



**News Release**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Announces the Creative Team and Cast of**  
***Atlantis: A New Musical***

**By Special Arrangement with Greg Schaffert and Glass Half Full Productions**  
**Music and Lyrics by Matthew Lee Robinson**  
**Book by Ken Cerniglia, Matthew Lee Robinson and Scott Anderson Morris**  
**Orchestrations by Greg Anthony Rassen**  
**Direction by Tony Award Nominee Kristin Hanggi**

**Richmond, VA --** Virginia Repertory Theatre announces the opening of ***Atlantis: A New Musical*** on Friday, April 12, 2019 at the November Theatre/Arenstein Stage, 114 West Broad Street. The show will run through Sunday, May 5, 2019. Previews will be on Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11, 2019.

With music and lyrics by **Matthew Lee Robinson** (Theatreworks USA's *The Magic School Bus*, UTAS Stephen Schwartz Songwriting Award), and book by **Ken Cerniglia** (Dramaturg: *Hadestown, Newsies, Peter and the Starcatcher*), **Matthew Lee Robinson** and **Scott Anderson Morris**, *Atlantis* whisks us away to an isolated, mysterious island days before it disappears forever. A young refugee washes ashore on the eve of a sacred solstice, igniting political chaos and giving birth to an unexpected new leader.

Virginia Repertory Theatre is presenting *Atlantis* by special arrangement with **Greg Schaffert** (*Peter and the Starcatcher*) and **Glass Half Full Productions** (*Network*), through the generous support of the **Muriel McAuley Fund** for New Plays and Contemporary Theatre.

*Atlantis* will be directed by **Kristin Hanggi** (Tony Award nominee: *Rock of Ages; Clueless*), with Choreography by Virginia Rep Associate Artistic Director **Kikau Alvaro**, Orchestrations by **Greg**

**Anthony Rassen** (Tony Award nominee: *Bandstand; An American in Paris*), Music Supervision by **David Kreppel** (*The Lion King, Bandstand*), and Musical Direction by **Anthony Smith** (Virginia Rep's *Sister Act*). The Design team includes Scenic Design by **Jason Sherwood** (*Rent: Live* on FOX, 2019 Spice Girls World Tour), Costume Design by **Amy Clark** (*Chaplin, A Night with Janis Joplin*), Lighting Design by **BJ Wilkinson** (Virginia Rep's *The End of War*), and Sound Design by **Derek Dumais** (Virginia Rep's *Once*).

The cast features **Antoinette Comer** (*Smokey Joe's Cafe*), **Julian R. Decker** (*Sunset Boulevard*), **Jodie Langel** (*Les Miserables*), **Marcus Jordan** (Theatre Aspen's *Ragtime*), **Jerold Solomon** (*South Pacific*) and **Scott Anderson Morris** (Opera Australia's *My Fair Lady* directed by Julie Andrews). Rounding out the cast will be Katrinah Carol Lewis, Susan Sanford, Derrick Jaques, Debra Wagoner, Lucy Caudle, Durrion Tyre, Caleb Wade, Cassidy Hamilton, Seth Lyons, Zakiyyah Jackson, Sonya Venugopal, Madison Hatfield, Levi Meerovich, Havy Nguyen, Trevor Worden, Ariel Richter, Alex Csaky and Cooper Sved.

The full creative team and cast below.

### **Direction & Design**

Direction	<b>Kristin Hanggi^</b>
Choreography	<b>Kikau Alvaro</b>
Orchestrations	<b>Greg Anthony Rassen</b>
Music Supervision	<b>David Kreppel</b>
Music Direction	<b>Anthony Smith</b>
Scenic Design	<b>Jason Sherwood+</b>
Costume Design	<b>Amy Clark+</b>
Lighting Design	<b>BJ Wilkinson</b>
Sound Design	<b>Derek Dumais</b>
Associate Direction	<b>MK Lawson</b>
Assistant Lighting Design	<b>Amy Ariel</b>
Production Stage Management	<b>Kerri J. Lynch*</b>
Asst. Stage Management	<b>Luke Robinson*</b>
Asst. Stage Management	<b>Heather Janay Ogden</b>

### **Cast List**

Maya	<b>Antoinette Comer*</b>
Kaden	<b>Julian R. Decker*</b>
Arah	<b>Marcus Jordan</b>
Lyra	<b>Jodie Langel*</b>
Aeon	<b>Jerold Solomon*</b>
Cleo	<b>Katrinah Carol Lewis</b>
Peria	<b>Susan Sanford*</b>
Chilon	<b>Derrick Jaques</b>

Lotti  
Alexa  
Zozimos  
Telly  
Lead Oracle  
Oracle  
Oracle  
Oracle  
Oracle  
Kaly  
Kaki  
Adonia

**Debra Wagoner**  
**Lucy Caudle**  
**Durron Tyre**  
**Caleb Wade**  
**Cassidy Hamilton**  
**Zakiyyah Jackson**  
**Seth Lyons**  
**Scott Anderson Morris\***  
**Sonya Venugopal**  
**Madison Hatfield**  
**Levi Meerovich**  
**Havy Nguyen**

Male Swing  
Female Swing  
Alexa Understudy  
Zozimos Understudy

**Trevor Worden**  
**Ariel Richter**  
**Alex Csaky**  
**Cooper Sved**

^The Director is a member of the STAGE DIRECTORS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS SOCIETY, a national theatrical labor union.

+Member of USA, United Scenic Artists

\* 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](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Full Price Tickets: \$36 - \$63

Discounted group rates and rush tickets are available. U-Tix for college and high school students are available by phone or in person for \$15 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 *Atlantis: A New Musical* will be on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m.

### **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](http://bit.ly/CommunityTix)

### **Parking**

Valet parking is available less than one block from the theatre on Jefferson Street 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.

### **Press**

Press Kits will be available at <http://va-rep.org/press.html>

Passcode accessible high-res photos available to media.

username = press

password = HiRes121

### **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.

### **Season Sponsors**

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