

# IRON CROW THEATRE

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## **FROM LINCOLN CENTER TO BALTIMORE - REGIONAL DEBUT OF *THE MYSTERY OF LOVE & SEX* PREMIERS JANUARY 25!**

POWER-HOUSE CAST BRINGS BATHSHEBA'S DORAN'S MODERN QUEER CLASSIC TO LIFE AT HISTORIC BALTIMORE THEATRE PROJECT.

Perfectly wonderful! Among the season's finest plays. It is tender, funny, packed with humanity and brimming with surprising revelations. Bathsheba Doran has written a play with such compassion and wry wisdom that I emerged from the theater into yet another frigid day feeling warmed from within." - The New York Times

"Wise and exquisitely crafted." - Time Out New York

**BALTIMORE, Maryland** - January 15th, 2018: Straight from Lincoln Center Theatre in NYC and from critically-acclaimed playwright Bathsheba Doran, comes a new modern queer classic heralded by the New York Times as, "Perfectly wonderful! Among the season's finest plays." Deep in the American South, *The Mystery of Love and Sex* follows Charlotte and Jonny who have been best friends since they were nine. She's Jewish, he's Christian; he's black, she's white. Their differences intensify their connection, and they are now trying to determine whether their close friendship might be something more. When they discover exactly what "more" entails, sexual desire complicates everything in surprising, compulsive ways, as it comes as a surprise to them both — and to Charlotte's parents, who are holding secrets and resentments of their own. An unexpected love story about where souls meet and the consequences of growing up, this compelling and spirited narrative of intricate relationships is an entertaining and explosive look at race, sexual identity, and family dynamics.

"*The Mystery of Love and Sex* is a love poem about coming of age, self-discovery, and redefining what it means to be family. Bathsheba Doran's puzzle of a play (there is a reason it has the word mystery in the title) delightfully upends audience expectations, expertly peeling back layers of façade while slowly revealing the characters essential and true selves," said director Dr. Natka Bianchini. "Witty, poignant, surprising, and painful, *The Mystery of Love and Sex* is a hilarious and touching journey that reminds us all what it means to see and be seen by those that love us most."

"This season dares us all to engage with our pain, our fear, and our ability to love both ourselves and others in hopes of becoming who we wish to be," said Artistic Director Sean Elias. "*The Mystery of Love and Sex* brings this challenge forth while furthering Iron Crow's commitment to becoming the best theatre we can and offering our community of artists and patrons a powerful new play, direct from Lincoln Center Theater in New York City. For the third time this season our show will include a professional Equity actor, alongside some of the most talented performers in the region, as we continue to build upon our foundation towards achieving our goal of becoming Baltimore's next Equity theatre."

Directed by Dr. Natka Bianchini. Set Design by Megan Suder with Lighting Design by Brandi Martin. Costume Design by Resident Artist Danielle Harrow with Sound Design by Devyn Deguzman. Stage Management provided by Ellen Mitchell. Intimacy Training and Consultation provided by Chelsea Pace of Theatrical Intimacy Education.

Featuring Equity Actor Marianne Angellella as Lucinda, Resident Artist Jonas David Grey as Howard, Amandine Thomas as Charlotte, and Quincy Vicks as Johnny. Marianne Angelella is appearing through an agreement between Iron Crow Theatre and Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.ironcrowtheatre.org/mystery](http://www.ironcrowtheatre.org/mystery). All performances take place at the historic Baltimore Theatre Project located at 45 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. All programming follows the performance schedule outlined below:

**JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

Baltimore Theatre Project, 45 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

**Friday, January 25**

8:00pm performance of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*  
Complimentary Opening Night Reception to follow.

**Saturday, January 26**

2:00pm & 8:00pm performances of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

**Sunday, January 27**

5:30pm performance of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

**Thursday, January 31**

7:00pm performance of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

**Friday, February 1**

8:00pm performance of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

**Saturday, February 2**

2:00pm & 8:00pm performances of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

**Sunday, February 3**

5:30pm performance of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*

INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICES FOR *THE MYSTERY OF LOVE & SEX*:

General Admission: \$35

Educator / Military / Senior: \$30

Student: \$20

All ticket prices above reflect the removal of all fees; pay one flat rate, online or in person. In addition, any individual with difficulty attending a production at the ticket prices set are encouraged to reach out to the theatre directly at [boxoffice@ironcrowtheatre.org](mailto:boxoffice@ironcrowtheatre.org) as additional

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