



Virginia Stage Company Announces Season 31 at the Wells Theatre

Chris Hanna, Artistic Director and Keith Stava, Managing Director are pleased to announce Virginia Stage Company's 2009-10 season, the 31st at the Wells Theatre.

The 2009-10 season line-up is as follows:

Alive and Well *By Kenny Finkle*

September 15 – October 4, 2009

In this funny new play by VSC favorite Kenny Finkle, our country's continuing struggle between the North and South is on full display as a heartbroken Civil War re-enactor and an emotionally desperate New York journalist search for the oldest living Civil War veteran.

/romeo&juliet// *By William Shakespeare*

October 20 – November 8, 2009

In this bold new staging, the social revolution takes over the Wells Theatre as Shakespeare's text is brought to life with the innovative use of technology and digital media.

Billy Bishop Goes To War *by John MacLachlan Gray, Eric Peterson*

January 19 – February 7, 2010

An unlikely champion, Billy Bishop stumbled his way into the Royal Canadian Flying Corps and unexpectedly became its most decorated officer.

M. Butterfly *by David Henry Hwang*

February 23 – March 14, 2010

Inspired by Puccini's opera *Madame Butterfly*, David Henry Hwang's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play is the story of one lonely man who, upon finding a love he was told he never deserved, will do anything to hold on to it.

A Raisin in the Sun *by Lorraine Hansberry*

March 30 – April 18, 2010

This season marks 50 years since Lorraine Hansberry's play premiered on Broadway, a first for a black, female playwright. A fiercely moving story of hope, *A Raisin in the Sun* is a major American masterpiece that is just as relevant today as when it was written. VSC's contribution to *Minds Wide Open*, Virginia's statewide festival celebrating women in the arts.

Season Extras

A Christmas Carol *By Charles Dickens*

November 29 – December 24, 2009

Dickens' timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his encounters with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future has entertained and enlightened thousands of our patrons, teaching us the true meaning of the holiday season.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer, Jess Winfield

April 21-25, 2010

All 37 Plays in 97 Minutes! An irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard's plays, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* was London's longest-running comedy—ten years at the Criterion Theatre. Presented at the Wells Theatre with *The Virginia Arts Festival*.

"The plays I've selected for our 2009-10 season are the perfect potion for a tumultuous time", said Artistic Director Chris Hanna. "Each of these titles cuts right to the core of what it means to be an individual defined by the world around him. They remind us what it means to be bold and brash. About what it means to fall passionately in love. To fall on hard times and through sheer grit, rise to the top again. These plays were chosen for their relevance to every one of us – in a time that will shape all of us."

Subscriptions to VSC's 31st Season range in price from \$50 - \$170. Anytime Passes are available in multiple quantities from \$128 - \$222. To purchase a subscription, call the VSC box office at (757) 627-1234, go online at vastage.com or mail your subscription to: Virginia Stage Company Box Office P.O. Box 3770 Norfolk, VA 23514.

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