

MEDIA RELEASE

THE WORLD PREMIERE OF *THE SILVER ARROW* HITS NEW HEIGHTS AT THE CITADEL

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(EDMONTON)

High-flying aerial acrobatics, archery, sword fights, a brand new script from Edmonton playwright **Mieko Ouchi**, and an original score composed by Canadian rocker **Hawksley Workman** – the Citadel’s last Mainstage show of the 2017/18 season features all of this, and more! The World Premiere of *The Silver Arrow: The Untold Story of Robin Hood* is set to take over the Maclab Theatre April 21, 2018.

Citadel Artistic Director Daryl Cloran commissioned Mieko Ouchi to write an adventure story for all ages for his first season of programming at the Citadel. Cloran, who directs *The Silver Arrow*, then approached Citadel regular Hawksley Workman (*The God That Comes*) to compose music with his unique sound for the show. Workman travelled to Edmonton several times to work directly with Ouchi and Cloran on the music for the production, resulting in a number of show-stopping songs. **Annie Dugan**, from Edmonton’s Firefly Theatre & Circus, was brought on board to handle the aerial acrobatic aspect of *The Silver Arrow*, with award-winning Canadian fight director **Jonathan Hawley Purvis** taking care of the fight choreography.

The Silver Arrow is set in a steampunk re-imagined Sherwood Forest. Maid Bina Fitzooth (**Kristi Hansen**) is stuck indoors due to a disability but longs for adventure. She finds it when her brother, Robert (**Giovanni Spina**), is declared an outlaw by Prince John (**Victor Dolhai**), and his love, Maid Marian (**Katelyn McCulloch**), is imprisoned and doomed to marry The Sherriff of Nottingham (**Jesse Gervais**). Bina and her Merry Band of misfits stand up to tyranny and steal from the rich to give to the poor in this twist on the classic Robin Hood tale.

The production features the participants of the 2018 Citadel/Banff Centre Professional Theatre Program, along with aerialists from Edmonton’s Firefly Theatre & Circus. With Set and Costume Design by **Drew Facey**, Lighting Design by **Leigh Ann Vardy**, and Sound Design by **Owen Hutchinson**.

The Silver Arrow: The Untold Story of Robin Hood runs April 21 to May 13, 2018, at the Citadel Theatre.

CAST

LARA ARABIAN	Lady Joanna Fitzooth/Dell
APRIL BANIGAN	Rockette
DANIEL BRIERE	Much The Miller/Lord Fitzwater
PATRICIA CERRA	Scarlet
CAMILA DIAZ-VARELA	Amal Abdal
VICTOR DOLHAI	Prince John
MICHAEL DUFAYS	Sir Guy of Gisbourne
SCOTT FARLEY	Mac
JESSE GERVAIS	The Sheriff of Nottingham
KRISTI HANSEN	Maid Bina Fitzooth
KATELYN MCCULLOCH	Maid Marian/Aerial Captain
NATASHA MUMBA	Jetta John
KEVIN OUELLET	William of Trent
GIOVANNI SPINA	Robert Fitzooth
STEPHANIE WOLFE	Helen of Selston
LOUISA ZHU	Taka

CREATIVE TEAM

Director	DARYL CLORAN
Writer	MIEKO OUCHI
Composer	HAWKSLEY WORKMAN
Aerial Director	ANNIE DUGAN
Set and Costume Designer	DREW FACEY
Lighting Designer	LEIGH ANN VARDY
Sound Designer	OWEN HUTCHINSON
Fight Director	JONATHAN PURVIS HAWLEY
Assistant Director	JASMINE CHEN
Sound Intern	LEIF INGEBRIGSTEN
Stage Manager	MICHELLE CHAN
Assistant Stage Manager	AL GADOWSKY
Apprentice Stage Manager	LORE GREEN

NOTE: Please note that there will NOT be a media call for this production. B-roll will be supplied after April 24th to media wanting video of the show. To obtain photographs of this production or to arrange interviews, please contact:

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