tickets for the 2023 season will be available for purchase on Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022.

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