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Main Street Theater Extends the Run of
Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley

By Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon

Through December 23

MST – Rice Village

This charming farce and unexpected love story is perfect holiday fare.

Main Street Theater is extending its run of the delightfully funny and endearing *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon. Remaining performances are now **through Dec. 23** and include these specific dates and times: Thursdays – Saturdays at 7:30pm; Sundays at 3:00pm; PLUS Sunday, Dec. 3 at 7:30pm and Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30pm.

All performances take place at MST – Rice Village, 2540 Times Blvd. Tickets are \$36 - \$45, depending on date, section, and availability. All tickets are on sale via phone at 713.524.6706 or online at MainStreetTheater.com. (There is no performance December 2.)

About *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*

A sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, *Miss Bennet* is set two years after the novel ends and continues the story, this time with nerdy middle-sister Mary as the unlikely heroine. Mary is growing tired of her role as the dutiful middle sister in the midst of everyone else's romantic escapades. When the family gathers for Christmas at Pemberley, an unexpected guest sparks Mary's hopes for independence, an intellectual match, and possibly even love.

Ms. Gunderson co-authored the play *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* with Margot Melcon, which received a 3-way world premiere in 2016.

Jane Austen Celebration

Join MST for a Jane Austen Explosion! On Tuesday, December 12, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Main Street Theater in Rice Village will be celebrating Ms. Austen's legacy in storytelling. There will be parlor games, snacks, and selected readings from Jane and Jane-adjacent favorites, such as early writing from her *Juvenalia*, and excerpts from *Clueless*, and *Pride, Prejudice & Zombies*, among others! Brazos Bookstore will also be present with literature for sale to persuade any heart this holiday season. Suggested donation \$5 or \$10. Please RSVP to shannon@mainstreettheater.com.

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About the Production

Longtime MST artist Claire Hart-Palumbo directs the production. Ms. Hart-Palumbo most recently directed MST's hit production of *Fallen Angels* by Noël Coward and appeared on stage in Lauren Gunderson's *Silent Sky* at MST. Chaney Moore (*Akeelah and the Bee*, *The Wizard of Oz*) plays Mary Bennet. Brock Hatton (*The Wizard of Oz*) is Arthur de Bourgh. Real life husband and wife (and native Houstonians currently based in New York) Spencer Plachy (*Li'l Abner*) and Laura Kaldis (*Anna in the Tropics*) play Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet Darcy. The rest of the cast includes Skyler Sinclair (*Peace in Our Time*), Blake Weir (*The Last Wife, Wolf Hall*), Lindsay Ehrhardt (*The Coast of Utopia*), Heidi Hinkel, Adonis Banuelos, and Sara Brittain.

The production design team and crew includes Ryan McGettigan (Set Design), Carrie Cavins (Lighting Design), Deborah Anderson (Costume Design), Shawn W. St. John (Sound Design), and Rodney Walsworth (Properties Design). Lauren Evans is the production stage manager.

About Main Street Theater

Main Street Theater provides theater experiences for all ages. Founded in 1975, our MainStage produces professional, intimate, literary plays for adults and operates under an Actors' Equity Association union contract; our Theater for Youth produces professional, engaging productions based on children's literature for families and school groups, both in-house and on tour around Texas; and we offer Education and Outreach programs on-site and at satellite locations around the Greater Houston area for youth aged 4 – high school. We work out of 2 facilities: our Rice Village home on Times. Blvd., and as part of the MATCH (Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston) on Main Street.

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