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## ***Red Riding Hood* is hilarious, slapstick fun for the family**

### **Classic fairy tale takes on a new twist in two-person production at the Rose**

(OMAHA, Nebr.) What happens when a familiar fairy tale takes an unexpected twist? Audiences will find out when ***Red Riding Hood*** comes to The Rose stage. In this hilarious adaptation by Allison Gregory, two actors play every character in the classic story.

In the production, which opens March 22 at The Rose, Wolfgang -- the self-proclaimed greatest actor in the world -- is interrupted when a delivery person arrives with a mysterious package. Two actors -- Rose Artist Educators Carina DuMarce and Rachel Smart -- take on all the roles in this furiously fast, funny, and surprising adaptation that asks what it means to bravely write your own story. The show is filled with interactive moments that will get everyone in on the story.

“This is is a zany take on the material, not totally unlike *The Play That Goes Wrong* in that we have comedic mishaps and redos along the way,” says Rose Artistic Director Matthew Gutschick. “This is a funny and lighthearted take on the material, with none of the scary overtones of the original Grimm fairy tale. Families can expect to have a really great time.”

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***Red Riding Hood*** will bring its madcap antics to The Rose stage March 22 - April 7, 2024, with performances Fridays at 7 pm, Saturdays at 2 pm and 5 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm. (Due to Easter, there is no show on Sunday, March 31.) The show is expected to run approximately 70 minutes.

Tickets for ***Red Riding Hood*** are \$30 for general admission tickets. Rose members will receive discounted tickets. Discounted tickets are also available at all area Hy-Vee stores.

***Red Riding Hood*** is sponsored by Children's Nebraska, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Runza Restaurants, the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Kiewit Companies is the Opening Night sponsor.

For more information, photos, cast bios and tickets, visit [www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org).

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**About The Rose**

The Rose Theater is one of the largest and most accomplished children's theaters in the nation, with a reputation for enriching the lives of children and families through top-quality professional productions and arts education.

In 2016, American Theatre magazine named The Rose one of the 20 top children's theaters in the United States.

The Rose is committed to making the arts accessible to all children, providing opportunities for thousands of children throughout the community to attend shows and participate in classes each year. Over the course of a year, approximately 70,000 people attend the public performances held at the theater, and nearly 30,000 students attend field trip shows annually.

The theater strives to introduce young people to a mix of both traditional favorites and ground-breaking original productions. A number of plays and musicals have made their world premiere on The Rose stage, including *Van Gogh & Me*, *The Meaning of Maggie*, *Pete the Cat: The Musical*, *Sherlock Holmes & the First Baker Street Irregular*, *Zen Ties*, *Leo Lionni's Frederick*, *A Palette of Possibility*, *Thumbelina*, *Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band*, and *The Grocer's Goblin & The Little Mermaid*.

We take pride knowing that The Rose is the place where children of all ages experience theater for the first time, and we are dedicated to helping them appreciate theater for a lifetime. It is The Rose's goal to inspire young people to discover the magic of theater, to find their voices and enrich their communities.

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