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Town Hall Arts Center Presents *The Robber Bridegroom*

"FOUR STARS. CRITICS PICK. A raucous hootenanny!" —Adam Feldman, *Time Out New York*

LITTLETON, CO – The fifth musical production in Town Hall Arts Center's 2016-2017 Season is *The Robber Bridegroom*. Book by Alfred Uhry, music by Robert Waldman, lyrics by Alfred Uhry. Based on the novella by Eudora Welty. Set in eighteenth century Mississippi, the musical follows Jamie Lockhart, a rascally robber of the woods, as he courts Rosamund, the only daughter of the richest planter in the country. The proceedings go awry, however, thanks to a case of double-mistaken identity. Throw in an evil stepmother, intent on Rosamund's demise, her pea-brained henchman, and a hostile talking head-in-a-trunk, and you get a rollicking country romp. With its irresistibly catchy bluegrass score, colorful cast, and unique form of storytelling, *The Robber Bridegroom* is a hidden gem!

THAC favorites **Bob Wells** and **Donna Debrececi** are collaborating again to bring you this "rollicking good time, a mighty Mississippi of fun!" —Jesse Oxfeld, *Entertainment Weekly*. **Bob Wells**, recently at THAC directing the nearly sold out run of *Avenue Q*, directs *The Robber Bridegroom*. Wells serves as one of the resident directors at Town Hall Arts Center and has also directed *Once Upon a Mattress*, this season. Bob has received several honors for his work including Henry Awards and Marlowe Awards. Musical direction is by **Donna Kolpan Debrececi** and **Mitch Jervis**. Donna was last seen directing music for *Bonnie & Clyde*, *Avenue Q*, and *A Christmas Story* this season. Donna is a Henry Award Winner for THAC's 2012 production of *The Who's Tommy*. **Kelly Kates** is choreographing the show, most recently at Town Hall choreographing *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Donna Debrececi will be doing double duty, playing keyboards and leading a **live band** for the run of the production, including: **Deborah Fuller** on Violin, **David Waldman** on violin, **Mitch Jervis** on guitars, and **Scott Alan Smith** on guitars.

Featured actors in this production are **Ryan Buehler** as *Jamie Lockhart* and **Rebekah Ortiz** as *Rosamund*. Ryan is returning to THAC after last being seen in 2016's *Legally Blonde*. Rebekah was last seen as Fiona in the 2015 production of *Shrek*. We also welcome back **TJ Hogle** as *Clement*, TJ was last seen at Town Hall as *Trekkie Monster* in *Avenue Q*. **Steph Holmbo** makes her Town Hall debut as *Salome*, Steph recently graduated from New York University's Atlantic Theatre Company. For a complete listing of cast and production crew go to:

townhallartscenter.org/robber-bridegroom

Town Hall's production of *The Robber Bridegroom*, opens **Friday, March 31** and runs through **Sunday, April 30, 2017**. Showtimes are **Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.** (and 2 p.m. on 4/15 and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Ticket Information:

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale, priced \$20.00-\$42.00 at the Town Hall Arts Center box office, 303-794-2787 ext. 5 (**Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1 Hour prior to Shows**) or on-line at townhallartscenter.org/robber-bridegroom. Group discounts available for purchasing ten or more tickets, please contact Corey Brown at cbrown@townhallartscenter.org or 303.794.2787 x 213. In a continuing effort to make plays at Town Hall Arts Center accessible to all, ten value seats at \$10 each will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis one-hour prior to each published curtain time.

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