

# The Color Purple

Based upon the novel written by Alice Walker and the Warner  
Bros./Amblin Entertainment Motion Picture

Book by Marsha Norman; Music and Lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray  
Directed by Kimberley Rampersad

A co-production with the Citadel Theatre

October 24 - November 16 | Previews October 22 & 23

John Hirsch Mainstage

*"Exquisite! A joyous celebration of storytelling"* - New York Times

**WINNIPEG, October 16, 2019** – The Mainstage season opens with an enduring tale of the American South. Experience the joy of humanity in this musical adaptation of *The Color Purple*.

Told she was worthless, Celie discovers her strength and rises above indignity with grace. With quiet resolve, this unlikely heroine lifts up others – even those who tried to take everything from her. Journey with Celie as she forges improbable friendships, dares to love and inspires those around her with humility and compassion. Soaring on the notes of a soul-raising Grammy-winning score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues, *The Color Purple* will leave you breathless.

**THE COLOR PURPLE** stars **Tara Jackson** as Celie, **Alison Edwards-Crewe** as Nettie, **Michael Lamont-Lytle** as Pa, **Ryan Allen** as Mister, **Andrew Broderick** as Harpo, **Janelle Cooper** as Sophia, **Karen Burthwright** as Shug, **Maiko Munroe** as Church Lady Jarene, **Sarah Nairne** as Church Lady Doris, **Masini McDermott** as Church Lady Darlene, **David Comrie** as Preacher/ Ol' Mister, **Jameela McNeil** as Olivia, **Jesse Lipscombe** as Buster, **Tenaj Williams** as Grady, **Omar Forrest** as Adam and **Amber Tomlin** as Squeak.

The creative team features Director **Kimberley Rampersad**, Musical Director **Floydd Ricketts**, Set Designer **Brian Perchaluk**, Costume Designer **Ming Wong**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Peter McBoyle**, Dramaturg **Mukonzi Musyoki**, Fight Director **Miranda Allen**, Stilt Walking Coach **Randall Fraser**, Assistant Director **Patricia Darbasie**, Stage Manager **Leslie Watson**, Assistant Stage Manager **Mike Duggan** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Sarah McDowell**.

Tickets for **THE COLOR PURPLE** start at \$27.25 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](http://royalmtc.ca).

B-roll will be sent to media on October 16. A selection of photos is available for download on our website. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at [royalmtc.ca/mediacentre](http://royalmtc.ca/mediacentre). USERNAME: media PASSWORD: images.

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