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A Hilarious Dark Comedy of Power and Politics, *The Minutes*, Comes to Fort Collins

OpenStage to Bring Tracy Letts' Newest Hit to Stage, Directed by Sydney Parks Smith

FORT COLLINS – OpenStage invites audiences to experience the clever and sharp upcoming production of *The Minutes*, by Tracy Letts, and directed by Sydney Parks Smith. *The Minutes* is set to enthrall audiences at The Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre from March 22 through April 19, 2025.

The comical Tony-nominated play from Broadway, *The Minutes*, is coming to OpenStage Theatre & Company this Spring. The show welcomes Sydney Parks Smith as the director as well as an all-star cast of actors. Sydney Parks Smith, also the Producing Artistic Director for OpenStage, has directed past hits for the theatre, including *The Book of Will*, *Hedwig and The Angry Inch*, *Ken Ludwig's Sherwood*, and many more.

Parks Smith said about the show, "This production captures the jaw-dropping ridiculousness of human nature and the outrageous ways we handle power. Ever since I first read about 'The Minutes' in 2017 and finally got my hands on the manuscript in 2020, I knew I had to bring this play to Fort Collins. With this phenomenal cast, we're diving headfirst into a story that is as darkly hilarious as it is unsettlingly relevant."

Community, the Founder's Day celebration, the coveted privilege of reserved parking—a small town City Council meeting. Business as usual for the Big Cherry City Council. But... where are the minutes from last week's meeting? Newcomer Mr. Peel has some questions... What is "Lincoln Smackdown"? And where is council member Mr. Carp? This razor-sharp comedy by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *August: Osage County*, exposes the underbelly of civic duty in a small town...with BIG secrets.

The Minutes plays March 22 through April 19. All performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday start at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinee performances start at 2:00 pm. Visit

openstage.com/minutes for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance (March 21), a pay-what-you-can performance (March 27), and FAB Friday (March 28), which includes a free beer compliments of Odell Brewing Company.

Tickets for *The Minutes* are \$15-\$39. Tickets are available online at openstage.com/minutes or by calling The Lincoln Center Box Office at 970.221.6730. The box office is open 1pm-6 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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Performance Dates

Thursday @ 7:30 pm: March 27 (Pay What You Can)

Friday @ 7:30 pm: March 21 (Student/Educator), March 28 (FAB Friday), April 4, April 11, April 18

Saturday @ 7:30 pm: March 22 (Opening Night), March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19 (Closing Night)

Sunday @ 2 pm: April 6, April 13

Performance Location

The Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre: 417 West Magnolia Street, Fort Collins, CO (North-west corner of the building)

Cast

Mr. Peel

Mayor Superba

Ms. Johnson

Mr. Blake

Mr. Breeding

Mr. Hanratty

Mr. Assalone

Jozeph Mykaels

Christopher Gausselin

Brenna Freestone-Gilbert

Jysten Atom

Andrew Cole

Matthew Smith

Steven P. Sickles

Ms. Matz
Ms. Innes
Mr. Oldfield
Mr. Carp

Molly McGuire
Louise Thornton
David Siever
Shannon Parr

Creative and Production Team

Director/Producing Artistic Director
Movement Director
Assistant Director
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Scenic Designer/Technical Director
Associate Scenic Designer/Master Carpenter
Lighting Designer
Costume Designer/Head Seamstress
Sound Designer/Make-up Designer
Properties Designer/Set Dresser
Hair Designer
Scenic Artists

Board Operators

Stagehands/Dressers
Production Managers

Sydney Parks Smith
Noah Racey
Sarah J Baker
Hannah Armstrong
Azran Starkweather
Caleb Gilbert
Ivan Andrade
MacKenzie Lowe
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