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**New Stage Theatre Opens 54th Season
with *Into the Breeches!*
“The show must go on!”**



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre presents the regional premiere of the comedy *Into the Breeches!* September 10 – 22, 2019. Curtain times and dates for performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$30.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, located inside the Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. *Recommended for ages 11+* (check our website for detailed recommendations)

1942. Jackson, Mississippi. The theatre’s director and leading men are off at war overseas. Determined to press on, the ladies at the home front set out to produce an all-female version of Shakespeare’s *Henry V*, assembling an enthusiastic yet amateur team. Will their production be a victory? Or will it be a target of disinterest and rotten tomatoes? Together they are determined that the show must go on! A hilarious and heartwarming comedy about the singular way art and community reveal our boldest selves even in the darkest times.

Francine Reynolds, artistic director at New Stage and director of *Into the Breeches!* writes, “*Into the Breeches!* – with the punning title referring to the famous line “Once more unto the breach, dear friends,” from Shakespeare’s *Henry V* - is the perfect show to open our 54th “The Literary Party” season. Not only is it a laugh out loud comedy that is fresh, witty, intelligent, and thoughtful, the story features great women characters which I knew our community of strong female actors would be excited to portray. *Into the Breeches!* is a story that is powerful, but never preachy and as heartwarming as it is fun – a type of love song to the theater that focuses on women who are the theatrical version of Rosie the Riveter.”

The cast includes: Jessica Wilkinson as Maggie Dalton (Florence), Jo Ann Robinson as Winifred Snow (Pearl), Emily Wright as Celeste Fielding (Brandon), Annie Cleveland as Grace Richards (Jackson), Ray McFarland as Ellsworth Snow (Jackson), Evan McCarley as Stuart Lasker (Jackson), Sarah Beth Solop as June Bennett (Madison), and Jasmine A. Neal as Ida Green (Rogers, AR). *Jo Ann Robinson and Ray McFarland appear through the courtesy of Actors’ Equity Association.*

“I am enthusiastic about bringing this new play to our audiences partly because we have added special Mississippi flair,” said Reynolds. “*Into the Breeches!* was originally set in Providence, Rhode Island but, with permission from the playwright and with a little bit of customization of several local and historical references, the play presented by New Stage will take place in the Jackson, Mississippi area of 1942.”

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Performance Calendar

September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		10 Preview 7:30 p.m.	11 Post Show Actor Chat 7:30 p.m.	12 7:30 p.m.	13 7:30 p.m.	14 7:30 p.m.
15 2 p.m.	16	17 7:30 p.m.	18 Post Show Actor Chat 7:30 p.m.	19 7:30 p.m.	20 7:30 p.m.	21 7:30 p.m.
22 2 p.m.						

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

The Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center,
1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Preview: September 10
Open: September 11
Close: September 22

Performance Times:

Tues. Preview: 7:30 pm
Tues. thru Sat.: 7:30 pm
Sundays: 2:00 pm

Tickets:

\$30; seniors/students \$25; group discounts available

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533
Online: www.newstagetheatre.com
Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com
Hours: Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tues. thru Fri.: 10 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday: 4 pm - 7:30 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (*a per-ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases*)

Rush Tickets:

One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. *Limit one ticket per ID.*

Information:

Call 601-948-3533 or visit New Stage online at www.newstagetheatre.com

Production Information

Director

Stage Manager

Scenic Designer

Costume Designer

Lighting Designer

Sound Designer

Properties Designer

Francine Reynolds
Christan McLaurine
Richard Lawrence
Caleb Blackwell
Michael Tobin
Kurt Davis
Marie Venters

Cast

MAGGIE DALTON
WINIFRED SNOW
CELESTE FIELDING
GRACE RICHARDS
ELLSWORTH SNOW
STUART LASKER
JUNE BENNETT
IDA GREEN

Jessica Wilkinson
Jo Ann Robinson*
Emily Wright
Annie Cleveland
Ray McFarland*
Evan McCarley
Sarah Beth Solop
Jasmine A. Neal