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Fort Collins Welcomes *The Cottage*, A Smart and Seductive British Farce

Sandy Rustin Delivers Secrets and Scandals, Directed by Esteemed Jessica Jackson

FORT COLLINS –OpenStage invites audiences to experience the chilling upcoming production of *The Cottage*, written by Sandy Rustin. Directed by Jessica Jackson, *The Cottage* is set to enthrall audiences at The Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre from March 21st through April 18th, 2026.

Jessica Jackson’s work spans directing, writing, improvisation, and new play development, including multiple world premieres and original musicals. Formerly the Artistic Director of Creede Repertory Theatre, Jessica is known for her playful, inventive approach to storytelling, with projects ranging from devised comedy and theatre for young audiences to new musicals and contemporary classics. Her work has been seen across Colorado and beyond, blending sharp humor, heart, and a love of collaboration.

It’s 1923, and Sylvia’s holiday in the English countryside comes with a little… extra baggage — her lover. When she boldly decides to drop the salacious truth about her affair onto her husband and her secret lover’s wife, all bets are off! Confessions fly, passions flare, and chaos reigns supreme in *The Cottage*; a fizzy cocktail of a farce infused with Noël Coward wit and “Clue”-like calamity.

The Cottage plays from March 21st through April 18th. All performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday start at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinee performances start at 2:00 pm. Visit www.openstage.com/the-cottage/ for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance (March 20th), a pay-what-you-can performance (March 26th), and FAB Friday (March 27), which includes a free beer compliments of Odell Brewing Company.

Tickets for *The Cottage* are \$18-\$42. Tickets are available online at <http://openstage.com/the-cottage> 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 26th (Pay What You Can)

Friday @ 7:30 pm: March 20 (Student/Educator), March 27 (FAB Friday), April 3, April 10, April 17th

Saturday @ 7:30 pm: March 21 (Opening Night), March 28, April 4, April 11, April 28 (Closing Night)

Sunday @ 2 pm: April 5, April 12

Performance Location

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

Cast

Sylvia	Katy White
Beau	Jacob Offen
Marjorie	Molly McGuire
Clark	James Burns
Diedre	Lexi Wilson
Richard	Dan Tschirhart

Direction and Design Team

Director/Sound Designer	Jessica Jackson
Assistant Director/Assistant Stage Manager	Stephen Gillespie
Stage Manager	Aubrey Bierman
Scenic Designer	James Brookman
Properties Designer/Set Dresser	Carla Brookman

Lighting Designer
Costume Designer
Makeup Designer
Hair and Wig Designer
Intimacy Director
Fight Director/Fight Captain
Technical Director
Production Manager/Producing Artistic Director

Mackenzie Lowe
Jasper Day
Tyler Zuschneid
Shannon Light
Jada Suzanne Dixon
James Burns
Anna Epstein
Jacob Offen