

American Players Theatre Launches 43rd Season with *The Rivals*

The Theatre will celebrate the opening night of *The Rivals* Saturday, June 18, 2022.

SPRING GREEN, WI: American Players Theatre (APT) began its 43rd season this past Saturday, June 11, with a preview performance of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's *The Rivals*, directed by Aaron Posner. There will be a second preview performance Thursday, June 16, 2022, before the production's opening night on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 8:00 pm.

A delightfully duplicitous 18th Century comedy, *The Rivals* features an all-star APT cast including Core Company actors Tracy Michelle Arnold, Kelsey Brennan, Tim Gittings, David Daniel, Brian Mani, James Ridge, Marcus Truschinski, Collen Madden and Sarah Day. Returning favorites, Phoebe González, Josh Krause and Ronald Román-Meléndez, and Acting Apprentices Matthew Benenson Cruz and Isabelle Bushue complete the ensemble.

Artistic Director Brenda DeVita said, "There are only so many truly great Restoration Comedies, and we figured that, after keeping *The Rivals* on ice for more than 30 years, it was time for it to make a comeback at APT. It's kind of crazy how fitting this play is to these times. The characters are so absurd and ridiculous - like Lydia Languish and Mrs. Malaprop and Jack Absolute, whose primary characteristics are right out there in their names - and yet these archetypes are very much still walking around in our society. APT's acting company is uniquely equipped to take on these characters, and this hilariously complex storyline, and make it both easily accessible, and absolutely delightful to watch. They do this better than anyone, and after the past couple of years, we deserve to laugh a little. We've earned it."

The Rivals will play now through September 17th. For more information on tickets, please visit the APT website at www.americanplayers.org, or call the APT box office at (608) 588-2361.

Also playing at APT this summer

In the 1,089-seat, outdoor Hill Theatre

Jane Austen's

Sense and Sensibility

Adapted by Jessica Swale

Directed by Marti Lyons

Playing June 23 – October 9

Hamlet

By William Shakespeare

Directed by James DeVita

Playing June 24 – October 8

A Raisin in the Sun

By Lorraine Hansberry

Directed by Tasia A. Jones

Playing August 5 – October 7

Love's Labour's Lost

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Brenda DeVita

Playing August 12 – October 2

In the 200-seat, indoor Touchstone Theatre

The River Bride

By Marisela Treviño Orta

Directed by Robert Ramirez

Playing June 17 – September 30

The Brothers Size

By Tarell Alvin McCraney

Directed by Gavin Lawrence

Playing June 28 – October 8

The Moors

By Jen Silverman

Directed by Keira Fromm

Playing August 13 – October 9

Stones in His Pockets

By Marie Jones

Directed by Tim Ocel

Playing October 27 – November 20

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About the Theater

APT is a professional repertory theater devoted to the great and future classics. It was founded in 1979 and continues to be one of the most popular outdoor classical theaters in the nation. APT is located in Spring Green, Wis., on 110 acres of hilly woods and meadows above the Wisconsin River. The 1,089-seat outdoor amphitheater is built within a natural hollow atop an oak-wooded hill. In 2009, APT opened the 201-seat, indoor Touchstone Theatre, offering a different type of play and experience. For more information, visit www.americanplayers.org.