

RI Theaters are Reopening: New Curtain Times

Eighteen months after the doors on local theatres closed to live audiences due to the COVID-19 pandemic, curtains are rising throughout the region. Check out the theatre's policy regarding mask and vax.

In the upcoming weeks, theatre-goers can enjoy a wide variety of productions from classic Shakespeare to Broadway tours kicking off in the capital city to feel-good storylines chosen to welcome them back.

Consider the following offerings:

September 30-October 31, *Macbeth*, Burbage Theatre, 59 Blackstone Ave., Pawtucket. The company is offering free live performances of the Bard's spooky tragedy of an ill-fated Scottish king on October 1, 2 and 3, then putting the live adaptation on YouTube for free viewing through October 31. www.burbagetheatre.org/macbeth.

September 30-October 24, *A Lie Agreed Upon*, Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick. An adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People," the piece holds a mirror up to society's struggles during the pandemic, posing probing questions about the truth, the rights of minorities and conscience. Tickets are \$60.25 and \$70.24. www.gammtheatre.org.

October 1-10, *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, Arctic Playhouse Theatre, 1249 Main St., West Warwick. A love triangle plays out at the local HoJo's, with funny twists and liaisons throughout. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. www.thearcticplayhouse.com.

October 8-17, *The Murder Room*, The Players at Barker Playhouse, 400 Benefit St., Providence. Spoofing Britain's serious mysteries of the 1950s, this focuses on a murder that may or may not have happened. Tickets are \$25, \$15 for students. www.playersri.org.

October 9-16, *Pretty Woman*, Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybossett St., Providence. The smash movie pairing a kind-hearted millionaire and a spunky prostitute kicks off its Broadway tour promising glam and fun at the hands of Tony Award-winning director/choreographer Jerry Mitchell. Tickets range from \$20 to \$94. www.ppacri.org.

October 15-November 13, *The Tempest*, Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St., Wakefield. Playing on the outdoor performance patio, the Shakespeare comedy follows travelers who find love and magic when shipwrecked. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30. www.contemporarytheatercompany.com.

October 21-November 13, *Lifted*, The Wilbury Theatre Group, presenting outdoors at The Waterfire Arts Center, 475 Valley St., Providence. The original piece by Charlie Thurston is a modern meditation on the Greek myth of Icarus, who flew too close to the sun on wings made of wax, set in a dystopian near-future. Tickets are pay-what-you-can. www.thewilburygroup.org.