



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

**Contact: Liz Nance**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**  
[lnance@virginiarep.org](mailto:lnance@virginiarep.org)  
**804-389-3390 (mobile)**

**July 12, 2024**

Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents  
***Dragons Love Tacos***

**Richmond, VA** -- Virginia Repertory Theatre presents its next Family Season show, ***Dragons Love Tacos***, from July 12 – Aug 4 in the Jessie Bogese Theatre at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road. The Jessie Bogese Theatre is located in the Bellevue area, in the former Scottish Rite Temple which Virginia Rep bought in the fall of 2022.

The show was written by Ernie Nolan with music by Chris LaPorte. It is based on the book by Adam Rubin with illustrations by Daniel Salmieri, The action revolves around dragons, who love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. Patrons will find out that if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos. Buckets and buckets of tacos. Unfortunately, where there are tacos, there is also salsa. And if a dragon accidentally eats spicy salsa, you're in red-hot trouble.

The comedy in the show is primarily aimed at children, but there are plenty of moments that parents and grandparents will enjoy. *Dragons* is appropriate for ages 4 and up, and actors will sign programs for the children in the lobby after the show.

**The Cast includes:**

Boy .....	Liam Storm
Leroy (Dog puppeteer).....	Maria Carpinelli
Man in Suit .....	Colby LeRoy
Red Dragon/Mom Voice Over .....	Anna Sammel
Blue Dragon.....	Brandon McLendon
White Dragon/Man in Suit u/s .....	Joshua Mullins
Yellow Dragon .....	Alyssa Harrison
Swing (All roles except Man in Suit) .....	Amber James

## **Direction & Design**

Director	KÄRA ERNST-SCHALK
Scenic Design	MERCEDES SCHAUM
Costume and Puppet Design	THOMAS W. HAMMOND
Lighting Design	STEVEN KOEHLER
Stage Management	TARIQ KARRIEM

## **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620 or [www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Full Price Tickets: \$21, Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

Run Time: 45 minutes

## **Press**

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

Pass code accessible high resolution photos available to the media.

username = press

password = HiRes121

## **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 stages four primary seasons – the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at Hanover Tavern, the Family Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education and a series of partner productions in the Theatre Gym.

## **Season Supporters**

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation

The Virginia Commission for the Arts

National Endowment for the Arts

The Shubert Foundation

CultureWorks