

## Complete Cast and Creative Team Announced for Milwaukee Repertory Theater's World Premiere of



*Featuring several **Hootenannies** throughout the Run!*

December 3, 2018 [Milwaukee] [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com) is pleased to announce the complete cast and creative team for the world premiere of **Mark Twain's River of Song**, from the creators of The Rep's hit production *Back Home Again: On the Road with John Denver* **Randal Myler** and **Dan Wheetman** in the Stackner Cabaret, January 18 – March 17, 2019.

**Mark Twain's River of Song** cast features three dynamic performers **Harvy Blanks** (*Jitney*, Broadway), **David Lutken** (*Back Home Again: On the Road with John Denver*, Milwaukee Rep) and **Spiff Wiegand** (*Indecent*, Palm Beach Dramaworks).

**Mark Twain's River of Song** creative team includes director and creator **Randal Myler**, music director and creator **Dan Wheetman**, set designer **Kristin Ellert** (*McGuire*, Milwaukee Rep), costume designer **Leslie Vaglica** (*Grounded*, Milwaukee Rep), lighting designer **Greg Hofmann** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, Paramount Theater), sound designer **Sarah D. Espinoza** (*The Arsonists*, Strawdog), dramaturg Associate Artistic Director **Brent Hazelton**, and stage manager **Audra Kuchling**.

For performers and music lovers alike **David Lutken** will host his famous **Hootenannies** after three Thursday shows during the run on January 31, February 21 and March 14. Audience members for those performances are encouraged to bring in their own instruments and join in on the fun after the show sharing stories, song and revelry with David and cast.

**Mark Twain's River of Song** is an exploration of the music and culture of America's first superhighway, the Mississippi River. From the iron red water in Minnesota to the deep, dark Southern Delta, the river carries the stories and songs of the people. Performed by three world-class musicians, it's a journey through America's Heartland and features traditional songs like "Dance Boatmen Dance," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," and "Deep River Blues."

**Mark Twain's River of Song** is a **John D. Lewis New Play Development Program Production** and is part of the **Camille and David Kundert Stackner Season** with Executive Producers **Camille and David**

**Kundert, Kris and Wayne Lueders** and **Adlon Partnership**. The Rep is sponsored in part by **The United Performing Arts Fund**.

***Mark Twain's River of Song*** runs January 18 – March 17, 2019 in the Stackner Cabaret. Opening night is set for Sunday, January 20th at 7pm. Purchase tickets at [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com), by calling the Ticket Office at **414-224-9490** or in person at **108 E. Wells Street** in downtown Milwaukee.

For more information, please visit [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com)

### **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. Now in its 65<sup>th</sup> Season, 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 **Executive 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.

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