RIVERCITY PLAYERS PRESENTS



a hilarious comedy by award winning Canadian playwright

Caroline Smith

Directed by Melony Larre

PERFORMANCE DATES

OCT 14 - 17, 21 - 24 @ 7:30 PM

AND OCT 18 AND 24 @ 2 PM

THE KITCHEN WITCHES is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

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Welcome to Rivercity Stage!
We are so glad you have joined us for this production.



Director's Message
Melony Larre

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This time of year has always centered around food for me. It's a season of abundance and harvesting, when the days become a little chillier and darker and a nice hearty bowl of something delicious reminds us to slow down and nourish ourselves for the coming season. It's also spooky season but I must admit that I am terribly faint of heart when it comes to all things scary or gory. I've always celebrated "cute" or "funny" Halloween - I enjoy making people laugh after all!

So, I was enchanted after I learned about the legend of the kitchen witch; a handmade doll that honours wise women, herbalists, and village cooks who gathered in the kitchen brewing medicinal teas, poultices, and nourishing meals.

"The Legendary Secret of Goof-Proof Cooking: The Famous Kitchen Witch! For centuries, Europeans have hung this good witch in their kitchen. They believe she has the power to keep roasts from burning, pots from boiling over, and sauces from spilling." - Wikipedia

Indeed, the thought of a good luck charm that honours the labours of women in the kitchen and subsequently in the community was inspiring!

I stumbled upon this play by Caroline Smith, a Canadian playwright, choreographer, director and teacher and admittedly, this show has nothing to do with the Kitchen Witch I've described, but it is hilarious and heartwarming! Our witches demonstrate that seasons of change are inevitable, but that doesn't have to be a bad thing.

When the cast and I began this journey back in June, the growing season of summer was just beginning. We planted and propagated our ideas and intentions for this piece as a collective - many hands make light work. I need to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone who had their hands in this pot. I am truly grateful for how I've been blessed to watch this project grow and flourish - and now we shall get to reap what we sow.

I hope you enjoy the show!

Melony Larre

Christina Peterson plays Isobel Lomax

Is there anyone you would like to thank or dedicate this performance to?
This show is dedicated to my husband, Andy Peterson. He has attended every performance I've done and, somehow, never seems to get bored of watching the same show. His belief in me means more than he knows, and I'm so grateful to share this journey with him.

Tell us a fun fact no one would guess about you.
The thought of public speaking is genuinely terrifying! But give me a script, a costume, and a character, and suddenly I'm perfectly happy to stand in front of a theatre full of people.

Any words of inspiration to someone thinking of auditioning?
Do it! Audition, join the crew, build a set, move a chair, learn some lines — just get involved.



Julie Rigby plays **Dolly Biddle**

What do you enjoy about being a part of this play?
Sharing this experience with this cast. We were all in a play called Big Maggie many years ago and apparently, we still haven't had enough of each other.

Do you have any previous theatre experience with Rivercity or elsewhere?
Various production over the years, proving repeatedly that I enjoy applause and I'm very susceptible to the words, "You should audition."

Do you have any pre-show traditions or superstitions?
Mostly just questioning all my life choices approximately seven minutes before curtain.



Joel Loeve plays **Stephen Biddle**

What do you enjoy about being a part of this play?
The people who are all involved in this play, all awesome. I laughed at every rehearsal and while learning lines, funny and fast paced play!

What do you enjoy most about your character?
The journey that Stephen gets to walk through as the play unfolds.

Any words of inspiration to someone thinking of auditioning?
Theatre is live storytelling, so if you love stories and are captivated by them audition and become part of one!

Is there anyone you would like to thank or dedicate this performance to? My family — immediate, extended and more extended. Life is messy and I'm thankful to get to do it with all of you. God Bless.



Cielo Richardson plays **Robin the Camera Gal**

What do you enjoy about being a part of this play?
The cast and crew are hilarious and all so dang talented!

What do you enjoy most about your character?
Not having to memorize lines! LOL

Any words of inspiration to someone thinking of auditioning?
Just do IT!



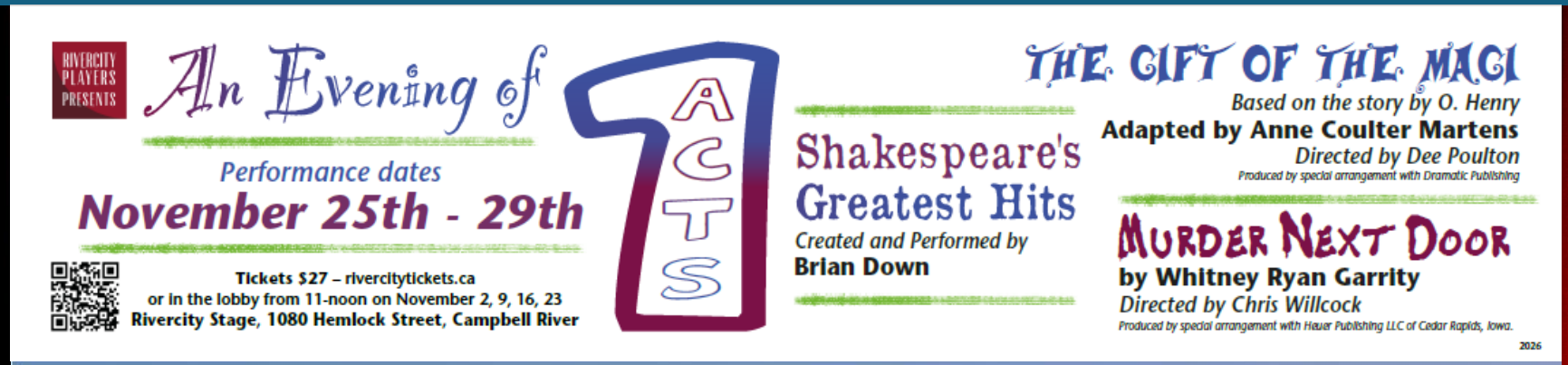
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Production Crew

- **Director** – Melony Larre
- **Stage Manager** – Katie Matthews
- **Production** – Rivercity Players Production Team
- **Asst. Stage Managers** – Amy LaRocque-Walker & Mackenzie Grant
- **Lighting & Sound Design** – Glen Clark
- **Lighting/Sound Techs** – Glen Clark, Dennis Hawkins-Bogle, Heather McLeod, Barb Baldwin, Kristen Dell & Nicolas Toupin
- **Set Design** – John Hawkins & Melony Larre
- **Set Building** – John Hawkins, Kevin Humber, Ed Henderson, Stu Miller
- **Set Painter** – Adam Coupland
- **Prompter** – Heather McLeod
- **Props** – Barb Baldwin
- **Prop Painting** – Sarah Baldwin
- **Set Dressing** – Melony Larre
- **Costumes** – Dee Poulton, Katie Matthews & Cast
- **PR, Program Design & Photography** – Lisa Bissell & Barb Baldwin
- **Poster & Graphic Design** – John Hawkins
- **Ticketing** – Lisa Bissell
- **Hospitality** – Megan Purcell

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Echo Theatre, Qualicum, BC

Saturday, November 7th

Shakespeare's Greatest Hits

Written, directed & performed by Brian Down

Sunday, November 8th

The Blue Taffeta Dress & Other Stories

Written & performed by Dennis Hawkins-Bogle. Directed by Heather Gordon- Murphy

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for The Kitchen Witches:

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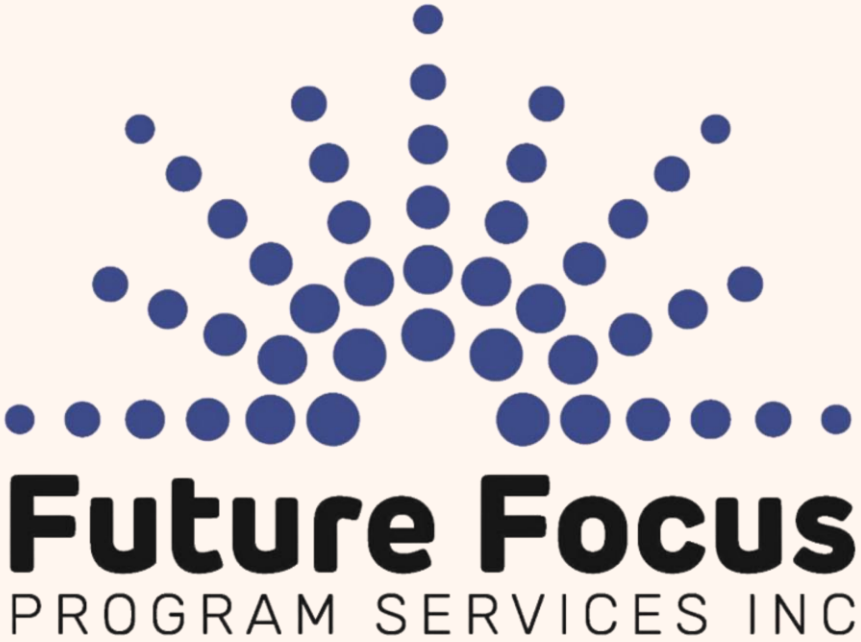
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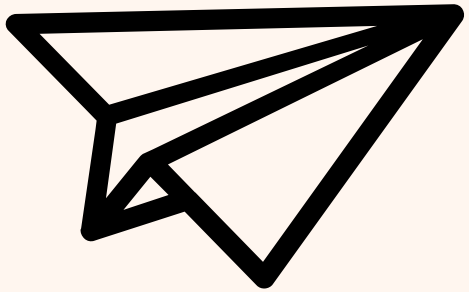
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