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The County Seat Theater Company Presents

WOMEN PLAYING HAMLET

By William Missouri Downs

Directed by Greg J. Anderson
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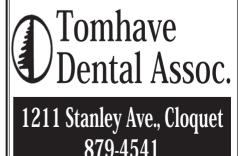
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Women Playing Hamlet was first produced as part of a Rolling World Premiere by the Unicorn Theatre (Missouri), The Harrisburg Shakespeare Theatre (Pennsylvania), and the New Theatre (Florida) as part of the National New Network's Continued Life Program.

Scene Synopsis:

Leading up to a performance of Hamlet with the actor's journey told through flashbacks **Setting:** New York City







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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Angel Maloney	Jessica
Jodi Hodgson	Gwen
Beth Schroeder	Humanities Professor, Rosy & Stage Manager
Hanna Powell	Starbucks Actress & Home Shopping Model
Kasie Sundeen	Lord Derby & Barfly
Phoebe Applegate.	Priest, Ghost & Gravedigger
Becca Vork	Minnesota Mother & Gilda
Kay Rieck	Male Psychiatrist & Home Shopping Hostess
Eloise Modich	Emily Ostergaard
Kris Kincaid	Bartender & Bicycle Messenger

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PRODUCTION & SUPPORT STAFF

Director	Greg J. Anderson
	Annika Schmutzer
-	Crystal Abernethy
	Cast, Jodi Hodgson & Karen Manni
	Greg J. Anderson
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Theater has had a history of excluding women and women's voices. Case in point: even the female characters in Shakespeare's time were all played by men! That, of course, is no longer the practice, as women have taken their rightful place on the stage. More recently, we've been hearing more and more female voices in all areas of life. It's so important to hear different stories from different perspectives.

For this show in particular, these talented women get to "flip the script" by performing ALL of the roles -- female and male. They deftly disclose their characters through their own lenses. I've enjoyed sitting back and watching them play .. and laughing my butt off. It's amazing what you can experience when every voice can be heard.

Greg J. Anderson



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CAST

Phoebe Applegate of Moose Lake was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's award winning production of 'Tracks'. Phoebe says, "I loved working with this stellar cast of people being directed by someone as remarkably talented as Greg. His determination to amplify the female voice with this show. Enjoy - & support Jessicas everywhere by continuing to support theatre."





Jodi Hodgson of Moose Lake was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company's award winning production of 'Tracks'. Jodi has a BA from the University of Alaska in theatre and dance. She has done Post Graduate work in Somatic Performance at Green River Dance for Global Somatics.

Kris Kincaid is so grateful to be working with all of the talented people here at County Seat from the fearless director to the incredible women in the cast and the other crew working behind the scenes to make everyone look good! This is her first time working here, and was last seen in 'Twelve Night' through Wise Fool Theatre and has acted and directed in the Twin Ports area since 2002. Kris says, "Thanks to Eric and Maxx for their support, and keeping the home chaos at bay."



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Angel Maloney of Duluth was last seen in the Hermantown High School production of 'Romeo to Go'. This is Angel's first County Seat Theater production. Angel is excited to be back on stage after five years! Angel says, "Thank you to the cast for making my return so much fun. I would also like to thank my sister, Ray, for running lines with me countless times. I hope everyone enjoys the show and has a good laugh!"





Eloise Modich of Cloquet last appeared in the County Seat Theater Company production of 'Charlotte's Web'. Elosie says, "This theater feels like a second home to me. I am always grateful to be in a play here!"

Hanna Powell of Superior, WI last appeared on stage in the Hamline University production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. She is appearing in her first County Seat Theater production. Hanna says, "I have loved getting to know the cast and getting the pleasure to see everyone's talent and capabilities on stage! Thank you to the CST community for welcoming me with open arms!"





Kay Rieck of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater Company production of 'A Christmas Carol, A Ghost Story of Christmas' in 2022. Kay says, "I am enjoying another chance to practice accents in this surprising play. Thanks to cast and crew for making 'Women Playing Hamlet' so fun and educational.





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CAST

Beth Schroeder of Duluth was last seen in 'The Butler Did It' at Northern Spotlight Theater. She is performing in her first County Seat Theater production. Beth is so happy she had a chance to work with this cast of incredible women (and Greg:). Beth says, "I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and especially my husband, Dana for being my biggest fan and partner in everything."





Kasie Sundeen is making her adult theater debut with the County Seat Theater. Her last stage performance was 'Children of Eden' working for New Wine. Kasie says, "It has been such an awesome experience. This cast of women (and Greg) are so supportive, helpful, inspiring, and hilarious! I could not have asked for a better group of people to have for my first play! I would like to thank my family (Jeff and Freyja) for being okay with me abandoning them for the past 6 weeks, and to all of my friends/family/co-workers for putting up with me talking about nothing but Women Playing Hamlet all this time. I just want you all to know, that I will probably continue to talk about it for a while yet. Hold tight!"

Becca Vork of Cloquet is appearing in her first production. Becca says, "A huge thank you to Greg for giving me this amazing opportunity. Also a thank you to this wonderful amazing cast of women, for all your help advice and friendship I feel so lucky."





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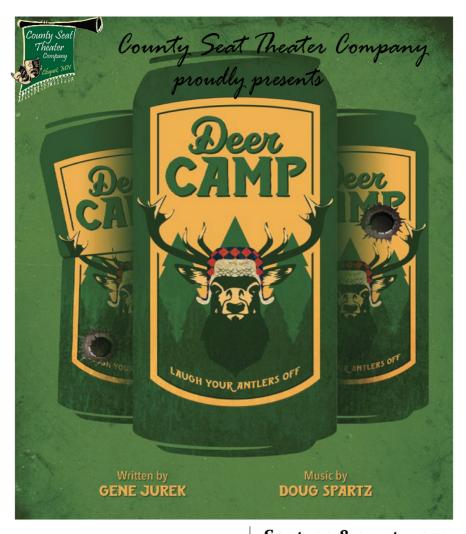
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Margie Helstrom was born in Butte Montana and grew up in Duluth Minnesota.

Her love of drawing and painting has been lifelong. In addition to self study, her craftsmanship has advanced in taking workshops at the college and community levels.

Margie works in the water based media of watercolor, acrylic, gouache and oil. Viewers

are drawn to her work by her masterful use of color and whimsical perspectives of her subject matter. Her inspiration comes from her interior and exterior experiences. Margie works from thumbnail sketches without a predetermined idea of the finished painting. The unknown and "what ifs" are what excite her.

Margie maintains juried membership in two watercolor societies along with being part of other art organizations. She has received a number of awards through these varied memberships and art exhibits she has participated in.







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