Eight Women and a Murder

Niagara University Theatre

#### **Elizabeth Ann Clune Center for Theatre**

#### 2024-2025 Season



Oct. 3-6 A DOLL'S HOUSE by Henrik Ibsen



Oct. 31-Nov. 3 RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET by Bob Carlton and Various Artists



Nov. 21-24 EIGHT WOMEN & A MURDER SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL by Henrik Borgstrom Based on play by Robert Thomas



Jan 24-26 by Various Playwrights All Student-Directed



Feb. 20-23 A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2 by Lucas Hnath



Feb. 28-Mar. 2 MOTHERS AND SONS by Terrence McNally All Student Produced



MAR 27-30 **SEAGULL** by Anton Chekhov Translated by Curt Columbus



Apr. 24-May 4 **COMPANY** by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth







#### NIAGARA UNIVERSITY THEATRE

presents a production of

# Eight Women and a Murder

by Robert Thomas Transdapted by C. Henrik Borgstrom, Ph.D.

> Directed by C. Henrik Borgstrom, Ph.D.

Scenic Design PRIMO THOMAS Class of '13

Costume Design MAUREEN STEVENS

Sound Design BAYLEIGH CLARK

Class of '26

Lighting Design **NICK QUINN** 

Stage Manager ELIZABETH FLICKINGER

Class of '27

Assistant Stage Manager BRIAN CUNNINGHAM

Class of '26

Assistant Stage Manager RYAN NEEDHAM Class of '28

Presented in the William P. and Marie Leary Theatre in the Elizabeth Ann Clune Center for Theatre Nov. 21 - Nov. 24

GABY,

**BRIANNA GARCIA** 

the wife

ZUZU,

**EMILY MCDONNELL** 

the elder daughter

CATHY,

**ELENA MICHELE** 

the younger daughter

MÉMÉ.

DANIELLE BECHT

the grandmother

AUGUSTINE, the aunt **BRIEGE LENNON** 

CHANEL.

**HAYLEE SALMONSEN** 

the housekeeper

LOUISE.

the new maid

ADELAIDE HAWKINS

BEATRICE,

PARIS MOFFITT

the unexpected guest

#### **Place**

A country estate far from Paris

#### Time

1961, Christmas

**THERE WILL BE ONE 10** MINUTE INTERMISSION

#### **Production**

**Producing Artistic Director** Technical Director Costume Technologist Costume Shop Supervisor Assistant Scenic Designer Assistant Scenic Charge Lead Electrician Props Acquisition Swing Technician Sound Technician Light Board Op Deck Crew Light Crew

> Wardrobe Head Hair/Makeup Head Wardrobe Crew Box Office Supervisor **Box Office Personnel**

House Managers Head Usher Costume Construction Crew

Costume Shop Assistants

Set Construction Crew

Steve Braddock Primo Thomas Jenna Damburger Yamilex Holguin Pérez Sophie Chaney Sam Prezioso **Brittany Konruff** Mary Dugan Lauren Farrow Alex Sylvester Chris Cooper Jairus Drayton

Ayden MacNeil, Brittany Konruff, Finn Fleury, Devin Klumpp

**Grace Ventura** Julia Cianfrini

Jessica Spengler, Lauren Lampe **Keirsten Thomas** Emily Conti, Matt Denman, Ella Franke, Michelle Guzman,

Maddi Ralph Jamarion Evans, Lex Cueva

Paige Tomlinson Nico Scirri, Max Decker, Isaac Hohl, Hannah LaRuez, JaReesa Young, Sebastian Newell Jessica Spengler, Kate E.

Thompson, Emily McDonnell, Faith Leader, Koral Davis, A'mya

Hemphill

Hayden Carr, Lillian Jarzabek

#### **Production Cont.**

**Work Study Carpenters** 

Samantha Prezioso, Alyvia Christensen, Logan Comstock, Sophie Chaney, Aiden Strack, Emma Farrell, Elliot Thompson, Ella Hartzell Kim Neiss

Publicity/Playbill Coordination Social Media Graphic Design Production Photographer Headshot Photographer Thompson, Ella Hartzell
Kim Neiss
Keirsten Thomas
Suzanne Karaszewski
Mark Duggan
Brian Rock

THE VIDEO RECORDING OR OTHER VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS PRODUCTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.



DJ Darkmatter, for the opening remix of "Il est né" Paul Elinski, for the wheelchair upholstery

#### NIAGARA UNIVERSITY PLAYERS

The Niagara University Players is a student theatre organization that has been in existence for over sixty years and organizes social activities (Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas party, Kris Kringle gift exchange, annual Players Banquet and more), fundraisers and community service activities. The NU Players also present an all-student-run production once a year. This year's production is:

## mothers and sons

by Terrence McNally

Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2025



Any NU student is eligible for membership. contact: nuplayers1964@gmail.com

#### **NU PLAYERS 2024-25 BOARD OF OFFICERS**

Co-Presidents

VP/Concessions Co-Treasurers

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Sam Prezioso.

Alex Sylvester

#### PLAYERS PRESENTS

Artistic Director Asst Artistic Director Technical Director Kayla (Kale) Kurek Lillian Jarzabek TBD

Peer-Elected Student Advocate

Sebastian Newell

### NU Theatre invites you to return for our upcoming productions of:



## Short Play Festival

by Various Playwrights All Student-Directed

Jan. 24 -26



by Lucas Hnath

Feb. 27 - March 2



For information on our full season lineup, and to reserve tickets, please visit our website:

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Winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, Best Lyrics and Best Book Company is largely regarded as a trailblazer of the dark-comedy, modern-musical genre. The revival in 2022 garnered an additional five Tonys.

On the night of his 35th birthday, confirmed bachelor Bobby contemplates his unmarried state. Over the course of a series of dinners, drinks and even a wedding, his friends – "those good and crazy people [his] married friends" – enlighten Bobby about the pros and cons of taking on a spouse. The habitually single Robert is forced to question his unyielding hold on bachelorhood through a hilarious array of exchanges with his friends.

Please join us for a wonderful evening of theatre, food and friendship at the Friends of NU Theatre Gala!

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NU THEATRE'S 61ST
SEASON
AT THE
FRIENDS OF
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Sat. May 3, 2025

Your ticket includes:

4:00pm Musical Matinee,



at NU's Leary Theatre

Followed by cocktail hour, silent & live auctions and dinner at

NU's Russell J. Salvatore Banquet Room

For tickets & information: Contact Keirsten Thomas (716) 286-8483 / kthomas@niagara.edu





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## Department of Theatre & Fine Arts Academic Year 2024-2025

Chris Ballard (Sound) Sound Coordinator

Amanda Benzin (Dance)

Steven Braddock (Acting) Artistic Director of NU Theatre

Jayson Clark (Lighting) SPF Production Manager

> Jenna Damburger (Costume)

> > **Aurora Deeds** (Voice)

Marilyn Deighton (Costume)

**Matt Divita** Guest Lighting Designer

Teodoro Dragonieri (Physical Theatre)

Adriano Gatto (Stage Combat) Artist-in-Residence Recruitment

Robyn Horn (Acting/Directing)

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> Joe Isgar (Voice)

Kate LoConti Alcocer (Effective Speech)

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Dr. Bridget Moriarty (Voice) Music Diréctor

Theatre

Mara Neimanis (Physical Theatre)

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> Primo Thomas Technical Director

> > Paul Todaro (Acting)

Steven Vaughan (Acting)

Terri Filips Vaughan (Dance) Chair, Dept. of Theatre & Fine Arts

> Leanne Vida (Voice)

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Darren Adair (Water Media)

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Jessica DiPalma (Art History/Museum Studies) Director of Museum Studies

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Entrance
Auditions/Interviews
Feb 2 & Feb 16, 2025
Required for all prospective BFA students.