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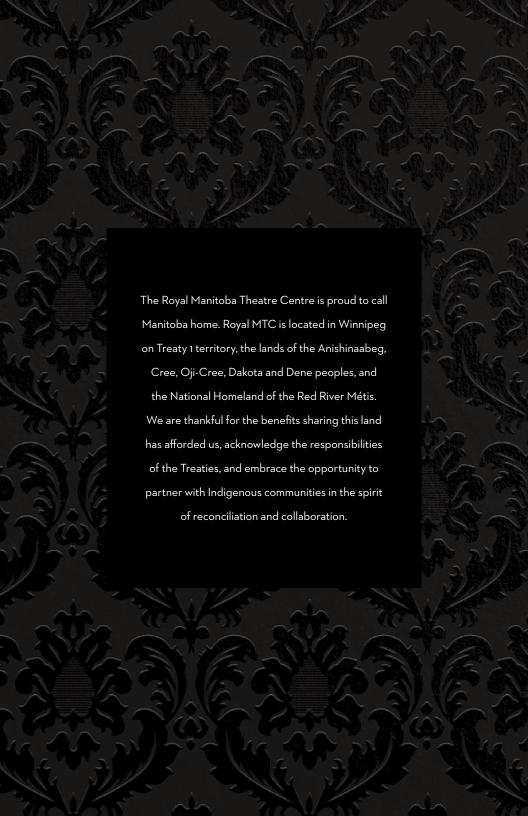


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

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MESSAGE FROM

The Chair of the Royal MTC Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Executive Director Camilla Holland, and Artistic Director Kelly Thornton, I am thrilled to welcome you to Winnipeg's best dinner party — the Black & White Ball. An elegant, fun, entertaining evening of gourmet dining, socializing, late-night dancing, and just a little mystery, we are here to celebrate Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre's extraordinary 2023/24 season.

We are excited to bring to our mainstage, Clue, based on the iconic 1985 movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. In this hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery, the tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests

assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu (not to worry, our menu this evening is delicious!).

This incredible evening is made possible by a brilliant and creative team of staff and volunteers. Please join me in extending a huge thank you to Co-Chairs Samantha Duha and Kathryn Gompf and to the entire Black & White Ball Committee.

Royal MTC is extremely grateful to our patrons, donors, corporate sponsors and individuals for their generosity – thank you! Your continued financial support and your love of live theatre will ensure Royal MTC continues to



share heartwarming and poignant stories for decades and remain an integral part of our city's vibrant arts and cultural scene.

Enjoy this very special and mysterious evening but beware, you never know who at your table may be a suspect!

Laurie Speers

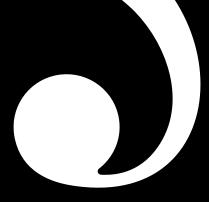


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MESSAGE FROM

The Co-Chairs of the Black & White Ball Committee

Tonight, we welcome you to the Black & White Ball — Uncover the Mystery, an evening of intrigue in support of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre. As the curtain rises, prepare yourself, this exceptional night promises to be the kind of mystery that delights the senses.

We owe our deepest gratitude to our partners in crime this evening: HUB International, Tanchak Wealth Management, Wawanesa, Birchwood Lexus, Fillmore Riley, Bonaventure Travel, Air Canada, Jones & Company, ADESA, and Esdale Printing. To our fellow conspirators, Fairmont Winnipeg, Encore, Event Light, McDiarmid Flowers, Planned Perfectly, and Soiree Event Planning, thank you for making this evening so beautifully mysterious.

Behind the scenes, we are indebted to the mysterious figures who have made this event possible, Dycom Direct Mail, Fete Ice Cream, Flour & Flower, Knapsack Coffee, Liguor Mart, POS Systems, Red Book Photo Co, Relish Branding, and Winnipeg Free Press.

To the dedicated committee members and the volunteers who have devoted their time and talents to craft this intricate affair—we are forever grateful for your extraordinary efforts.

And now, we raise our glasses to you, our distinguished guests - thank you for being here. As the night unfolds, let us waltz through the shadows, converse in spirited tones, and embark on this thrilling celebration of the art of great theatre!

Cheers.

Samantha Duha & Kathryn Gompf

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Our deepest thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. We truly could not make great theatre without you.

Special thanks to Shelby Bond, the MTC Props Department and everyone at MTC who helped make this event happen.

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Ginger-Spiked Carrot Soup Coconut drizzle, fresh chives

ACT II

Roasted Beets & Whipped Goat Cheese Salad

Arugula, micro greens, naval orange segments, candied walnuts, maple vinaigrette

ACT III

Filet Mignon

Potato pavé, roasted young carrots, sauteed kale, bone marrow jus with chimichurri

Manitoba Pickerel

Potato pavé, rainbow carrots, broccolini, lemon caper cream sauce

Portobello Steak

Coconut spinach, zucchini ribbons, tomato fondue, chive mashed potato, gremolata

STANDING OVATION

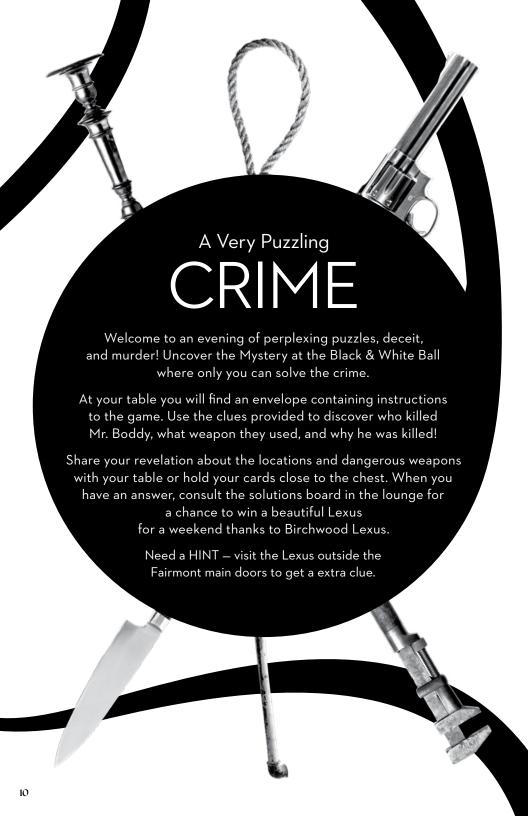
Flour & Flower Dessert Buffet Selection of Fête Ice Cream Knapsack Coffee Bar

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Savoury Snack

WINE PROVIDED BY Jones & Company







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- Create an account on the tablet or on your personal device.
- View items by lot number or category.
- Bid on items you love you can even set a maximum bid, so Givergy does the work for you. Don't worry, it only bids automatically if you are outbid. Set it and forget it!
- You will be notified with your winning bids via e-mail when the auction ends.

THE DETAILS

- Prizes will be automatically paid in full by the winning bidder after the auction closes.
- Pick-up and delivery of items will be scheduled during the week of November 7-10.
- Tax receipts are only available for the portion of a payment that is above the listed value of the items.



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ADESA Winnipeg has graciously donated their time and services this evening to run our Live Auction. Thank you, ADESA, for your support of Royal MTC!



HOW TO WIN

- The live auction will be held following dinner.
 Hold up the numbered paddle located at your seat to make a bid.
- Live auction prizes are won by the highest bidder. Successful bidders will be contacted by Royal MTC Staff about pick up or delivery after the bidding ends.
- Royal MTC accepts payment by credit card, cash, and cheque. Prizes must be paid in full before the close of the evening.

Fairmont Dining Experience



YOU AND 3 GUESTS...IN THE KITCHEN... FOR A PRIVATE DINNER

Indulge in an exclusive Fairmont behind-the-scenes experience that begins with a six-course dinner for four guests with wine pairings in the main kitchen hosted by the Fairmont Executive Chef Nitin Sharma. Stay the night thanks to two Fairmont Gold guestrooms and follow up with breakfast in the Fairmont Gold Lounge the next day.

THIS PRIZE IS VALUED AT \$3,300

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Manitoba Club Dinner & Billiards



YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS...IN THE BILLIARD ROOM... FOR A FABULOUS EVENING

Pre-dinner instruction from Head Billiards Professional at the Manitoba Club, hors d'oeuvres & canapés in the Billiards Room, followed by a fourCourse Dinner for 8 with wine pairings in the President's Room at Manitoba Club. Finish up your evening with post dinner billiards play.

THIS PRIZE IS VALUED AT \$2,000

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Private House Concert



YOU AND A HOUSE FULL OF GUESTS...IN THE LOUNGE... FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND GREAT FOOD

Enjoy a private concert with performer Laura Olafson in your home with catering provided by Chef Ben Kramer and gift certificate from Liquor Marts. Laura is an awarding winning musical theatre performer starring as Cynthia Weil in Royal MTC's production of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. This intimate evening of Broadway classics is sure to please any musical theatre fan.

Your prize includes:

- House Concert with Laura Olafson
- \$100 Liquor Mart gift certificate
- Dinner for six or hors d/oeuvres for up to 20 guests from Chef Ben Kramer
- Dates mutually agreed upon must be booked by May 31, 2024

THIS PRIZE IS VALUED AT \$3.500

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Walk-on Role for The Sound of Music



YOU...IN THE THEATRE...STARRING IN THE SOUND OF MUSIC

If you've ever wanted to be onstage at Royal MTC, now is your chance! This prize offers you the opportunity of a lifetime with a walk-on role during the Friday, December 22 performance of *The Sound of Music*.

The winner will have the opportunity to be fitted with a costume and attend a rehearsal prior to their performance date. On December 22, you'll be a full member of the cast — arriving at the half hour, preparing for the show in your dressing room, joining the cast onstage during select scenes, and finally, taking your bow at the curtain call.

Up to 20 of your family and friends will have the opportunity to cheer you on with excellent seats and a private event space at intermission.

In addition to a walk-on role, your prize also includes:

- 20 'A' section tickets to the December 22 performance of The Sound of Music at 7:30pm.
- A private event space for your guests at intermission – including complimentary house wine and beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

THIS EXPERIENCE IS PRICELESS.

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The winner must be at least 16 years old and fully vaccinated for Covid-19. Proof of vaccination will be required prior to fulfilling the experience. In order to protect the artists and crew, the winner must produce a negative covid test before attending rehearsals and the performance.



Gregg Maidment, our talented auctioneer from ADESA Winnipeg will open to the floor to accept donations from anyone who would like to make a contribution to support Royal MTC.

Whether it's putting great theatre onto our stage, supporting the development of artists, or creating the next generation of theatre lovers YOU can make a difference today.

Please raise your paddles or hands to show that you believe in the power of theatre to ignite conversations and engage community.

SHARE IN THE ACT OF IMAGINING

By attending the Black & White Ball, you're helping to make magic happen onstage.

Every season Royal MTC invites audiences into our theatres for ten new stories.

From a dark foreboding manor to the hills of Austria, every time the lights dim, we embark on a new adventure together.

Thank you for believing in the power of storytelling.

BECAUSE OF YOU:

- Exceptional theatre has a home on our stage •
- Artists are developing their craft through mentorship and training
 - A new generation of theatre lovers are seeing shows and learning through engaging youth programs





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Share your photo booth fun and stay in touch with us @MTCwinnipeg and #MTCbwBall

Please note – photos may be used in print and on Royal MTC's promotional platforms.

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