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Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Rep Announces the World Premiere  
*The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church*  
By Richmond Playwright Bo Wilson**

**Starring Cathy Shaffner, Jan Guarino, Debra Wagoner,  
Donna Marie Miller and Louise Keeton**

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Repertory Theatre announces the opening of *The Charitable Sisterhood of Second Trinity Victory Church* on July 18 at Hanover Tavern, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road. The world premiere production runs through Sunday, August 24. This hilarious and heart-warming comedy by award-winning Richmond playwright, Bo Wilson, follows the ladies of the Charitable Sisterhood who won't let flooded roads and washed out bridges keep them from fulfilling their sworn mission. Set in the basement of the Second Trinity Victory Church, our five angels of mercy do their best to help the victims of global disaster, spiritual deprivation, and, most of all, each other.

Bo Wilson, a local playwright from Chesterfield County, is very excited for this production. "It's always thrilling to see your work performed, and when it's written with specific actresses in mind and you actually GET those actresses, the thrill is that much greater. I couldn't be happier about it." Wilson has had several of his plays published by Samuel French and Algonquin Press and he is the recent recipient of the Martha Hill Newell Playwright's Fund.

Under the direction of Virginia Rep's Artistic Director, Bruce Miller, this production is sure to leave audiences breathless with laughter. Directing credits include, *As You Like It*, *Boleros for the Disenchanted*, *Legacy of Light*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Little Dog Laughed*, *The Crucible*, *The Lark*, the *Smoke on the Mountain* trilogy, *On Golden Pond*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Anything Goes*, *A Lug Nuts Christmas*, and most recently *Tartuffe*.

Catherine Shaffner, recently seen at Hanover Tavern as Ouiser in *Steel Magnolias*, will be returning to the stage as Bea Littleton. Other Virginia Rep credits include Mother Superior in *Nunsense* and Dr. Charlotte in *Falsettos*. Jan Guarino joins the cast as Tina Yates. Recent productions include *Nunsense* (Sister Robert Anne), *God of Carnage* (Annette), and *Lend Me a Tenor* (Julia Leverett). Debra Wagner, who as last seen November stage in Moliere's *Tartuffe*, will be playing the role of Lorraine Jenson. Other Virginia Rep credits include Patsy Cline (*Always*, *Patsy Cline*, Rona Lisa Peretti (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Sister MaryAmnesia (*Nunsense*), Florence Foster Jenkins (*Souvenir*), Brunhilde (*Das Barbecu*), and Queen of the Night (*The Magic Flute*).

Last seen at Hanover Tavern in *Boeing Boeing*, Donna Marie Miller returns to the stage as Janet Murchison. Virginia Rep welcomes Louise Keeton to her first production at Hanover Tavern in the role of Riley Reynolds. Keeton has previously been on tour with Theatre IV, a division of Virginia Repertory Theatre in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

### **Ticket Information**

Box Office 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

**Full Price Tickets:** \$36

**Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.**

**U-Tix for college and high school students \$10. Available by phone or in person day of show only. Student ID required.**

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Evening performances at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 7:00 p.m. on select Wednesdays

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

### **Direction & Design**

Director	Bruce Miller
Scenic Designer	Terrie Powers
Costume Designer	Marcia Miller Hailey
Lighting Designer	B. J. Wilkinson
Stage Manager	Skyler Broughman

### **Cast List**

Jan Guarino	Tina Yates
Catherine Shaffner	Bea Littleton
Debra Wagoner	Lorraine Jenson
Louise Keeton	Riley Reynolds
Donna Marie Miller	Janet Murchison

Full bios can be found at [www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

### **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 leading professional theater 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 theater 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 at Hanover Tavern, home to Virginia Rep's Barksdale Season.

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