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Milwaukee Repertory Theater Announces Final Casting For *OUR TOWN*

Featuring Some of Wisconsin's Most Distinguished Actors

February 21, 2018– [Milwaukee, WI] [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.org) is pleased to announce the complete cast of *Our Town*, the closing play of the 2017/18 Season in the Quadracci Powerhouse running April 10 – May 13. **This large ensemble brings together some of Wisconsin's greatest** theatre talent on one stage to create an *Our Town* for our town.

Our Town cast features Cher Desiree Alvarez (APT Acting Apprentice) as Emily Webb, James Craven (*The Whipping Man*) as Howie Newsome, **Di'Monte Henning** (*Guys and Dolls*) as George Gibbs, Carrie Hitchcock (*Skylight's Annie*) as Professor Willard, 2012/13 Acting EPR Jamie Rezanour as Mrs. Soames, Rána Roman (*Skylight's Hot Mikado*) as Mrs. Webb, longtime APT Core Member James Ridge as Simon Stinson, Jonathan Smoots (*In The Next Room or The Vibrator Play*) as Joe Stoddard, and Jonathan Wainwright (Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*) as Farmer McCarty.

They join previously announced Rep Associate Artists Laura Gordon (*Good People*) as Stage Manager and James Pickering (*The Foreigner*) as Constable Warren, with Chiké Johnson (*Of Mice and Men*) as Dr. Gibbs, Elizabeth Ledo (*Death of a Salesman*) as Mrs. Gibbs, and Matt Zambrano (*The Foreigner*) as Mr. Webb.

The 2017/18 Emerging Professional Residents round out the ensemble featuring Annelise Ahmad, Anthony Baldasare, Brade Bradshaw, Kim Giddens, Trachel Yvette Green, Erin Logan, Alex Morales, Kelsey Rodriguez and Daniel Stock. The young performer cast includes Phinlee Clarkin (Milwaukee), Zachary Church (West Bend), Priyanka Guptasarma (Bayside), Bree Kazinski (Dousman), Zabdiel Pozos-Lopez (Milwaukee), Selma Rivera (Milwaukee), Gabe Smith (Fox Point) and Jack Trettin (Whitefish Bay).

The creative team for *Our Town* includes direction by Associate Artistic Director Brent Hazelton (*McGuire, Liberace!*), music direction by Rep Associate Artist Dan Kazemi (*Guys and Dolls*), scenic design by Scott Davis (*Grounded*), costume design by Rachel Lartiz (*One House Over*), lighting design by Noele Stollmack (*Animal Farm*), sound design by Barry G. Funderburg (*A Christmas Carol*) and stage manager Kimberly Carolus (*One House Over*).

Our Town, by Wisconsin native Thornton Wilder, illuminates the powerful bonds that hold communities together through everyday life and moments of crisis, as it follows the lives of the Gibbs, Webbs, and their friends and neighbors. With humor, wit, and exceptionally powerful storytelling,

Wilder delivers universal truths about what it means to be human and encourages us to live life to its fullest.

Our Town begins performances April 10 and runs through May 13 in the Quadracci Powerhouse. Opening night is set for Friday, April 13 at 8:00 pm. Tickets to this powerful show are now on sale and can be purchased online at www.MilwaukeeRep.com, by phone at 414-224-9490 or in person at the Ticket Office (108 E. Wells Street).

Our Town is sponsored by Associated Bank and Associate Producers are Sue and Curt Culver. The Rep is sponsored in part by The United Performing Arts Fund.

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About Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin in terms of audiences served and one of the largest professional theaters in the country. Each year, The Rep welcomes up to 275,000 people at nearly 700 performances of 15 productions ranging from compelling dramas, powerful classics, new plays and full-scale musicals in its three unique performance venues – the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. Over the course of six decades, The Rep has gained a national reputation as an incubator of new work, an agent of community change and a forward-thinking provider of vital arts education programs. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mark Clements and Managing Director Chad Bauman, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of **Milwaukee's rich diversity**.