



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Release Date: 8/8/2023

End Date: 9/23/2023

The Revolutionists: 1793 France like you've never seen (or heard) it before

Olympia, WA – August 8, 2023 – Harlequin Productions presents [*The Revolutionists*](#) by Lauren Gunderson, September 8 - 23, 2023 at the State Theater. Lauren Love will direct. Using modern language and what playwright Lauren Gunderson has described as ["edgy, rebellious, Tina Fey-Amy Poehler, rolling kind of humor"](#), the Reign of Terror becomes instantly relatable.

The Revolutionists is a new play about four very real women who lived boldly in France during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. What was a hopeful revolution for the people is now sinking into hyper-violent hypocritical male rhetoric. However will modern audiences relate? 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.

Director Lauren Love is well-known to the local theater community as the Artistic Director for South Puget Sound Community College's Theater Collective. Asked what excites her most about bringing *The Revolutionists* to the stage, she too highlights the bracing use of language:

I'm most excited about the energy intrinsic in the structure of the play that uses anachronistic language in the context of the Reign of Terror in 1793 Paris. It's a brilliant device to represent the power of women to recognize the social structures, strategize, and act to break them. That contrast between the constrictions of corsets and thoughtless mass violence of the men in power and the brilliance of these women is set up to unleash the play's comedy as well as the depth of its critique.

Harlequin veterans and newcomers will grace the stage. Angela DiMarco* (*Building Madness, August: Osage County*) plays playwright Olympe de Gouges, who wrote the world's first feminist manifesto in 1791. Spinning in her orbit: Charlotte Corday (played by new-comer Victoria Austin) who assassinated Jacobin leader Jean-Paul Marat in 1793 at the age of 24, Marianne Angelle (played by Amanda Kemp), a spy for the Haitian Revolution, and Marie Antoinette (Harlequin veteran Helen Harvester), the last Queen of France. The production will be visually distinctive as well, with sumptuous costumes by Charlotte Darling and a striking set by Jordanna Averett.

Publicity photos by Shanna Paxton Photography are available on our [For Press](#) page, or use the direct link [here](#).

Production Information

WHAT: Harlequin Productions presents [The Revolutionists](#) by Lauren Gunderson, a modern, radically funny take on France's Reign of Terror. Directed by Lauren Love.

WHEN: September 8 – 23, 2023

WHERE: State Theater, 202 4th Ave East, Olympia, WA 98501

TICKETS: Tickets are available online at harlequinproductions.org, by phone at 360-786-0151, or in person 12-5:30 pm, Tuesday-Saturday at the Washington Center, and beginning 2 hours before performances at the State Theater.

General admission tickets are \$43

Senior 60+/Military \$40

Groups 6+ \$34.40

Student/Youth \$28

Rush Tickets (half-hour prior to showtime) General \$21.50; Teens/Under 20 \$5

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE:

Opening Night: Friday, September 8 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday Matinee: Wednesday, September 20 at 2:00 pm

Pay-What-You-Can: Three performances TBA prior to Opening

CATEGORY: New Play, Comedy

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 11 and over with guidance

CAST:

Angela DiMarco*	<i>Olympe de Gouges</i>
Victoria Austin	<i>Charlotte Corday</i>
Helen Harvester	<i>Marie Antoinette</i>
Amanda Kemp	<i>Marianne Angelle</i>

* Indicates membership in the Actor's Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

Harlequin Productions is a professional not-for-profit theater company in Olympia, WA. We seek to invigorate, educate, and empower our community and all people to feel more, think more, play more, and judge less through the mirror of real live theatre.

PR: Helen Harvester, Marketing and Communications Director
helen@harlequinproductions.org
