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## Rotary Centre for the Arts and New Vintage Theatre Present: Cabaret

**Kelowna, BC** - The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) welcomes the award-winning musical *Cabaret* to its stage June 3 to 12. New Vintage Theatre's upcoming production of this Tony and Oscar-winning musical will transport Okanagan residents to the sultry underground Berlin of 1931.

Cabaret tells the story of Sally Bowles (Lyndsey Wong) and Josh Richardson, a young American writer who begin an unlikely romance in the dangerous years before the rise of Hitler in Germany. It features a live band led by Emcee Neville Bowman. Bowles is a star act at the infamous Kit Kat Club, where "the girls are beautiful, the boys are beautiful, even the band is beautiful". The couple meet and live in a rooming house owned by a stern older woman (DeAnna MacArthur) who is charmed by a resident of her own, a humble Jewish fruit seller (Michael Kalmuk) who hopes to marry her.

Even though the days are filled with charm and romance, the nights are filled with wild shows, drinking, and endless parties that reveal the true nature of each character. Some will leave Berlin, but some are destined to stay.

"This play is as relevant now as it was when it was first performed and features incredible musicianship, choreography by Kelowna Ballet's Kurt Werner and fabulous award-winning artists. It is a must see!", says Director Bonnie Gratz.

Cabaret stars Lyndsey Wong, Neville Bowman, Josh Richardson, Kristi Hack, DeAnna MacArthur, Michael Kalmuk, Matt Gunn, Kurt Werner, Jessie Rivest, Larissa Stavrou, Kylie Cridland, Jason Desautels, Lyndon Blacklaws, Damon Allen and Juno award winner Julie Masi.

Adult audiences are encouraged to dress up in prohibition style and come out to the *Cabaret* for an unforgettable night of theatre.

**Cabaret** runs June 3-12 at the Mary Irwin Theatre, Rotary Centre for the Arts. <u>Tickets are on</u> sale now.

**For more information or to book an interview:** Please contact Artistic Director Bonnie Gratz at info@newvintage.ca.

**Hi-Res Press Photos Available On Request:** Please contact Emily Stubbs at <a href="marketingassist@rotarycentreforthearts.com">marketingassist@rotarycentreforthearts.com</a>.

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## **About the Rotary Centre for the Arts**

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the <u>Rotary Centre for the Arts</u> is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA continually strives to improve the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. As a world-class venue celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a unique City of Kelowna facility in which individuals of all ages and backgrounds come together to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx and Okanagan People.