

LIFE OF PI

Based on the novel by Yann Martel

Adapted by Lolita Chakrabarti

Directed by Haysam Kadri

In partnership with Citadel Theatre

Life of Pi roars to life on the Mainstage

October 16 – November 8 | Preview on October 15

John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG October 7, 2025 – Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre launches its 2025/26 Mainstage season with the powerful and visually stunning production of *Life of Pi*, adapted from the award-winning novel by Canadian author Yann Martel. In partnership with Citadel Theatre and directed by Haysam Kadri, this thought-provoking story comes to life on stage with stunning puppetry from Puppet Stuff Canada, Western Canada's only full-time puppet creation studio.

Life of Pi marks Haysam Kadri's first directorial engagement with Royal MTC, "*Life of Pi is the kind of theatre that reminds us why we gather: it's breathtaking, surprising, and at its core, a story that moves people in a very real way,*" said Kadri.

Life of Pi features **Davinder Malhi** as Pi, **Deena Aziz** as Nurse/Amma/Ensemble, **Andrea Cheung** as Mrs. Okamoto/Ship's Captain/Ensemble, **Bailey Chin** as Lulu Chen/Jai/Ensemble, **Braydon Dowler-Coltman** as Puppeteer 2/Ensemble, **Troy Feldman** as Puppeteer 1/Ensemble, **N Girgis** as Mrs. Biology Kumar/Zaida Khan/Ensemble, **Ali Kazmi** as Father/Ghost Father/Ensemble, **Kevin Klassen** as Father Martin/Cook/Voice of Richard Parker/Ensemble, **Anaka Maharaj-Sandhu** as Rani/Ghost Rani/Ensemble, **Azeem Nathoo** as Mamani/Pandit-Ji/Ensemble, **Kristen Padayas** as Ensemble, **Garett Ross** as Russian Sailor/Admiral Jackson/Ensemble and **Suchiththa Wickremesooriya** as Ensemble. Chin, Girgis, Maharaj-Sandhu, Padayas, Ross and Wickremesooriya understudy several roles.

The creative team includes Playwright **Lolita Chakrabarti**, Director **Haysam Kadri**, Puppetry Director **Dayna Tietzen**, Set Designer **Beyata Hackborn**, Costume Designer **Joseph Abetria**, Lighting Designer **April Viczko**, Sound Designer **Joelysa Pankanea**, Video Designer **Corwin Ferguson**, Assistant Director **Steven Conde**, Assistant Set Designer **Amy Dass**, Lighting Design Assistants **Charlie Peters** and **Victor Snaith Hernandez**, Stage Manager **Molly Pearson**, Assistant

Stage Manager **Anna Davidson**, Apprentice Stage Manager **Tia Morann**, Apprentice Stage Manager **Darlene Dela Cruz**.

Tickets for *Life of Pi* start at \$29.99 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537 or visit RoyalMTC.ca.

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