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“A musical celebration. Electrifying!” - *Montreal Gazette*

Louise Pitre and Jayne Lewis

starring in

PIAF/DIETRICH, A Legendary Affair

September 17 - December 8, 2019

CAA Theatre

Tickets on sale Monday July 29th

Edith Piaf and **Marlene Dietrich** were two of the greatest names in international show business during much of the 20th century. At a time when popular culture was still defined by a small handful of artists, these were two of the biggest. Piaf enchanted the world with her singing, her moving life story, and unostentatious appearance; while Dietrich's beauty, elegance, and bewitching stare helped to define the meaning of a Hollywood star. They were both divas without compromise, whose lives were as theatrical as their performances. Yet, these two women, who couldn't be more dissimilar and approached life and art in very different ways, became fast friends and eventually lovers.

Starring two of Canada's leading musical theatre actors — **Louise Pitre** and **Jayne Lewis** — **PIAF/DIETRICH** is a fascinating exploration of their multifaceted relationship that also features 20 of their unforgettable hits, including "La Vie En Rose," "Milord," "Where Have All The Flowers Gone" and "Falling In Love Again."

Written by **Daniel Große Boymann & Thomas Kahry**, and adapted by **Erin Shields** from an English language translation by **Sam Madwar**, **PIAF/DIETRICH** is directed by Broadway and West End director **Gordon Greenberg** (*Holiday Inn* on Broadway, *Guys & Dolls* in the West End).

The story of **PIAF/DIETRICH** first began in 2009 as a reading of texts and letters from and about Marlene and Edith and their little-known friendship, accompanied by matching songs. The original 2014 German presentation was called *Spatz and Engel, (The Angel and the Sparrow)* in Vienna and played for six seasons while other productions followed throughout Europe, mainly in Germany, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia. Eventually *The Angel and the Sparrow* made its way in a new English translation to Montreal's Segal Centre where it was well received by critics and played to sold-out houses for an extended run. This new Canadian production of the work also features a new title, **PIAF/DIETRICH**.

Louise Pitre (*Les Misérables, Mamma Mia!*) stars as Edith Piaf. **Jayne Lewis** (*Kiss of the Spider Woman, Young Frankenstein, The Phantom of the Opera*) stars as Marlene Dietrich. The cast also includes **Louise Camilleri** (*West Side Story, Mamma Mia!, Show Boat*); **Rejean Cournoyer**, (*Evangeline, Alice Through the Looking Glass, Anne of Green Gables*); **W. Joseph Matheson**, (*Miss Saigon, The Who's Tommy, Jersey Boys, Ragtime*); **Tracy Michailidis** (*Kiss of the Spider Woman, Life After, Light in the Piazza*) and **Seana-Lee Wood** (Steve Martin's *Bright Star, Once, The Sound of Music*). The musical director of **PIAF/DIETRICH** is **Jonathan Monro**.

PIAF/DIETRICH features a Set Design by **Michael Gianfrancesco**, Costume Design by **Louise Bourret**, Lighting Design by **Michael Walton** and Sound Design by **Michael Laird**.

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Performance schedule:

**Tuesday – Saturday at 8:00 PM, Wednesday at 1:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 PM**

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(\$39 to \$129)

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