

We here at the Royal Canadian Theatre Company (RCTC) had a very successful 2023/2024 year in New Westminster and are so happy to continue touring to both the Anvil Theatre and Massey Theatre annually.

We started 2023/2024 with *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery* playing both in Surrey and New Westminster. With a title so long, it barely fits on your ticket. We delivered a show filled with hilarity and unforgettable action. This production toured the Anvil Theatre November 3 - 5 and saw 400+ people in their audiences. We had many positive reviews for this "goes wrong" production filled with local performers.

Our second production was the incredible, originally written Pantomime *Cinderella* from December 29-31. We delivered a show filled with groan-worthy puns, creamy slapstick action and incredible choreography by this energetic cast. This show was incredibly well received with 1100+ audience members coming (a 300+ increase from 2022). This show was so special and we are always excited to produce a relaxed performance with the support from the Massey Theatre Society.

Our final 2023/2024 production was *Cheaters* which had some bumps in the road but was overall well received. We witnessed the whirlwind that love can be: a story of a couple meeting their parents for advice regarding whether or not they should marry. What advice can be given to these nearly-weds by participants in dysfunctional marriages, and how do these two married couples cope with discovering the parent of their child's spouse is actually their lover? This is an oddball story of love and reconnection where no one can hide from the truth. With an audience of approximately 300 over Spring break (March 21-24, 2024), it was a lovely way to end our season.

We have started our 2024/2025 season, and just closed our production of *The Woman in Black* with an energetic and passionate cast, delivering spooks and haunted story telling to our audiences. We are looking forward to bringing our pantomime "Knotted: Rapunzel's Tale" to the Massey Theatre January 3-5.

Thank you for a great year New Westminster!