

By Katori Hall
Original Direction by Audrey Dwyer
Directed by Hazel Venzon

“Emotionally powerful and theatrically stunning moment of truth” – Variety
February 15 – March 9 | Preview on February 14
John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG, February 1, 2024 – In this gripping reimagination of the night before King’s assassination, we witness the hope and struggle of a man who must confront his destiny and his legacy to the people.

After delivering one of his most memorable speeches, an exhausted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. retires to his motel amidst a raging thunderstorm. When a mysterious maid arrives at his door, political discussion ensues, and Dr. King is forced to confront his legacy in a poetic reimaging of the events taking place on the night before his assassination. *“[A] thrilling, wild, provocative flight of magical realism” – Associated Press*

The Mountaintop returns to the Royal MTC stage in-person, after a digital run in 2021, and stars **Cherissa Richards** as Camae and **Ray Strachan** as Martin Luther King Jr.

In 2021, Cherissa Richards showcased her exceptional talent as both an actress and director. She portrayed the character of Camae in Royal MTC’s digital production of ***The Mountaintop*** and was the winner of Crow’s Theatre RBC Rising Star Emerging Director Prize 2021. Other Royal MTC credits include *The Mountaintop* (2021), *Sense and Sensibility*, *Di and Viv and Rose*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (with Citadel), *Mrs. Warren’s Profession*.

Ray Strachan, a well-known performer in the Manitoba theatre community, is back in the role of Martin Luther King Jr. Other Royal MTC credits include *Into the Woods*, *The Three Musketeers*, *Calpurnia*, *The Mountaintop* (2021), *It’s a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play*, *Shakespeare in Love* (with Citadel), *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* (with TC).

Both from Manitoba, Cherissa Richards and Ray Strachan have worked extensively on numerous projects throughout the province.

The creative team features Original Director **Audrey Dwyer**, Director **Hazel Venzon**, Designer **Brian Perchaluk**, Costume Designer **Rachel Forbes**, Lighting and Video Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Chris Coyne**, Fight Director **Jacquie Loewen**, Stage Manager **Michael Duggan**, Assistant Stage Manager **Katie Hoppa** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Key Caguioa**.

Tickets for ***The Mountaintop*** start at \$29 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to select media on February 14 and is also available on request. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on February 13. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.

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