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**Go Behind the Scenes of the 2014 Tony Award®-winning  
Best Musical *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*  
at a FREE 5th Avenue Theatre Spotlight Night**

*7:00 PM, Monday, June 27 at The 5th Avenue Theatre*

(Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – SEATTLE, WA) **The 5th Avenue Theatre** welcomes audiences to **Spotlight Night**, an exciting and exclusive behind-the-scenes glimpse at the final production in the 2015/16 season, ***A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder***. This Spotlight Night is an evening of story and song exploring the world of the hilarious 2014 Best Musical Tony Award® winning show. Hosted by Executive Producer and Artistic Director **David Armstrong**, this free event will feature insightful stories, panel discussions and performances from special guests **Steven Lutvak**, **Robert L. Freedman**, **Mary VanArsdel** and **Jeff Kready**.

**Spotlight Night** for ***Gentleman's Guide*** begins at **7:00 PM, Monday, June 27, 2016** at the **5th Avenue Theatre**. To reserve tickets to this free event, or for additional information, please visit <https://www.5thavenue.org/show/gentlemans-spotlight-night>, call 206-625-1900 or stop by the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle. Spotlight Night is made possible through the generous support of U.S. Bank.

The evening begins with a presentation on The Next Stage at The 5th. Audiences will get a first look at the exciting renovation and remodel plans that will update the historic 5th Avenue Theatre over the next three years, including artist's renderings, a design fly-through and more.

Next, audiences will go behind the scenes of the creation and development of ***Gentleman's Guide***, its journey to Broadway and what they can expect from the tour. Special guests will include Tony Award winner **Robert L. Freedman** (Book and Lyrics), **Steven Lutvak** (Music and Lyrics) and thrilling performances by cast members **Jeff Kready** (Recently seen as Monty Navarro on Broadway) and Seattle native **Mary VanArsdel** (Miss Shingle in the National Tour).

**About *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder***

***A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*** 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.

***Gentleman's Guide*** plays **July 12-31, 2016** (press opening Thursday, July 14) at The 5th Avenue Theatre (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle). Tickets start at \$30 and may be purchased at [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org), by phone at 206-625-1900, or at the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue, in downtown Seattle.

### **About The 5th Avenue Theatre**

The non-profit 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 non-profit 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](http://www.5thavenue.org).

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