

ARTISTS REPERTORY THEATRE

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Artists Rep presents the Northwest Premiere of *Broomstick* a tale of tricks, treats and just desserts

WHO: Artists Repertory Theatre
WHAT: *Broomstick* by John Biguenet. Directed by Gemma Whelan.
WHEN: October 27 – November 22, 2015
WHERE: Artists Repertory Theatre, Morrison Stage, 1515 SW Morrison Street, Portland
TICKETS: \$48 regular price; \$25 previews, students, under 25

- Pay-What-You-Can First Preview performance: October 27
- Preview performances: October 27-30
- Opening Night: October 31
- Regular run: through November 22
- Buy Tickets: 503.241.1278 or www.artistsrep.org

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PRODUCTION PHOTOS AVAILABLE: October 29, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Portland, Oregon | October 7, 2015. Artists Repertory Theatre is delighted to offer John Biguenet's *Broomstick* on the Morrison Stage from October 27 through November 22, 2015. A fairytale-twisted yarn of delightful humor and spine-tingling suspense conjures a spooky seasonal experience unlike any other. This production features a tour-de-force solo performance by Portland's premiere actress and Artists Rep Resident Artist, Vana O'Brien. As an Appalachian witch, she tells a heartfelt and poetic tale of her long life from first love, to heartache, to the hair-raising vengeance she wreaks upon those who've crossed her.

Broomstick, winner of the 2006 National New Play Network Continued Life of New Plays Fund Award, has enthralled audiences across America with its wickedly funny and surprisingly insightful tromp through the life, sorrows and triumphs of this entrancing character.

"... the merger of pathos, insight and horror is hair-raising. . . . Tightly woven, richly detailed and fully enjoyable." –*Los Angeles Times* (An LA Times Critics' Pick)

Broomstick is guaranteed to provoke unexpected thought—as it keeps the viewer jumping at shadows and itching the nape of the neck long after final curtain."

–*Arts in LA*

rehearsal space, as well other infrastructural services. The Artists Rep facility serves as a community arts center, where performance venues and other public spaces are continually buzzing with activity.

Artists Rep's mission is to engage diverse audiences in fresh, thought-provoking and intimate theatre. We are committed to world-class acting, directing, design and stagecraft that support new playwriting and aspire to embody great literature, moving audiences to truly feel — to *experience* — storytelling in a way that only the best live theatre can.

The 2015/16 Artists Repertory Theatre season is presented by Ronni Lacroute/WillaKenzie Estate and David and Christine Vernier. *Broomstick* is presented at Artists Rep with support from Romy Klopper. Our season media sponsors are The Oregonian and KINK. Other season support comes from the Regional Arts Culture Council, Oregon Community Foundation, Collins Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation and Work for Art.

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