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THE ROSE BRAMPTON POSTPONES HAMLET STARRING AHAD RAZA MIR OPENING OCTOBER 2022

Brampton, ON (September 15, 2021) – The Rose Brampton announced today an update to the 2021 The Rose Presents season. *Hamlet* starring Ahad Raza Mir will be postponed to September 2022.

The Rose's presentation of *Hamlet*, starring Ahad Raza Mir, will be the first of its kind in Ontario, following a successful run of *Hamlet: A Ghost Story* at Calgary's Vertigo Theatre. The Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth Productions combine forces, along with The Rose, for a ghostly reimagining of one of the Bard's greatest works, adapted for Brampton's stage, and with the support of Brampton's generous community.

The Rose is thrilled to welcome The Shakespeare Company, Hit & Myth Productions, award-winning Director Haysam Kadri, and Ahad Raza Mir to Brampton. Pakistan-born, Calgary-raised, Raza Mir's breakthrough performance in *Yaqeen Ka Safar* (2017) won him the Lux Style Award for Best Actor, as well as the Hum Award for Best Actor. Raza Mir is the recipient of the prestigious Betty Mitchell Award for Outstanding Performance (*Hamlet: A Ghost Story*).

"Raza Mir's performance [in Hamlet: A Ghost Story] wins hearts across borders." – Business Recorder (Pakistan)

"Delivers chills and thrills." – Broadway World, on *Hamlet: A Ghost Story*

Brampton audiences are invited to discover the spirit of Shakespeare's most famous play, as the prince of Denmark seeks vengeance for his father's murder. The tale is a ghost story, a detective story, and a revenge story all packed into one unforgettable night of theatre.

Hamlet, starring Ahad Raza Mir, opens October 6, 2022 at The Rose Brampton, including three school performances and eight public performances. The production's run time is 2 hours, including intermission. Full casting announcement to follow.

Tickets are available now, and can be purchased at therosebrampton.ca or by phone at 905.874.2800.

2022 performance dates:

- October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 at 8:00 PM
- October 8 and 15 at 2:00 PM

Current ticket-holders will have the option to receive a refund/account credit, or retain their tickets for one of the new performance dates. To learn more about The Rose's fall 2021 season, visit therosebrampton.ca.

QUOTES

"Same time next year, (October 4 - October 15, 2022) *Hamlet* will bring **Ahad Raza Mir** and **Sajal Ali** to The Rose Brampton, and bring all of us closer than ever 'to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature'."

-Steven Schipper, Executive Artistic Director at The Rose Brampton

"Out of an abundance of caution, and due to the continued uncertainty of performances, we regret to announce that The Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth's production of *Hamlet* starring Ahad Raza Mir, will be rescheduled for the Fall of 22'. We remain committed to bringing this exciting production to The Rose, and we look forward to announcing new dates and making the rescheduled shows even more special."

-Haysam Kadri, Artistic Producer of The Shakespeare Company and Director of *Hamlet*

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

The Shakespeare Company is Calgary's lean and mean classical theatre company, highlighting the best of the Bard in all his comedy, tragedy, and bawdiness. Founded in 1995, by Richard Kenyon and LuAnne Morrow, TSC has brought the Bard alive for Calgarians through both Shakespeare and Shakespeare inspired plays. They are committed to making Shakespeare accessible through innovative performances and inspired directing. Alongside mainstage productions, TSC's community initiatives are: Page to Stage Outreach Program and DiVerseCity.

Hit & Myth Productions is a professional independent theatre company based in Calgary, Alberta. Hit & Myth was established in 2006, and since that time has produced over 30 professional shows, engaging numerous local actors, directors and designers.

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The Rose Brampton is a Brampton's premier performing arts venue, and an iconic feature of the downtown core. A vital part of the city, it is a destination for local and world-renowned performers, providing opportunities for audiences from Brampton and beyond to experience a wide range of talent in an extraordinary setting. Architecturally and acoustically sublime, the venue boasts two performance venues for large shows and intimate experiences. Learn more at therosebrampton.ca.

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The Rose Brampton recognizes the Treaty Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and before them, the Haudenosaunee, Huron, and Wendat, and acknowledges the many Nations, Metis, Inuit, and global Indigenous peoples that now call Brampton home.