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**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre at Hanover Tavern Presents**  
***The Game's Afoot: Holmes for the Holidays***  
**By Ken Ludwig**

**Starring Scott Wichmann as William Gillette**  
**Direction by Debra Clinton**

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Rep opens Ken Ludwig's holiday whodunit *The Game's Afoot: Holmes for the Holidays* on Friday, November 30 at the Hanover Tavern, the first show of the 2018-19 Hanover Season. This "murderously funny" farce follows Broadway star William Gillette, admired worldwide for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, as he must reprise his role in order to solve the mystery of his own attempted murder during holiday festivities with his castmates. The show runs through January 6, 2019 at the Hanover Tavern, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover, Virginia 23069.

Director **Debra Clinton** returns to the Tavern stage after directing last year's holiday hit, *Miracle on South Division Street*. Clinton's other recent directing credits for Virginia Rep include *1776*, *The Whipping Man* and the family hit *Croaker: The Frog Prince Musical*, which she co-wrote with Jason Marks.

For this farcical thriller, Clinton has assembled a talented cast of Richmond favorites. **Scott Wichmann** leads the cast as Broadway star, William Gillette. Wichmann's most recent Virginia Rep credits include *River Ditty*, *Shakespeare in Love*, and *The End of War*. He was also featured as John Adams in both the FOX television series *Legends and Lies: The Patriots* and Virginia Rep's 2016 production of *1776*. **Catherine Shaffner** (*Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End*, *Charitable Sisterhood*), **Audra Honaker** (*Mame*) and **Donna Marie Miller** (*Charitable Sisterhood*), all featured in last holiday season's

*Miracle on South Division Street*, also join the company. The full cast list is below.

Set Design is by **Terrie Powers** (*Crimes of the Heart*, *Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End*),  
Costume Design is by **Sue Griffin** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*,  
*Crimes of the Heart*), and Lighting Design is by **BJ Wilkinson** (*Curious Incident...*, *West Side Story*).

## **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

www.virginiarep.org

**Full Price Tickets:** \$44

Discounted Group Rates available.

The **Performance Schedule** includes evening performances at 8:00 p.m. on select Wednesdays and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. on select Wednesdays and Saturdays and every Sunday.

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## **Direction & Design**

Direction	<b>Debra Clinton</b>
Lighting Design	<b>BJ Wilkinson</b>
Costume Design	<b>Sue Griffin</b>
Set Design	<b>Terrie Powers</b>
Sound Design	<b>Derek Dumais</b>
Stage Management	<b>Emily Elizabeth James</b>
Hanover Technical Director	<b>Tommy Hawfield</b>

## **Cast List**

William Gillette	<b>Scott Wichmann</b>
Martha Gillette	<b>Catherine Shaffner</b>
Felix Geisel	<b>Joe Pabst</b>
Madge Geisel	<b>Lisa Kotula</b>
Simon Bright	<b>Caleb Wade</b>
Aggie Wheeler	<b>Meg Carnahan</b>
Inspector Goring	<b>Audra Honaker</b>
Daria Chase	<b>Donna Marie Miller</b>

## **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a nonprofit, regional professional theatre in Richmond, Virginia. With a budget of \$5.5 million, four unique 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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