

Press release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

Merry Wives of Windsor
by William Shakespeare
Directed by Wendi Johnson
October 7-17, 2019
The Box Theatre, Riverside
3635 Market Street, Riverside 92501
(Press opening night October 8)

Riverside, California (September 20, 2021)—**Full Circle Players (FCP) presents William Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor* with a mod twist! Experience one of Shakespeare's acclaimed comedies with a modern, feminist style and diverse and talented cast.** Award-winning director Wendi Johnson will direct this wacky and enjoyable night of comedy set in the mid-60s. *Merry Wives of Windsor* will play for two weekends only, October 7-17, at The Box Theatre, Riverside.

Full Circle Players is delighted to work with an incredible cast and creative team. Introducing the main cast: Janette Valenzo as Mistress Page, Rebecca Reber as Mistress Ford, Jason Crewse as Mr. Page, Bridget Rivera as Anne Page, J. Kay Weldon and Mr. Ford, and Kit Fugrad as Falstaff.

Tickets:

Pay what you can: First Thursday night October 7

Vaccinated: 50% off general ticket with proof of vaccinated status

Rush: Tickets \$5 every night at the door available on a first-come, first-served basis 10 minutes before curtain.

General: \$22 general

Student/ artist/ military: (with proof) \$12

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5219669> or at the box office on performance days
3635 Market Street, Riverside 92501

Calendar Listing

Merry Wives of Windsor by William Shakespeare

October 7, 8, 9,15,16 @7:30 pm

October 16,17 @1:30 pm

Friday, October 16 talk back with the cast after the show

Merry Wives of Windsor

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Wendi Johnson

At The Box Theatre, Riverside 3635 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

October 7-17

Run time

2 hours including a 15-minute intermission

Performance dates and times and ticket prices

Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 pm
Friday, October 8 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 9 at 7:30 pm
Friday, October 15 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, October 10 at 1:30 pm
Saturday, October 16 at 1:30 pm
Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 pm

Gala opening night Friday October 8 at 7:30 pm

Tickets available

Buy online beginning September 4: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5219669>
Box office on performance date: The Box Theatre, 3635 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501
Ticket prices: \$22 single ticket, \$12 student/military
Vaccinated: 50% off general admission
\$5 rush tickets until all seats are sold nightly

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

We believe that great theatre should be available to everyone regardless of income status. So Full Circle Players is always committed to the following discounted performances:

- *Pay What You Can first Thursday (PWYC): available for first Thursday performance.
- *RUSH TICKETS: \$5 rush tickets are available for any available seat on any performance day 10 minutes before curtain at the door. Cash only.

About the Play

Short version: Falstaff tries to pursue two married women; the women are smart; they put him in a river, dress him as a woman, and bring him to a haunted forest; everyone is happy.

***Merry Wives of Windsor* Summary**

Falstaff decides to fix his financial woes by seducing the wives of two wealthy merchants. The wives find that he sent them identical letters and take revenge by playing

tricks on Falstaff when he comes calling. With the help of their husbands and friends, the wives play one last trick in the woods to put Falstaff's mischief to an end.

(Note to editors: Please find attached photos of Rebecca Reber as Mrs. Ford, Jannette Valenzo as Mrs. Page, and J. Kay Weldon as Mr. Ford. Caption for photos: MWOW photo 1: *Rebecca Reber and Janette Valenzo*. MWOW photo 2: *Rebecca Reber and Janette Valenzo*. MWOW photo 3: *Rebecca Reber, Janette Valenzo, and J. Kay Weldon*.)

Full Circle Players

Full Circle Players has a vision centered on inspiration, collaboration and creation from artist to audience. We are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in our work as we strive to create world class theatre in Riverside, California, and the world. We bring the best possible version of ourselves to our work onstage and to the organization, holding ourselves to high artistic, professional, and personal standards. Anchored by an inspired company creating exceptional art, we will be guided by thoughtful resource stewardship and a deep commitment to education and audience engagement.

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