

#### **News Release**

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# Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents Richmond Premiere of 9 to 5: The Musical

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Richmond, VA – Virginia Repertory Theatre brings **Dolly Parton's** hit show **9** *to* **5**: *The Musical* to the Richmond community for the first time. Running from June 21 – Aug 4 at the November Theatre downtown, the show features a book by Patricia Resnick, based on the screenplay by Resnick and Colin Higgins.

Dolly Parton's hilarious musical celebrates female friendship, and the ultimate revenge three friends take on their male boss. Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers take control of their office and learn there's nothing they can't do, even in a man's world. Violet, Judy and Doralee concoct a plan to get even with their sexist-egotistical-lying-hypocritical-bigot of a boss and live out their wildest fantasy. The women give their workplace a dream makeover, stepping up to run the company that had always kept them down.

**9 to 5**: **The Musical** premiered in Los Angeles in September 2008, and opened on Broadway in April 2009. It received 15 Drama Desk Award nominations, the most received by a production in a single year, as well as four Tony Awards nominations. The regional theatre premiere was held at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA from February 23 to May 12, 2012.

Playing the three female leads in Virginia Rep's production are Susan Sanford as Violet, Katie Goffman as Doralee and Alia Bisharat Glidden as Judy. The domineering boss, Franklin, is played by Devon Goffman. Debra Clinton, who has recently directed *Zero Hour*, *Torch Song* and *Cabaret* this past year in Richmond, will direct the show.

The creative team and cast list is below:
Direction & Design

Director Debra Clinton

Music Director

Choreographer

Scenic Designer

Assistant Scenic Designer

Costume Designer

Leilani Fenick

Pam Turner

Chris Raintree

Sarah Cooke

Sue Griffin

Wig Designer Danna Rosedahl
Lighting Designer Joe Doran+
Sound Designer Jacob Mishler
Stage Management Justin Jahnke\*

# Cast

Susan Sanford\* Violet Newstead

Katie Goffman\* Doralee Rhodes / Dance Captain

Alia Bisharat Glidden Judy Bernly

Devon Goffman\* Franklin Hart / Fight Captain

Canter O'May\* Ensemble/Roz Keith

Durron Marquis Tyre-Gholson Ensemble/Joe

Taylor Witt Ensemble/Dwayne, U/S Joe Eddie Webster Ensemble/Dick/Tinsworthy

Jan GuarinoEnsemble/MargaretChelsea MajorsEnsemble/MariaJared MartinEnsemble/Josh

Garrett Reese Ensemble/Bob Enright
Chandler James Pettus Ensemble/Cop, U/S Josh

Mason Jett Ensemble/Doctor, US Dwayne
Calvin Malone Ensemble/Security Guard, U/S Hart

Rachel Marrs Ensemble/Missy Hart, U/S Doralee

Jennifer Lent Ensemble, U/S Roz

Mallory Keene Ensemble/Kathy, U/S Violet

Jessica Cruz Ensemble, U/S Judy

Jianna Hurt Ensemble/Candy Striper/New Employee

David Ramirez Ensemble/Detective
Soren Corbett Swing/Ensemble
Ally Dods Swing/Ensemble

- \* Member of Actors' Equity Association
- + Member of USA, United Scenic Artists

# **Ticket Information**

Box Office: 804-282-2620

www.virginiarep.org

Tickets range from \$39 - \$69 (Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.)

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# **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep will stage productions in four venues in 2023-2024: the **Signature** Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the **Barksdale** Season at the Hanover Tavern, the **Family** Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road in Richmond's Northside, and **Partner Productions** in the Theatre Gym located within the November Theatre complex downtown. Virginia Rep also tours children's shows, both virtual and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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