



KANSAS CITY REPERTORY THEATRE

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**Kansas City Repertory Theatre  
Announces Cast for  
*World Premiere of D. Tucker Smith's  
Roof of the World*  
*Feb. 26 through March 27, 2016 at Copaken Stage***

**Kansas City, MO (Jan. 11, 2016)** – Kansas City Repertory Theatre’s Artistic Director Eric Rosen is pleased to announce the cast of the World Premiere of D. Tucker Smith’s *Roof of the World*. Both a spy adventure story and a drama of a British family caught in a political crisis, *Roof* is a sweeping romance that takes place on two continents during Queen Victoria’s rule. The action follows a young British explorer and an Indian spy in disguise as they travel into the uncharted territory of what is now Afghanistan. Their story unfolds amidst “The Great Game” -- the race between England and Russia to map the Pamir Mountains to gain control of much of Asia -- of

which they are both instrumental players. Daring escapes and fights, blossoming secret love, and the transformation of a rich Victorian family put at odds with the British Empire will keep your heart racing until its final moments. Presented in association with Jana Robbins Productions.

“*Roof of the World* is unique among new plays” Rosen stated. “Many contemporary plays are small in scope and bound by the limitations of realism. D. Tucker Smith offers us a true epic, wrangling the history of British Empire, the struggle for Afghanistan, and the sweep of an epic love story into one breathless, glorious play. Directing this kind of historical romance calls on talents and feats of imagination that we love at the Rep, and we are delighted to offer our audiences the first chance to experience this thrilling new play.”

Press night is scheduled for Opening Night Friday, March 4 at 8:00 pm. High res rehearsal photos can be found [here](#). *Appropriate for ages 13 +.*

The ensemble cast, drawn from across the country, includes **Anjali Bhimani** as Safia Das Hayward (*Modern Family, Metamorphoses* and *Bombay Dreams* on Broadway), **Jason Chanos** as Shaw (KC Rep: *A Christmas Carol, Rubicon: Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*), **Bree Elrod** as Prue (*Shutter Island, Dark Feed*), **Brent Harris** as Edward (*The Least Among You, Openings: The Search for Harry*), **Darrie Lawrence** as Charlotte (*August Rush, The Night Before, KC Rep: The Trip to the Bountiful*), **Matthew Lindblom** as Martin (*Living After Midnight, The Audition*), **Mark Robbins** as Rawlinson (KC Rep: *Angels in America, Death of a Salesman, Heart of America Shakespeare Festival: Macbeth* (Macbeth)), **Vanessa Severo** as Young Woman and Molly (*Trivial, KC Rep: Vanya, Sonia, Masha & Spike, August: Osage County*), and **Rusty Sneary** as George (KC Rep: *A Christmas Carol, The Who & The What, Carousel*).

The design and production team includes **Eric Rosen** (Director), **Jack Magaw** (Set Design), **Amanda Zieve** (Lighting Design), **Gregory Gale** (Costume Design), **Andre Pluess** (Sound Design) and **Jeffrey Cady** (Projections Design).

This production is part of **Origin KC**, KC Rep’s new play development program, which encompasses every aspect of the creation of new works, from readings, commissions, and discussions of plays in progress to productions and workshops in our annual Origin KC Festival, along with full productions of new plays.

### **Conversation Series**

Patrons are invited and welcome to attend these FREE post-show forums to learn more from the artists and creative teams about the production.

**Making the Play:** 30 minutes prior to every preview and weekend performance, free pre-show conversation with the artistic staff

**Meet the Creative Team:** March 2, following the 7 pm performance

**Scholars' Forum:** March 12, following the 2pm performance

**Actor's Forum:** March 13, following the 2pm performance and March 16, following the 7 pm performance

### **Subscriptions and Tickets**

Tickets to the *Roof of the World* start at \$25. For 2015-16 season subscription and ticket information, please contact the Box Office at 816.235.2700 or visit [www.KCRep.org](http://www.KCRep.org).

### **Gala 2016**

Save the date for Friday, May 20, 2016 at the newly renovated Spencer Theatre! Last year's Fearless Fête raised more than \$655,000 which helps ensure that KC Rep can continue to create professional productions that garner regional and national acclaim and provide lifelong learning opportunities through our Education and Community Programs which benefit more than 10,000 Kansas City area students each year. For more information, please visit <http://www.kcrep.org/a-fearless-fete-2016> or contact Amanda Middaugh at [Middaugham@kcrep.org](mailto:Middaugham@kcrep.org) or 816.235.1489.

### **About Kansas City Repertory Theatre**

Kansas City Repertory Theatre, one of the nation's oldest and most respected regional theaters, is the center of a great theatre town. KC Rep produces theatrical excellence, creating and sharing stories at the center of our nation's creative crossroads. KC Rep's mission is to advance the art form while cultivating passionate audiences, artists, and advocates to invest in our region's creative future. We build community by connecting people through productions and outreach that educate, entertain, challenge and inspire. Lauded by *The Wall Street Journal*, *TIME magazine*, *Variety* and *The Toronto Sun*, KC Rep produces mainstage plays and special events at Spencer Theatre, where it serves as the professional theatre in residence at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), and Copaken Stage located in downtown Kansas City. KC Rep employs more than 250 professional artists, technicians and administrators, and serves more than 100,000 patrons and 12,000 school children annually. Kansas City Repertory Theatre is led by Artistic Director Eric Rosen and Executive Director Angela Lee Gieras.

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