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COMPASS ROSE DEBUTS ADAPTATION OF A CLASSIC ROMANCE

Emma Whipday's "Pride & Prejudice" makes Annapolis Premiere

Annapolis, MD (October 22, 2023) — Compass Rose Theater, the award-winning and critically acclaimed professional theater and educational nonprofit in Annapolis, announces a new adaptation of the Jane Austen classic, **Pride & Prejudice**, November 14- Dec 14, 2025. The fast-paced, comedic adaptation of **Pride & Prejudice** is written by U.K.-based playwright Emma Whipday and has earned critical praise.

Pride & Prejudice, staged at Compass Rose Theater at Maryland Hall, is directed by **Madeline Austin**. In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birthday worldwide celebration, Compass Rose will host a virtual talkback and behind-the-scenes discussion with Emma Whipday, the director, and actors.

The cast includes: Matthew Beagan as Mr. Bingley, Katie Rey Bogdan as Mrs. Bennet/Lady Catherine, Lilly Burchfield as Caroline Bingley/Housekeeper, Matthew Crawford as Mr. Bennet/Sir Lucas, Caleigh Riordan Davis as Elizabeth Bennet, Gaven Heglar as Mr. Darcy, Joshua Ikotun as Mr. Bingley, Elvis Karageya as Mr. Collins, Emma Magner as Kitty Bennet/Charlotte Lucas, Molly Marsh as Jane Bennet, Leah Senseney as Lydia Bennet, and Peri Walker as Mary Bennet/Mrs. Gardiner.

The artistic team includes Producer Barbara Webber, Director Madeline Austin, Musical Director Jack Benedict, Set Designer August Henney, Lighting Designer Marianne Meadows, Choreographer Lindsay Zetter, Costume Designer Ilana Mongolio, and Stage Manager Kaela Wilson.

Austin says, "This smart, witty, and emotionally rich retelling of Jane Austen's classic brings the Bennet family and their romantic entanglements to life."

"As we gather with families and friends for the holidays, we can laugh at the Bennet family antics and marvel at their endearing romantic characters," says **Barbara Webber**. Performances run Fridays at 8 pm; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 pm at Maryland Hall.

Since its founding in 2011, Compass Rose Theater has produced more than 50 professional shows and earned eight Helen Hayes Award nominations and multiple Helen Hayes Award recommendations. Known for its powerful storytelling and commitment to education, Compass Rose serves students of all ages from across the DMV region.

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TICKETS: Tickets are \$15–\$55, available until showtime while supplies last. Reduced prices are offered for students, seniors, military/veterans, and groups of 12 or more. Purchase tickets at www.compassrosetheater.org, through [InstantSeats](#), or by calling 410-980-6662. Doors open 20 minutes before the show, with open seating. Free parking is available at Maryland Hall.

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Photos below, more available, by request. Reach out to barbara@compassrosetheater.org

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Pride & Prejudice at Compass Rose Theater. L-R (back row) Molly Marsh as Jane Bennet, Leah Senseney as Lydia Bennet, and Caleigh Riordan Davis as Elizabeth Bennet

L-R (front row) Emma Magner as Kitty Bennet/Charlotte Lucas, Peri Walker as Mary Bennet/Mrs. Gardiner



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