



Alumnae Theatre Company

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TORONTO – Alumnae Theatre Company’s 100th Anniversary season will close with **Shirley Barrie’s** play *Queen Marie*, running April 13–28 on the Main Stage (70 Berkeley St.).

Directed by **Rosemary Doyle**, *Queen Marie* is a dazzling, larger-than-life musical comedy about the life of Marie Dressler, who ventured from her hometown of Cobourg, Ont., as a teenager and found stardom in Vaudeville, on Broadway and in Hollywood. She rose to fame in the 1930s, starring alongside icons such as Charlie Chaplin and Greta Garbo. In 1931, Dressler won an Academy Award for her role in *Min and Bill*. Also well known for her role in *Tugboat Annie*.

Queen Marie features a cast of 26, plus musicians and dancing girls. “We have a child and 9 women portraying Marie at different points of her life,” says Doyle. “As a performer, she worked her way up to stardom, fell out of favour, and made a comeback. *Queen Marie* is a play about resilience, and it’s a great production for Alumnae Theatre’s centennial season.”

Queen Marie is produced by **Elizabeth Verwey** and features Adam Bonney, Fallon Bowman, Jessica Bowmer, Jacob Brien, Katherine Cappellacci, Paul Comeau, Michele Dodick, Siena Dolinski, Nance Gibson, Richard Jones, Tess Keery, Katrina Koenig, Gabriella Kosmidis, Stella Kulagowski, Indira Layne, Naomi Peltz, James Phelan, Catherine Ratusny, Seira Saeki, Paige Sayles, Nina Tischhauser, Caitlin Turner, and Paula Wilkie. Set design by Doug Payne, lighting design by Sarah Mansikka. Choreography by Adam Martino, with wardrobe design by Alfio Foti. Our musical director is Paul Comeau.

Marie Dressler was one of Hollywood’s funniest Canadian Stars. Seeing *Queen Marie* is the perfect way to celebrate National Humour Month in April!

QUEEN MARIE by Shirley Barrie – April 13–28, 2018

Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley Street (at Adelaide)

Performances: Wed–Sat at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm

Pre-show Talk: Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Post-show Talkbacks: Sundays, April 15 & 22, following 2 pm show

Tickets: Wednesdays 2-for-1, Thu–Sat \$25, Sundays PWYC

Purchase online (alumnaetheatre.com), or reserve in advance and pay cash at the door.

Box Office – cash only for in-person sales.

Reservations: 416-364-4170, Box 1 or reservations@alumnaetheatre.com

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About Alumnae Theatre

Alumnae Theatre is celebrating 100 years of continuous production with its 2017/18 season. We have been entertaining Torontonians with topical, thought-provoking and adventurous theatre for a century, making us the longest-running theatre company in the city. We’re also the oldest women-run theatre company in North America. Visit alumnaetheatre.com for more information.

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