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## A NEW TWIST ON THE BARD'S MASTERPIECE

Brazen-Faced Varlets Bring Hamlet to Buffalo

March 2024: Women-Led Production of Hamlet

The Brazen-Faced Varlets are bringing one of William Shakespeare's most revered works to Buffalo. *Hamlet* will be performed at the Compass Performing Arts Center (545 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222) this March 2024.

Director Lara D. Haberberger is focused on the intricate text of the play. She says "We're focusing on the beautiful language of Hamlet with a beautiful cast. I'm excited to bring this larger than life play to the intimate space that is the Compass Performing Arts Center." Haberberger's vision will be accompanied by Jessie Miller's choreography and a soundscape by stage manager Ellen Catherine Falank, who expressed her excitement about the project as well. She says, "I am looking forward to building the infamous 'rotting' Denmark with this team. The cast and crew are chock full of people who know how to mix hard work and fun. We'll need that when we start digging into the tough topics of this play."

Artie-nominated actor Stefanie Warnick will embody the tortured Prince Hamlet. This challenge comes after her success as director of BFV's production of *The Convent* this past November. Warnick will be supported by a diverse cast of women and nonbinary actors from the Buffalo area, including Jennifer Arroyo, Lanie Shannon, Alyssa Walsh, Jennifer Fitzery, Rachael Buchanan, Maryna Seufert, Kennedy Lee, Sarah Emmerling, Hanna Lipkind, Caitlin Coleman, Heather Fangsrud, Danette Pawlowski, Caroline Parzy-Sanders, Jessie Miller, Sandra Roberts, Madeline Allard-Dugan.

Performances will take place March 8, 2024 - March 23, 202 at the Compass Performing Arts Center.

The Brazen-Faced Varlets' mission is to produce consequential works with strong artistic integrity while being committed to promoting the growth of female and gender-minority theater artists. They seek to break out of the traditional and stereotypical gender roles onstage and behind the scenes. Their work is for everybody; they strive to challenge, provoke, and delight their audiences. More information about the Brazen-Faced Varlets can be found at <u>www.varlets.org</u>. You can follow them on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>, or send them an email at <u>bfvarlets@gmail.com</u>.

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