

THEATRE AQUARIUS 2022/23 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT NEW STORIES! NEW IDEAS! SHARED WORLDS!

HAMILTON, ON, June 6, 2022 - Theatre Aquarius is delighted to announce its **2022/23 Season** – an all-Canadian season that speaks to identity, finding your voice, feeling relevant in a world obsessed with youth and innovation, the power of friendship, tolerance and chosen family.

Aquarius proudly presents six plays to provoke, delight, inspire and transform! The first must-see show of the new season is Falen Johnson's modern comedy **Salt Baby** about identity, assumptions and the desire to fit in. Followed by **Serving Elizabeth** the ingenious contemporary comedy by Marcia Johnson that keeps us guessing as it explores issues of colonialism, nationalism and the question of who gets to have a voice. Then for the holidays, Aquarius brings music, stories and tradition to the stage with **A Hamilton Holiday** featuring a spectacular Hamilton-proud cast of performers.

This season boasts three world premières. **The Extinction Therapist** by Clem Martini takes us to an unconventional support group for those facing imminent extinction - a libidinous woolly mammoth, a testy short-eared shrew, the uncompromising smallpox virus, an insecure tyrannosaurus rex and the hapless Minister for the Environment. **The Gig** by Mark Crawford, is a contemporary comedy where three drag queens are hired to perform at a private function: The catch? The event is a fundraiser for a Conservative politician. The season finale is the thrilling new musical **Maggie** by Matt Murray and international recording artist Johnny Reid. A tribute to Johnny's Granny and the people of an almost forgotten generation, this exciting new musical is a celebration of family, community and the joy and laughter that can be found, even in the darkest of times.

"We want people to see themselves here at Theatre Aquarius. This is a season to embrace the unexpected joy found in new stories, new ideas and shared worlds," explains Artistic Director Mary Francis Moore. "Aquarius staff and artists collectively feel a sense of renewed hope and optimism as we reach new audiences, deliver new programs and create value added opportunities."

Aquarius is thrilled to be able to tell new stories, reflect our community and broaden our impact – locally, nationally, and internationally. From stunning new productions by renowned artists to Theatre Aquarius School, Outreach and Artist Development efforts – Aquarius is committed to the pivotal role it plays in the region.



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