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RIAN JOHNSON'S SUNDANCE AWARD-WINNING

BRICK

ADAPTED FOR STAGE BY CHRIS WHITE



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By RIAN JOHNSON

Adapted for stage by CHRIS WHITE

Directed by JOHN BOWDEN & TREVOR MENCHIONS

Music by NATHAN JOHNSON & THE CINEMATIC UNDERGROUND

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Barbara Barrett Theatre

MAD AS HOPS: VICTORIAN SLANG FOR 'EXCITABLE'.

CAST

In order of appearance.

Brendan Frye LUKE ROWE
Laura Dannon BRONWYN KEOUGH
Emily Kostich ERICA FOOTE
Brain..... ROSE WALTERS
Kara SARAH CONNORS
Lapdog COLE WILLIAMS
Brad Bramish NOAH WILLIAMS
Tom NATHAN MACKEY
Tug ADAM BROWN
Dode NICK BENDZSA
Angry Stoner HAYLEE FIELD
Mr. Trueman JIM HEALEY
The Pin KYLE SAUNDERS
Mother..... SHEILA RYAN
Tangles MARTHA KING
Goon with a bullet..... MARIA SHAW
Goons, Party People, Stoners, Jocks.....
..... HAYLEE FIELD, MARTHA KING, NATHAN MACKEY,
..... MARIA SHAW, COLE WILLIAMS
Stage manager..... KATE WHELAN

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to *BRICK*, a noir tale of love, deceit, drugs, and murder. In the past seven years, *BRICK* has been performed several times in the United States, once in Australia, and now, for the first time, in Canada.

BRICK is now considered a cult-classic, a representative example of neo-noir filmmaking. Movies in this style, such as *The Big Sleep* or *The Maltese Falcon*, are dark, cynical, and feature archetypal characters: the doomed hero, the femme fatale, the fall guy, the naïve victim, the criminal mastermind. The hero is rarely perfect. He is neither the shining white knight, nor the good guy in the white cowboy hat.

The cast has been wonderful to work with. They have invested themselves fully in their roles, and have sincerely impressed us with their talents. Congratulations to them for making this work a joy.

JOHN BOWDEN & TREVOR MENCHIONS

JOHN BOWDEN is a math and science teacher at Leary's Brook Junior High, and has been directing youth theatre for ten years. He wants to thank his wife and kids for their support – and patience. (“Where’s Daddy going today?” says one. “He has rehearsal ... again”, says another.)

TREVOR MENCHIONS is a social studies and special services teacher at Gonzaga High School. As co-director, he is excited to be involved with such high level actors, and wants to send a special shout out to his co- director John Bowden for allowing him to tag along in helping bring this play to its first Canadian audience. “I watched a show at Barbara Barrett over 35 years ago... The place seemed bigger then!” Enjoy the show everyone!

ABOUT THE CAST

LUKE ROWE is a grade 12 student at Prince of Wales Collegiate, he is very excited to be a part of this production. Luke also performed in PWC's *Fame* and *Elephant's Graveyard* as well as Leary's Brook's *Upon a Sea of Dreams* and *Little Women*, which he stage-managed. Other performing experience includes drumming for the band City Kings and school bands. Luke would like to thank Mr. Bowden and Mr. Menchions for being helpful throughout their rehearsals as well as putting up with his occasional foolishness. He would also like to thank his family for being supportive and his fellow actors in *Brick* for being so "dang good".

BRONWYN KEOUGH is a level 2 student at Holy Spirit High. She has been acting for 5 years, including Cabaret 2015, the Drama Festival, and taking classes with The Performing Arts Group under Patricia Andrews, Jamie Pitt and Adena Cahill, whom she would like to thank, along with Gwen Carroll and Kelly Duke for their support. She is thrilled to be involved and hopes you enjoy the show!

ERICA FOOTE is a grade 10 student at Mount Pearl Senior High. She has been a member of The Performing Arts Group with Patricia Andrews for the past five years and has also been a mentor to the younger children for the past three years. Her film credits include *Hunting Pignut* (Martine Blue, Pope Productions), *The Perfect Family* (Martine Blue and Ruth Lawrence), and *Susan* (Framed Film Camp). She has also performed in *Lord of the Flies* (AOR Productions), and has been in various stage productions with The Performing Arts Group. She has recently volunteered with Terror Town Haunted House as an actor in support of Easter Seals & the Miles for Smiles Foundation. Erica enjoys acting, singing, dancing and cosplaying.

ROSE WALTERS is a 17-year-old Level III student currently at Gonzaga. She loves the theatre and is very happy to be involved with this production. Being on her schools' Improv team since Grade 7 and joining Gonzaga's Drama Club in Level I has helped to give her confidence and has inspired her to delve into acting! She likes to do other things as well such as Cheerleading, volunteering with Interact, and even taking a course at MUN! Even with most of her time booked up she still finds ways to get involved with theatre and has had a wonderful time working on this production! Rose would like to thank you all for coming out and she hopes you enjoy the show!

SARAH CONNORS is a grade 12 student at Holy Heart of Mary High School, and is so excited to be playing the role of Kara. She participates in both chamber and concert choir at her school, and has performed in many different plays and musicals. Her most recent roles have been Abigail Williams in *The Crucible*, and Raya Englanderova in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. She would like to thank John Bowden, Trevor Menchions, and all of her fellow cast mates for making this such a wonderful experience!

COLE WILLIAMS is a grade 9 student at St. Kevin's High School. He started acting with Patricia Andrews' acting classes, and has participated in both theatre camps and film camps. His credits include *The Perfect Family* (Martine Blue) and *No Man's Land*. Most recently, he has auditioned for Discovery Canada's new television production, *Frontier*. Cole enjoys being here as Lapdog in *Brick*. Thank you!

NOAH WILLIAMS is a grade 11 student at Holy Heart of Mary High School, and is elated to have the opportunity to act in this show. He is currently playing the baritone saxophone in the Holy Heart Concert and Jazz Band. This is his first show, and he would like to thank Trevor Menchions, John Bowden, and the entire cast for making this a wonderful first show and an amazing experience.

NATHAN MACKEY is a Level 1 student at Holy Spirit High School. He is heavily involved in the school's fine arts program. You may have seen him in *Honk Jr. The Musical* or *13! The Musical* (Best Kind Productions). He is so excited to be in the cast of *Brick* and would like to thank Ms. Gwen Carroll and Ms. Kelly Duke, and also his family and friends for their support!

ADAM BROWN is a 17-year-old student currently attending Prince of Wales Collegiate. He has always had an interest in acting and been involved in plays and musicals with his church and school since the second grade. Adam is happy and thankful to be a part of this production of *Brick*.

NICK BENDZSA is a sixteen-year-old level-three student at Holy Heart. He has performed in numerous on stage musical theatre productions, including *JCSS (Ta-Da)*, *The Beauty and the Beast* (Holy Heart) and *The Little Mermaid* (Theatre St. John's). Nick is also a member of the Holy Heart Senior improv team, having just recently competed at the Canadian National Improv Games in Ottawa. He is also a member of the up and coming blues/rock group Stompbox. Nick is very excited to be performing in his first play, and would like to thank his family, the cast and the production team for the great opportunity!

HAYLEE FIELD is a level 2 student at Holy Spirit High School. She has been an avid member of her school's fine arts program and has been involved in events such as the Holy Spirit High School Cabaret and the Drama Festival. She is thrilled to have been a part of such an amazing cast and would like to thank her family, friends and everyone for their support! Enjoy!

JIM HEALEY, a native of St. John's, has acted in or directed over 90 stage productions since 1975, when he played Scrooge in a school production of *A Christmas Carol*. His acting experiences include summer theatre festivals in Stephenville and Torbay, performances as far north as Labrador, appearances with the international performance group Parnassus Dancetheatre in Japan, and radio plays broadcast on the regional and national networks of the CBC. Jim is a four-time award winner (including Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor prizes) at the Newfoundland and Labrador Drama Festival. He has also worked as a director with several high school and community groups.

KYLE SAUNDERS, born July of 1998, began dancing and performing for friends and family, as well as began trying to sing. No matter how poorly he was performing, Kyle was determined to get better. Now he has acted in school plays, the short film *Hunting Pignut*, and this show, *Brick*.

SHEILA RYAN is thrilled to be playing the role of Pin's unsuspecting mother in this presentation of *Brick*. Currently teaching music and drama at Gonzaga High School, Sheila is honoured to be onstage with some of St. John's finest up and coming High School actors. She would like to thank the directors of Mad as Hops Theatre Company for giving her this opportunity. You rock, John and Trevor!

MARTHA KING is very excited to be performing in *Brick*. She is a grade 9 student at Leary's Brook Junior High where she has performed in *Spring Cleaning* (2014) and *A Rose for Emily* (2015). Martha dances regularly at Fusion Dance Studio and plays the piano. She hopes to continue with acting in the future.

MARIA SHAW is currently in grade 12 at Gonzaga High School. She is a part of the Improv Team and the Drama Team at her school. When not playing multiple extras in *Brick*, Maria can be found listening to Kanye West alone in her room. She is very glad to be a part of this wonderful production and she would like to thank John Bowden, Trevor Menchions and Justin Trudeau for being the real MVPs.

KATE WHELAN is in ninth grade at Leary's Brook Junior High and is currently 14 years old. She has managed two other plays in the past *Spring Cleaning* and *A Rose for Emily*. Apart from stage managing she enjoys swimming and dancing. Kate is super excited to be working on *Brick*. She would like to thank her parents, her dance teachers, and her first music teacher for letting her work backstage in Christmas musicals. She hopes you enjoy the show.

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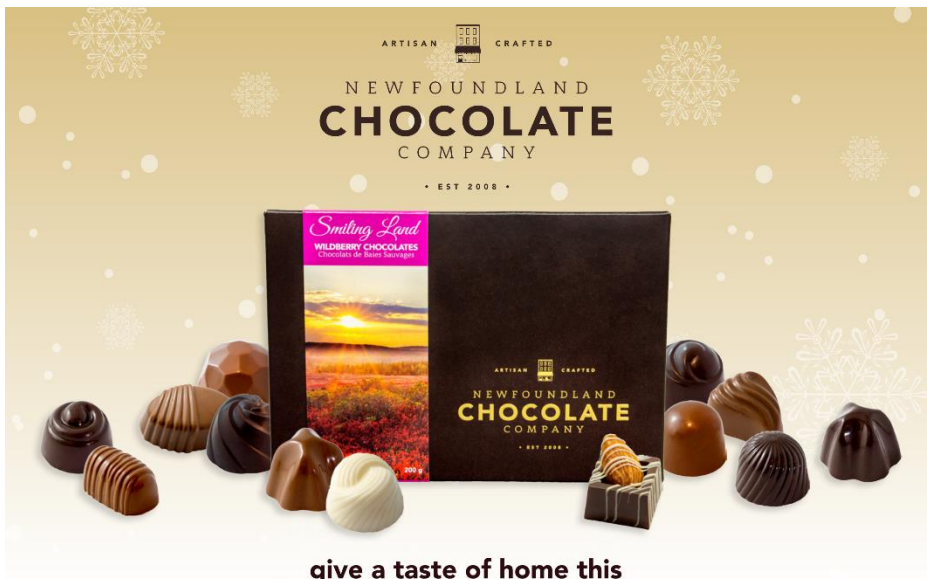
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