

MEDIA RELEASE

Cyrano de Bergerac at the Citadel Theatre promises daring sword fights, lyrical poetry, witty humour, and unrequited love

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Edmonton, Alberta – This adventurous tale, based on the original text by **Edmond Rostand**, beautifully adapted by Canadian playwright **Jessy Ardern**, will close out the Citadel's 60th Anniversary Season.

This bold reimagining of a timeless classic brings a fresh, witty edge to the story of love, poetry, and identity. Follow a brilliant and fiercely romantic soul, whose sharp tongue and sword conceal a tender heart and deep insecurities. With daring duels, lyrical wordplay, and unspoken love, this adaptation explores the complexities of courage and vulnerability in a world obsessed with appearances. Balancing humour and heartbreak, it redefines heroism with panache and soul, inviting audiences to rediscover the power of authenticity and the longing for true connection. This is a must-see theatrical experience brimming with charm, passion, and adventure.

Playwright **Jessy Ardern** who is known for her work in adapting classical text for contemporary audiences, has created a witty and exciting take on the play, that audiences are sure to enjoy. Some members of the cast are making their Citadel debuts including **Stephanie Sy** as Roxane, while Edmonton audiences may recognize **Scott Shpeley**, playing Cyrano, from *One Man Two Guvnors* and **Darren Martens**, playing Christian, as Athos from the 2023/24 production of *The Three Musketeers*. Directing this production is **Amanda Goldberg**, Artistic Producer of *SkirtsAfire*.

Audiences can look forward to vibrant costume designs by **Deanna Finnman** (*The Wizard of Oz*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream: The '70s Musical*), and set designs reminiscent of *The Three Musketeers* era and style by **Beyata Hackborn** (*Life of Pi*, *Little Shop of Horrors*), as well as the incredible sword fights that will take place on stage arranged by Fight Director **Daniel Levinson** known for his fight direction at The Stratford Festival and *Jesus Christ Superstar* on Broadway.

Cyrano de Bergerac is produced in partnership with Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre in Winnipeg and Grand Theatre in London, Ontario, and plays in the Shoctor Theatre May 2 – 24, 2026. Tickets are available online at citadeltheatre.com or by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820.

The Pay What You Choose in person night will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Pay What You Choose is presented by Alberta Blue Cross and more information can be found at citadeltheatre.com.

There are two Accessible Performances happening on Saturday, May 17, 2026 (Audio Described with Touch Tour preshow), and May 23, 2026 (Relaxed Experience and Captioned). Funding for Accessible

Performances is provided by the Stollery Charitable Foundation. More information can be found at citadetheatre.com/accessibility.

Production photos will be available by Wednesday, May 8, 2026.

CAST

Lara Arabian	Ragueneau, Cadet, Medic, Ensemble
Alexander Ariate	Le Bret, Usher, Ensemble
Noah Beemer	Lignière, Montfleury, Carbon, Ensemble
Andrew Cecon	Valvert, Cadet, Priest, Ensemble
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ensemble
Brian Hamman	De Guiche, Ensemble
Darren Martens	Christian, Cadet, Ensemble
Megan McArton	Marie, Theatre Manager, Cadet, Ensemble
Siobhan Richardson	Ensemble
Scott Shpeley	Cyrano
Stephanie Sy	Roxane
Sydney Williams	Kate, Orange Seller, Cadet, Ensemble

UNDERSTUDIES

Lara Arabian	Marie/Theatre Manager/Cadet
Noah Beemer	Christian/Cadet
Andrew Cecon	De Guiche
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Cyrano, Le Bret/Usher, Lignière/Montfleury/Carbon
Siobhan Richardson	Ragueneau/Cadet/Medic, Valvert/Priest/Cadet, Kate/Orange Seller/Cadet
Sydney Williams	Roxane

CREATIVE TEAM

Jessy Ardern	Playwright
Amanda Goldberg	Director
Beyata Hackborn	Set Designer
Deanna Finnman	Costume Designer
Hugh Conacher	Lighting Designer
Maddie Bautista	Sound Designer & Composer
Daniel Levinson	Fight Director
Anna Kuman	Movement Director
Morgan Yamada	Intimacy Director
Mara Teare	Assistant Director
Payal Jotania	Assistant Designer
Madison Henry	Stage Manager
Zahra Larche	Assistant Stage Manager
Andraya Diogo	Apprentice Stage Manager

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