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46th Season 238th Production April 17-28, 2013 University of Washington School of Drama

ONCE UPON A TIME 6X IN THE WEST

directed by JEFFREY FRACÉ conceived by JEFFREY FRACÉ and LANE CZAPLINSKI based on the musical play "The Story of Little Horse" by JEFFREY FRACÉ

Scenic Design Jen Sipila* Costume Design Ali Rose Panzarella* Lighting Design Paul Arnold* Sound Design James Schreck Music Sari Breznau Frank Ferrara Jeffrey Fracé Christian Frederickson

Spencer Hamp Rob Witmer Technical Director Alex Danilchik Stage Manager Rachel Perlot

Prop Master Andrea Bush

Assistant Stage Manager Larkin Hubrig

House Manager Genesis Leal

Costume Design Assistant Maya Ogasawara* Wardrobe Crew Michelle Dietrich Xandra Moore Anna Nguyen Andrew Pritzkau

Costume Construction Crew Iona Blanaru Melinda Hare* Maya Ogasawara* Michaela Petrovich*

Videography William Lucia *Light Board Operator* Elyse Alegria

Video Operator Jessica Jones

Follow Spot Operators Thomas Allen Michael Hanley Taigé Kussman Elizabeth Schiffler

Electrics Crew John Bernard* Wes Chew* Running Crew Shannon Campbell Brian Culbertson Yeh Seul Kim Yuna Kim Adam Wagener Susan Yoshikawa

Construction Crew Lacey Carnahan Ryn Flynn* Jared Roberts* Julia Welch*

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Bounty Hunter, Brother Bill, John, Charles, Bandit, FrancescaChristopher James DingleGuitarist, Preacher, TatianaSpencer HampMadamMary Hubert

Gaucho, Butch Patrick Baxter

Once Upon a Time 6X in The West runs 2 hours 30 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission. Join us for the Post Show Talk on Thursday, April 25 facilitated by Christopher Goodson.

Sound Board Operator Dylan Ward

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

The idea was to take a classic Western screenplay and adapt it six ways, tracking important stylistic ruptures in the recent history of contemporary theatre in Europe and the U.S. Few of the directors and companies represented would say they had a style. They simply explore their interests and do their work. I'm using the term "style" loosely, to mean aesthetics, priorities, philosophies and processes. I can't say we are representing any of these artists like they would represent themselves. I can say that we have painstakingly researched and attempted in the rehearsal room to channel their spirits and apply this definition of their styles. In the end we didn't get the rights to adapt Stagecoach, My Darling Clementine or Once Upon a Time in the West. So we are adapting a script of mine, The Story of Little Horse. It was written to be a cinematic, melodramatic, musical Western. It is serving our purposes beautifully. Although I've been often surprised, as the playwright, at the liberties I'm taking with the script, as its director, I believe that our stylistic work has revealed much more about the play, its themes and its characters than my original intended production could ever have. I'd like to thank all the artists from whom we're stealing for being our teachers, and I'd also like to thank the actors and designers on this project for their bravery, and our staff and crew for their patience and endurance.

DIRECTOR / PLAYWRIGHT

Jeffrey Fracé has directed original devised theatre pieces throughout the U.S., as well as numerous Shakespeare productions and the opera *Don Giovanni*. He is a founding member of Conni's Avant Garde Restaurant, an award-winning New York-based ensemble, for whom he writes, directs and performs. He is a former Associate Artist of Anne Bogart's SITI Company, and he holds an MFA in Acting from Columbia University. He has performed in over 70 productions throughout North America, South America and Europe. Seattle audiences most recently saw him as Deeley in *Old Times* and as Russell in *Celebration* at ACT Theatre's Pinter Festival. He also played Padraic in *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* and will appear in

Rapture, Blister, Burn this summer, also at ACT Theatre. Professor Fracé currently teaches acting, movement and devising theatre at the University of Washington. His recent devised work in Seattle includes Harp Song for a Radical (Meany Studio Theatre and On the Boards), Barbarians (performed in a professional photographers' studio) and Untying My Cement Shoes (performed in a 12,000 square foot warehouse in Ballard). This last year he also co-created 10 Real Star Acts: 100 Years of Vaudeville for the Stonington Opera House in Maine, and The Secret Social for Cleveland Public Theatre.

ABOUT THE PLAY

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FURTHER READING

Twentieth Century Theatre, A Sourcebook Edited by Richard Drain (Routledge London and New York, 1995)

The Twentieth-Century Performance Reader Edited by Michael Huxley and Noel Witts 2nd Edition (Routledge, New York, 2002)

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