



Williams Street Repertory's 2014-15 Season to Include SUDS, HANDS ON A HARDBODY & More

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Williams Street Repertory has announced their 2014/15 Season is on sale now. The young theatre company in-residence at Raue Center For The Arts is now in its fourth year and their season is set to include 6 shows including 3 Chicago premieres.

"I'm really quite proud of our fourth season. The three Chicago premieres in the season are a change of pace for us," says Founding Artistic Director, Richard Kuranda.

"An eclectic and entertaining season filled with wonderful toe tapping music and intriguing stories told on an expansive stage. This season asks great questions of the patrons and their world. From Filter and David Farr's (RSC) majestic piece WATER to the soul crushing exploration in Mike Daisy's work. The company is tackling a season that is worthy of audiences from near and far. It is simply wonderfully good stuff."

The 2014/15 Season kicks off Suds: The Rockin' 60's Musical Soap Opera by Melinda Gilb, Steve Gunderson, Will Roberson, and Bryan Scott. SUDS stars Kim Shriver*, Amanda Flahive, Amy Ferraro* and Christopher Davis and will be directed by Mark R. Mahallak who won Best Direction of a Musical or Revue (Resident Non-Equity) at the 2013 Chicago BroadwayWorld Awards for WSR's Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. This show opens July 11, 2014 at 8:00 pm and will run select dates and times through July 27 at 3:00 pm.

SUDS is the delightful story of Cindy, a lovelorn girl working in a 1960's Laundromat. Still pining for the pen-pal fiancée who dumped her, Cindy's life is forever changed when her two guardian angels magically appear to teach her about boys, true love and surviving this tough, "fluff-n-fold" kind of world. Loaded with good clean fun, bubbling energy, enjoy more than 40 musical favorites from the 60's including: Where the Boys Are, These Boots Are Made for Walkin', Respect, I Feel Good, Walk On By, and Don't Make Me Over." If you gravitate to the music of the Beatles, Burt Bachrach, James Brown, Neil

Sedaka girl groups, Motown, and pop culture of the era, you're bound to love SUDS!

The rest of the season is set to include *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* by **Jane Wagner**, directed by Rob Scharlow and starring **Amanda Flahive** (September 2014); *The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs* by **Mike Daisey**, directed by Pat Henderson and starring Ivan Ewert (September 2014); Chicago Premiere of the 3-Time Tony Nominee *Hands on a Hardbody* directed by Mark Mahallak and written by **Amanda Green**, **Doug Wright**, and **Trey Anastasio** (November-December 2014); *Married Alive!* directed by Regina Belt Daniels by **Sean Grennan** and **Leah Okimoto** (February 2015); and Chicago Premiere of *Water* directed by Richard Kuranda created by Filter Theatre and **David Farr** (RSC) (April-May 2015).

This season reunites several O'Neill and Epic Rep members in the Midwest. WSR 2014/15 Subscriptions and single tickets are now available for the season via the Box Office at Office at **815.356.9212** or 26 N. Williams Street in downtown Crystal Lake. For more information about WSR please visit **WWW.WSREP.ORG** or **WWW.RAUECENTER.ORG**.

*Actor appearing under special contract with the Actor's Equity Union.