



News Release
Virginia Repertory Theatre

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Virginia Repertory Theatre Announces the Company of
A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak

Direction and Choreography by Kikau Alvaro

Richmond, VA -- Virginia Repertory Theatre announces the opening of ***A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*** on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the November Theatre/Arenstein Stage, 114 West Broad Street. The show will run through Sunday, October 20, 2019. Previews will be on Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26, 2019.

This Tony Award-winner for Best Musical is a murderous, bawdy and outrageous romp, filled with unforgettable music and non-stop laughter. When the low-born Monty Navarro finds out that he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family, he sets off down a macabre path to claim his future. Can he knock off his unsuspecting relatives to become the ninth Earl of Highhurst without being caught?

Virginia Rep is thrilled to welcome Richmond favorites **Scott Wichmann** and **Alexander Sapp** back to the November Theatre to portray The D'Ysquith Family and Monty Navarro, respectively. Wichmann has appeared in over twenty-two Virginia Rep productions; most recent credits include *The Game's Afoot: Holmes for the Holidays*, *Shakespeare in Love* and the World Premiere of *River Ditty*. Sapp starred alongside Wichmann in *River Ditty*, and also appeared in recent productions of *1776*, *Croaker*, and *Summer and Smoke*.

Making her Virginia Rep debut, **Adrienne Eller** will be joining the company as Phoebe. Eller portrayed Phoebe in the National Tour of *Gentleman's Guide*, and recently played Maria in *The Sound of Music* at Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre. **Grey Garrett** returns to the Virginia Rep stage as Sibella, after most recently appearing in *Rabbit Hole* (co-produced with Cadence Theatre Company) and *Junie B. Jones*. Rounding out the principal cast, **Debra Wagoner** will portray Marietta Shingle. Wagoner recently appeared on the November Stage in *Atlantis* and *Mary Poppins*.

Virginia Rep Associate Artistic Director **Kikau Alvaro** will direct and choreograph the production, after most recently directing/choreographing Virginia Rep's summer smash hit, *The Wiz*. Alvaro also recently choreographed *Atlantis* and directed *Huck and Tom and the Mighty Mississippi* at the Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn. Originally from San Jose, California, Alvaro joined Virginia Rep as Associate Artistic Director in September of 2017. He also serves as the Head of Musical Theatre at Virginia Commonwealth University.

As Music Director, **Sandy Dacus** returns to Virginia Rep after recently musical directing this summer's Children's Theatre production of *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*. Other recent Virginia Rep credits include *Shakespeare in Love* and *1776*. Virginia Rep Master Electrician **BJ Wilkinson** (*Forever Plaid; Atlantis*) will Lighting Design; Virginia Rep Audio Visual Supervisor **Derek Dumais** (*Atlantis; The Wiz*) will co-Sound Design with **Joey Luck**, making his Virginia Rep debut. Virginia Rep Costume Director **Sue Griffin** (*Broadway Bound; The Game's Afoot: Holmes for the Holidays*) will Costume Design, and **Chris Raintree** (*Mr. Popper's Penguins*) returns to Virginia Rep to serve as Scenic Designer.

The full creative team and cast list is below.

Direction & Design

Direction/Choreography	Kikau Alvaro
Musical Direction	Sandy Dacus
Music Supervision	Anthony Smith
Associate Direction/Fight Choreography	Joe Myers
Scenic Design	Chris Raintree
Costume Design	Sue Griffin
Lighting Design	BJ Wilkinson
Sound Design	Derek Dumais, Joey Luck
Dialect Coaching	Karen Kopryanski
Assistant Costume Design	Ruth Hedberg
Production Stage Management	Kerri J. Lynch*
Assistant Stage Management	Luke Robinson*

Cast

The D'Ysquith Family	Scott Wichmann*
Monty Navarro	Alexander Sapp*
Phoebe D'Ysquith	Adrienne Eller*
Sibella Howard	Grey Garrett
Marietta Shingle	Debra Wagoner
Tour Guide, Ensemble	Georgia Rogers Farmer
Lady Eugenia, Ensemble	Lauren Leinhaas-Cook
Miss Barley, Ensemble	Maxwell Porterfield
Tom Copley, Ensemble	Daniel Pippert
Detective Pinkney, Ensemble	Theodore Sapp
The Magistrate, Ensemble	Derrick Jaques
Swings	Kristen Barney, Ariel Richter

* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the U.S.A.

Ticket Information

Box Office: 804-282-2620

www.virginiarep.org

Full Price Tickets: \$36 - \$63

Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

U-Tix for college and high school students \$15 are available by phone or in person on the day of show only. Valid Student ID required.

Performance Schedule

Evening performances at 7:00 p.m. on select Wednesdays and every Thursday

Evening performances at 8:00 p.m. every Friday and Saturday

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

Accessibility Programs

Audio Described Performances

In collaboration with Virginia Voice, Virginia Rep is pleased to offer Audio Described performances, in which actions, expressions and gestures are described during gaps between dialogue throughout the performance for patrons with low vision or blindness. In addition to live audio description during performances, patrons are also invited to participate in a tactile tour before the performance. The Audio Described performance for *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Induction Loop

The Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre is equipped with a state-of-the-art induction loop hearing system that is compatible with all telecoil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants. A handheld receiver and headphone system is also available free of charge for anyone who is hearing impaired.

Community Tickets Grant

Virginia Rep is thrilled to offer a **free** Community Tickets Grant for nonprofit organizations. We encourage all organizations who have a demonstrated need for complimentary tickets to fill out a short application on our website: bit.ly/CommunityTix

Parking

Valet parking is available for \$8 at all performances and free self-parking is available for patrons within blocks of the theatre. Valet is complimentary for patrons who dine at Max's on Broad or Tarrant's Cafe before the show. Valet is no longer located in front of the theatre, and has been moved less than one block away to Jefferson Street.

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About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theatre in Richmond, Virginia. With a budget of \$5.5 million, four distinct venues, an educational touring arm, and an annual audience over 530,000, Virginia Rep is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Theatre Gym Season in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company, Virginia Rep's Children's Season at Willow Lawn, and the Hanover Tavern Season.

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