

THE MOUNTAINTOP

By Katori Hall

Directed by Audrey Dwyer

Available for streaming from February 26 at 7:30pm to March 14.

“emotionally powerful and theatrically stunning moment of truth” – Variety

WINNIPEG, February 2, 2021 – Due to the continuance of COVID-19, Royal MTC is not yet able to welcome audiences. Royal MTC is pleased to create, stage and digitally capture **THE MOUNTAINTOP** for online audiences.

As a storm rages on April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel. Exhausted, jumpy and craving a cigarette, King wrestles with his next speech. When a beautiful maid delivers coffee to the room, small talk veers into a surprising conversation that exposes the preacher’s vanity, vulnerability and uncompromising humanity. In this gripping reimagining 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.

*“I’m so pleased to bring Manitobans Katori Hall’s **THE MOUNTAINTOP**, a powerful and poetic imagining of Martin Luther King Jr.’s last night on earth. The play is not simply a dramatic portrait of this civil rights giant but offers a pertinent dialogue, evermore relevant to the world we are living in today,”* said Artistic Director **Kelly Thornton**.

THE MOUNTAINTOP stars **Ray Strachan** as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and **Cherissa Richards** as Camae. The creative team is led by Director **Audrey Dwyer** and features Set Designer **Brian Perchaluk**, Costume Designer **Rachel Forbes**, Lighting & Video Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Chris Coyne**, Dialect Coach **Amani Dorn**, Fight Director **Jacqueline Loewen**, Assistant Director **Hazel Venzon**, Stage Manager **Leslie Watson** and Assistant Stage Manager **Michael Duggan**.

THE MOUNTAINTOP was shot and edited by **Frank Digital: Chris McIvor**, President & Executive Producer; **Libby Lea**, Vice President – Production.

Tickets for **THE MOUNTAINTOP** are \$20^{+GST} and are available starting today. Tickets can be ordered online at royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to media on February 22. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on February 22. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre. USERNAME: media PASSWORD: images

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