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**Full Casting Announced for
Broadway's Tony Award®-winning Best Musical
A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder
at The 5th Avenue Theatre**

Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman

Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak

Directed by Darko Tresnjak; Choreography by Peggy Hickey.

July 12-31, 2016

(Wednesday, June 8, 2016 — SEATTLE, WA) The Tony® Award winner for Best Musical, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*, will play **The 5th Avenue Theatre** as a part of its First National Tour, which launched in September, 2015.

Gentleman's Guide runs **July 12-July 31, 2016** (press night Thursday, July 14, 2016) at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle). For single tickets (starting at \$36) and information, please visit www.5thavenue.org, call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900 or visit the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle. Tickets may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX. Group ticket buyers (10 or more) may call (888) 625-1418.

Gentleman's Guide tells the uproarious story of Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession, by any means necessary. All the while, he's got to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiancée (she's his cousin but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars! Of course, it will all be worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance... and be done in time for tea.

The most celebrated musical of the 2013-14 Broadway season, ***Gentleman's Guide*** received ten 2014 Tony® Award nominations, eventually winning four awards: Best Musical, Direction of a Musical, Book of a Musical, and Best Costume Design. In addition, it won the Best Musical prizes from the Drama League, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle, and received a 2015 Grammy® Award nomination for Best Musical Show Album.

Leading the cast are **Kevin Massey** (*Gentleman's Guide*, *Memphis*) as Monty Navarro and **John Rapson** (*Les Misérables*) as the eight members of the D'Ysquith family. **Kristen Beth Williams** (*Pippin*, *Nice Work...*) plays Sibella Hallward and **Adrienne Eller** plays Phoebe

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D'Ysquith. Seattle's own **Mary VanArsdel** plays Miss Shingle.

Rounding out the cast is **Lesley McKinnell** (Miss Barley), **Kristen Mengelkoch** (Lady Eugenia), **Christopher Behmke** (Magistrate), **Sarah Ellis** (Swing/Dance Captain), **Matt Leisy** (Tom Copley), **Megan Loomis** (Tour Guide), **Dani Marcus** (Swing), **David Scott Purdy** (Swing), **Chuck Ragsdale** (Swing) and **Ben Roseberry** (Chief Inspector Pinckney)

The design team includes **Alexander Dodge** (Scenic Design), **Linda Cho** (Costume Design), **Philip S. Rosenberg** (Lighting Design), **Dan Moses Schreier** (Sound Design), **Aaron Rhyne** (Projections Design), **Brian Strumwasser** (Make-Up Design) and **Charles LaPointe** (Wig Design). Orchestrations are by **Jonathan Tunick** and Vocal Arrangements are by **Dianne Adams McDowell** and Steven Lutvak. **Paul Staroba** serves as Music Supervisor.

Gentleman's Guide features a book and lyrics by **Robert L. Freedman** and music and lyrics by **Steven Lutvak**. Direction is by **Darko Tresnjak**, with choreography by **Peggy Hickey**. *Gentleman's Guide* opened at Broadway's Walter Kerr Theatre to overwhelming critical acclaim in November 2013 where The New York Times raved "*Gentlemen's Guide* will lift the hearts of all those who've been pining for what sometimes seems a lost art form." The Hollywood Reporter enthused *Gentleman's Guide* "restores our faith in musical comedy!" and Time Magazine said "just as I was about to give up on musicals, along comes *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder!*"

About The 5th Avenue Theatre

The nonprofit 5th Avenue Theatre is acclaimed as one of the nation's leading musical theater companies and is especially renowned for its production and development of new works. Since 2001, the Seattle-based company has produced 17 new musicals. To date, nine (including the sensational hit *Disney's Aladdin*) have moved on to Broadway premieres, earning a combined 15 Tony Awards, including two for Best Musical (*Hairspray* and *Memphis*). The 5th Avenue Theatre is also known for its world class, critically acclaimed productions of musicals chosen from both the contemporary canon and the Golden Age of Broadway.

Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernadine C. Griffin and Producing Artistic Director Bill Berry, this nonprofit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 25,000 subscribers – one of the largest theater subscriptions in North America.

In addition to its main stage productions, The 5th Avenue Theatre is also committed to encouraging the next generation of theatergoers through its extensive educational outreach programs. For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit www.5thavenue.org

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FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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WHEN: *Previews begin: Tuesday, July 12, 2016*
Opening Night: Thursday, July 14, 2016 (press night)
Closing Performance: Sunday, July 31, 2016

SHOW Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM
TIMES: Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sundays – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

WHERE: **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Ave, Seattle, WA)

TICKETS: Please visit www.5thavenue.org or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets (starting at \$36) may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX.

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