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The Tantalizing Kit Kat Klub Awaits At The "Cabaret"

OpenStage Theatre brings a much-loved Tony Award-winning musical to Fort Collins

FORT COLLINS – Meine Damen und Herren... Mesdames et Messieurs... Ladies and Gentlemen—OpenStage Theatre & Company is proud to present the first show of our fabulous 50th Essential Season, *Cabaret*, Book by Joe Masteroff, Based on the play by John Van Druten and stories by Christopher Isherwood, Music by John Kander, Lyrics by Fred Ebb, and Directed by Kenny Moten. The Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre will transform into the tantalizing Kit Kat Klub, as a garish Master of Ceremonies welcomes the audience and assures them they will forget all their troubles at the *Cabaret*.

With the Emcee's bawdy songs as wry commentary, *Cabaret* explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Cliff, a young American writer who newly arrived in Berlin, is immediately taken with English singer Sally Bowles. Meanwhile, Fräulein Schneider, proprietor of Cliff and Sally's boarding house, tentatively begins a romance with Herr Schultz, a mild-mannered fruit seller who happens to be Jewish. The musical depicts Weimar-era Berlin during this chaotic interwar period as a carnival of debauchery and despair inhabited by desperate people who are unaware of the national catastrophe that awaits them.

Cabaret plays from October 29 through November 26. All performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday start at 7:30 pm. Our matinee performances on Sunday start at 2:00 pm. Visit www.openstagecabaret.com for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance, a pay-what-you-can performance and FAB Friday, which includes a free beer compliments of Odell Brewing Company.

CONTENT WARNING: Adult themes and situations. Questions about content? Contact OpenStage at 970.484.5237.

Tickets for *Cabaret* are \$19-\$47. Tickets are available online at www.opentagecabaret.com or by calling the Lincoln Center Box Office at 970.221.6730. The box office is open 12 pm–6 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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Performance Dates

Thursday @ 7:30 pm:October 27 (Student/Educator), November 3 (Pay What You Can) Friday @ 7:30 pm: November 4 (Fab Friday), November 11, November 18, November 25 Saturday @ 7:30 pm: October 29 (Opening Night), November 5, November 12, November 19, November 26

Sunday @ 2 pm: November 13, November 20

Cast

Emcee Ethan Walker
Sally Bowles Brikaih Floré
Cliff Bradshaw Brian Wilcox
Ernet Ludwig Bas Meindorts

Ernst Ludwig Bas Meindertsma Fraulein Schneider Louise F. Thorton

Herr Schultz David Siever Fraulein Kost/Fritzie Sarah Gibson Kira Wendland Rosie Lulu Heather McClain Frenchie Marin Stumpf Texas Kaya Rudolph Helga Sydney Johnson Victor Tyler Warwick

Bobby Ryan Wilke-Braun Hans Sara Kowalski

Creative and Production Team

Director Kenny Moten

Music Director Matthew Rothstein
Vocal Director Katie Yeager Rothstein

Choreographer Angie Simmons
Assistant Director/Stage Manager Aubrey Stalnaker
Scenic Designer James Brookman
Costume Designer Rebecca Spafford

Lighting Designers David Grinnell & Grant Putney

Sound Designer

Properties Designer/Set Dresser

Hair/Wig Designer

Tyler Zuschneid

Hair/Wig Designer Tyler Zuschneid
Makeup Designer Shannon Nicole Light

Sound Engineers Victoria Villalobos & Dennis Bigelow

Production Manager Sydney Parks Smith

Technical Director/Head Carpenter/ Caleb Gilbert Scenic Painter