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GLORY: A Hockey Story that Swings!

Western Canada Theatre is proud to present **GLORY**, a swinging, bruising hockey story inspired by the thrilling story of a real-life Canadian championship women’s hockey team of the 1930’s, playing February 22 to March 3 at Sagebrush Theatre.

GLORY is the story of four friends who set out in 1933 to prove to Canada that a woman’s place is... on home ice. Can they fight through the Depression, prejudice, looming tensions in Europe and personal upheaval to forge their own path to glory? Told with electrifying swing dance, **GLORY** captures all the thrills, tension, and triumphs of a great hockey game.

Local playwright **Tracey Power** says of her inspiration: “I had no idea women were playing hockey at such a high level at that time, and I was so amazed by the story of the Preston Rivulettes that I wanted more Canadians to hear it as well. The era was also exciting because swing music and dance are so vibrant and a perfect inspiration for bringing the hockey games to life on stage.” Tracey has much experience in combining her playwriting and choreography talents into critically and popular acclaim, such as with *Chelsea Hotel*, *The Songs of Leonard Cohen* and *Miss Shakespeare*, where she collaborated with **Steven Charles**, who is back as the Composer and Sound Designer of **GLORY**. With Steven’s original compositions, Tracey has choreographed action-packed hockey games on stage to upbeat swing dance.

Following closely on directing *A Christmas Carol* and *Million Dollar Quartet*, WCT Artistic Director **James MacDonald** returns to direct the two sets of sisters who drive the formation of the Preston Rivulettes, played by **Kate Dion-Richard** (Helen Schmuck), **Gili Roskies** (Marm (Margaret) Schmuck), **Katie Ryerson** (Hilda Ranscombe), and **Morgan Yamada** (Nellie Ranscombe), all of whom are having their Kamloops debut. Guiding the hockey players through their paths to success is their coach, Herb Fach, played by **Kevin Corey**, who you may have seen at Caravan Farm Theatre in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*.

Recreating the feel and spirit of the turbulent decade of the 1930s are **Narda McCarroll** (recently here on *A Christmas Carol*), as the Set and Lighting Designer, and **Cindy Wiebe** (WCT’s Head of Wardrobe), as the Costume Designer). Other WCT favourites back are **Lisa Russell**, as the Stage Manager, **Skylar Nakazawa**, as the Assistant Stage Manager, and **Michelle Chabassol**, as the Apprentice Stage Manager.

Come cheer on your favourite team—the Preston Rivulettes—through all the action, tension and victories of **GLORY!** Bring your team or a group of friends and get a special group rate and free hot chocolate! Get your tickets at the Kamloops Live! Box Office at 250-374-5483, 1025 Lorne Street, or kamloopslive.ca.

GLORY. A co-production of Western Canada Theatre and Alberta Theatre Projects, Calgary. By Tracey Power. February 22 to March 3, 2018, Sagebrush Theatre. More information at wctlive.ca. Tickets at the Kamloops Live! Box Office at 250-374-5483, 1025 Lorne Street, or kamloopslive.ca.

Featuring (in alphabetical order): **Kevin Corey** (Herb Fach), **Kate Dion-Richard** (Helen Schmuck), **Gili Roskies** (Marm (Margaret) Schmuck), **Katie Ryerson** (Hilda Ranscombe), and **Morgan Yamada** (Nellie Ranscombe).

Creative Team: **James MacDonald** (Director), **Tracey Power** (Playwright & Choreographer), **Narda McCarroll** (Set and Lighting Designer), **Cindy Wiebe** (Costume Designer), **Steven Charles** (Composer & Sound Designer), **Lisa Russell** (Stage Manager), **Skylar Nakazawa** (Assistant Stage Manager), and **Michelle Chabassol** (Apprentice Stage Manager).

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