

ROYAL MTC ANNOUNCES REMAINING 2020/21 DIGITAL SEASON

WINNIPEG, March 2, 2021 – Today, Royal MTC announces final programming for the 2020/21 season.

For the remainder of our season, we will present two productions that are fully rehearsed, staged and filmed at the John Hirsch Mainstage for a digital audience, as well as our annual Lawyers Play streamed live for one evening only.

Statement from Royal MTC **Artistic Director Kelly Thornton**: *“I’m deeply missing welcoming patrons to our theatres, but through the gift of digital technology, we’re thrilled to reach audiences in the safety of their homes.”*

THE (POST) MISTRESS

Book, Lyrics & Music by Tomson Highway

Directed by Simon Miron

Starring Krystle Pederson

April 8 – 25

Back when life was simple – if life was ever simple – people wrote letters. In the small town of Lovely, Ontario, every letter passes through the hands of postmistress Marie-Louise Painchaud. Cheeky and cheerful, Marie-Louise delights in living vicariously through the stories shared in letters mailed from all over the world. Featuring piano and saxophone, the musical stylings evoke these faraway places – samba, bossa nova, tango, Dixieland and Berlin Cabaret rap. Uplifting, funny and poignant, this one-woman musical tour de force by Tomson Highway (*Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing, The Rez Sisters*) reminds us that in life, you should never mail it in.

TINY PLAYS, BIG IDEAS

Directed by Kelly Thornton

May 7 – 23

We’re thrilled to work with commissioned artists Waawaate Fobister, Primrose Madayag Knazan, Jordan Sangalang and Liam Zarrillo to bring this innovative and deeply relevant new offering to audiences.

Previously envisioned as an in-person event at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, *Tiny Plays, Big Ideas* will now be shared digitally. In a collection of short plays, four

dynamic playwrights give voice to the world we are living in right now. Dare yourself to be challenged, captivated and inspired by these formidable artists and their call for change.

THE LAWYERS PLAY

Royal MTC and the Manitoba Bar Association are thrilled to present the annual Lawyers Play, but this year it looks a little different.

Join us on Friday, April 9 at 7:30pm for a virtual reading of Steve Martin's *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

The reading is free to watch, but donations are appreciated and will benefit the Fringe Festival.

TICKETS

Tickets for **THE (POST) MISTRESS** and **TINY PLAYS, BIG IDEAS** are \$20 + GST each and are available starting today. Tickets can be ordered online at royalmtc.ca.

Registration for **PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE** is free and is open starting today at royalmtc.ca.

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