

Book by Jessie Nelson  
Music & Lyrics by Sara Bareilles  
Based upon the motion picture by Adrienne Shelly  
Directed by Ann Hodges

***Waitress* serves up an award-winning, feel-good musical**  
January 9 – February 1 | Previews on January 7 & 8  
*John Hirsch Mainstage*

WINNIPEG, December 18, 2024 – 2025 is set to arrive at the John Hirsch Mainstage, and with it comes an award-winning musical to satisfy your sweet tooth! Warm and inviting, the talented cast and ensemble bring the characters at Joe’s Pie Diner to life. With a beautiful original score by Grammy Award-winning Sara Bareilles and music direction from Floyd Ricketts, all the ingredients are in the mix to create the perfect theatre experience.

Ann Hodges, who was recently named Prairie Theatre Exchange’s Artistic Director, directs the production. “*Waitress* tells the story of a woman learning to be her own best friend. The music is gorgeous. And, it’s one of those rare musicals where the scenes hold up on their own, like a really good play. It’s terribly moving at times, but also super funny. It’s my all-time favourite musical,” Hodges said.

*Waitress* stars **Jeremy Carver-James** as Ogie, **Kira Chisholm** as Club Knocked Up Trio / Ensemble, **Duncan Cox** as Ensemble, **Julia Davis** as Club Knocked Up Trio / Ensemble, **Victoria Exconde** as Mother / Minister / Ensemble, **Aaron Hutton** as Ensemble, **Jessica Jones** as Nurse Norma / Ensemble, **Omar Alex Khan** as Cal, **Julia Kroft** as Francine / Club Knocked Up Trio / Ensemble, **Jeff Lillico** as Dr. Pomatter, **Elledyn Lount** as Lulu, **Laura Olafson** as Becky, **Jeff Rivet** as Father / Ensemble, **Rhea Rodych-Rasidescu** as Dawn, **Steve Ross** as Joe, **Justin Stadnyk** as Earl, **Stephanie Sy** as Jenna and **Chase Winnicky** as Ensemble. **Chisholm, Cox, Davis, Exconde, Hutton, Jones, Khan, Kroft, Rivet** and **Winnicky** understudy several roles.

The creative team features Director **Ann Hodges**, Music Director **Floyd Ricketts**, Choreographer **Janie Pinard**, Set Designer **Brian Perchaluk**, Costume Designer **Daina Leitold**, Lighting Designer **Bonnie Beecher**, Sound Designer **Chris Coyne**, Intimacy Director **Sam Hutchings**, Fight Director **Jacque Loewen**, Dialect Consultant **Tom Soares**, Assistant Director **Matthew Paris-Irvine**, Assistant Music Director **Kelly Robinson**, Apprentice Director **Honey Pham**, Stage Manager **Dustyn Wales**, Assistant Stage Manager **Tori Popp**, Assistant Stage Manager **Katie Hoppa**, Apprentice Stage Manager **Devon Helm** and Child Supervisor **Bailey Chin**.

Tickets for *Waitress* start at **\$29.50** plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537 or visit [RoyalMTC.ca](http://RoyalMTC.ca).

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre produces 10 plays on two stages, a regional tour, a wide range of youth programming and two festivals: Pimootayowin: A Festival of New Work and North America’s second-largest Fringe, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival.

*Waitress* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com)

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