



News Release
Virginia Repertory Theatre

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Kicks Off the
Barksdale Season at Hanover Tavern with the Hilarious Spoof,
*Hound of the Baskervilles***

Richmond, VA – Virginia Repertory Theatre announces the opening of *Hound of the Baskervilles* at Hanover Tavern on September 14 and running through November 4. Adapted from Arthur Conan Doyle's novel by Stephen Canny and John Nicholson and directed by Gary C. Hopper, this hysterical farce features three actors playing over twenty roles from Doyle's most famous Sherlock Holmes story. This classic thriller kicks off the Barksdale Season with howling laughter.

Director Gary Hopper is currently retired as the Associate Professor of Theatre and Assistant Chair and Director of the Undergraduate Studies for the Theatre Department at VCU's School of the Arts where he taught for thirty-seven years. Gary has staged over sixty productions including *Of Mice and Men* and *Prelude to a Kiss* for Virginia Rep, *Lloyd's Prayer* and *Principia Scriptoria* for the Production Company, and *God of Carnage* for the Company of Fools.

Matt Mitchell is no stranger to the Hanover stage. He was recently nominated for best supporting actor by the Richmond Theater Critics Circle for his role as Roy in *Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music*, which closed in August at Hanover Tavern. Matt also received a RTCC nomination as best actor in Henley Street's *The Liar*, and best supporting actor for Cadence Theatre's *Kimberly Akimbo* in partnership with Virginia Rep.

Returning to the Hanover stage is David Clark, who first appeared in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* 28 years ago. More recent credits include: *Greater Tuna* at Hanover Tavern, *True West*, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, and *The Liar* all with Henley St Theatre. Virginia Rep welcomes to the stage for the first time, Adam

Turck, who received a B.A. in Drama from Ithaca College and spent three months at the Moscow Art Theater. Credits include Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Orlando in *As You Like It* at the Ithaca Shakespeare Company, and Speed in *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and Lorenzo in *The Merchant of Venice* at the Virginia Shakespeare Festival.

Ticket Information

Box Office 804-282-2620

www.va-rep.org

Full Price Tickets: \$38 Standard, \$40 Premium, Supersaver \$30-\$36

Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

Utix for college and high school students \$10. Available by phone or in person.

Student ID required.

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Evening performances at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and select Wednesdays and Saturdays

Direction & Design

Direction Gary C. Hopper

Scenic Design

Lighting Design

Wardrobe

Stage Management and

Light and Sound

Deck Crew

Cast List

Dr. Watson David Clark

Sherlock Holmes Matt Mitchell

Sir Henry Adam Turck

About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre, located in Richmond, VA, combines the talents and strengths of two nonprofit companies that shared facilities, resources, and management teams for over a decade. Now the heritages of Barksdale Theatre (founded in 1953) and Theatre IV (founded in 1975) live on in their new form, as Central Virginia's flagship professional theatre company. Virginia Rep presents national caliber productions of the great dramas, comedies, and musicals as well as classics, contemporary works, and world premieres, always seeking to demonstrate the unique power of theatre to engage, enthrall, educate, and inspire. Productions are staged at four distinct venues: the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre and Theatre Gym at the downtown Virginia Rep Center, Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre of Virginia located at Willow Lawn, and

Virginia Rep's Barksdale Season at Hanover Tavern.