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CIRCLE THEATRE BRINGS COMEDIC FARCE, BLITHE SPIRIT, TO THE MAINSTAGE IN 2023

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Twitter Ready Quote: Circle Theatre brings comedic farce, Blithe Spirit, to the mainstage in 2023. Directed by Emily Diener, Blithe Spirit runs at Circle Theatre from June 1-17. Tickets and information available at circletheatre.org.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., April 20, 2023 - Circle Theatre, West Michigan's go-to destination for exceptional theatrical arts in an intimate setting, is bringing Blithe Spirit, a comedic farce, to the mainstage in 2023.

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The smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages, this much-revived classic from playwright of *Private Lives* offers up fussy, cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine, re-married but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting "happy medium," one Madame Arcati. As the (worldly and un-) personalities clash, Charles' current wife, Ruth, is accidentally killed, "passes over," joins Elvira, and the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity.

Blithe Spirit, directed by Emily Diener, will be performed at the Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Aquinas College. The show runs June 1-3, 7-11 and 14-17, with June 11 being a matinee showing. Tickets are available for \$30 - \$34 at circletheatre.org!

This season, Circle Theatre will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Blithe Spirit, Pippin, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.* For more information on Circle Theatre's 2023 season, to purchase tickets, or to find more ways to support Circle Theatre please call the box office at 616.456.6656 or visit circletheatre.org.

About Circle Theatre

For 70 years and counting, Circle Theatre has enriched, entertained and educated the community through exceptional theatrical arts in an intimate setting. Located in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Aquinas College, Circle Theatre presents innovative and

entertaining theatre while fostering an enthusiastic and hard-working corps of individuals who serve as staff, volunteers, and board members. Through the Main Stage season, unique Summer Concert Series, and Magic Circle family productions, Circle Theatre engages close to 30,000 people each season. Circle Theatre also values and creates effective collaborations with various community organizations in and around Grand Rapids.

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