

MIDNIGHT COMPANY TO PRESENT ST. LOUIS PREMIERE OF
OFF-BROADWAY COMEDY SENSATION "POPCORN FALLS"

(NOTE: Press and Artists comp ticket invitations will be sent your way in early March)

The Midnight Company will present the uproarious comedy POPCORN FALLS by James Hindman in its St. Louis premiere March 28-April 13, at the Kranzberg Black Box Theatre, with performances Thursdays-Saturdays at 8pm. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now though Metro-Tix.com.

The small town of Popcorn Falls is bankrupt. Its only tourist attraction, the Falls, has dried up, and it's about to be taken over by an unfeeling corporation who will turn the whole place into a sewage plant. There's only one chance to save the town - a dusty old grant that will give Popcorn Falls the money it needs if it will produce a play. (Which the town's future landlords demand be produced in one week.) The problem? There's no theatre in Popcorn Falls, there's never been a play seen there, and just a couple of its very eccentric citizens have ever been involved with anything resembling a play. It's up to Popcorn Falls' intrepid mayor and its Head Custodian ("Executive Custodian") to rally the town and lead its people in a heroic effort to prove that art can save the world. (Or at least a town.)

New York critics were unanimous in their praise: "laugh out loud comic genius" Broadway World; "wacky, fun filled, absurd" Theatre Pizazz; "haven't heard laughter this loud in a long, long time" Broadway Radio; "a perfect tonic to restore faith in humanity" New York Stage Review; "A love letter to theatre and putting on a play. Far too much fun to miss" Times Square Chronicle.

Although there's only 1 small town in the play, 2 regular-sized actors will portray 21 flipped-out characters. Joe the "Executive Custodian" and many other characters will be played by Shane Signorino. Shane was seen last year in SATE's NO EXIT and Rebels and Misfits' MACBETH: COME LIKE SHADOWS. Joe Hanrahan will portray Mr. Trundle, the mayor of Popcorn Falls (and other citizens). Joe is Midnight's Artistic Director and was in last year's Midnight shows JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG, AUDITION at the Theatre Crawl and NOW PLAYING THIRD BASE FOR THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS...BOND, JAMES BOND (both of which he wrote) as well as APOLOGY/FAUSTUS, and in SATE's DOCTOR FAUSTUS. He can be seen in Stray Dog's February production of THE CRUCIBLE.

Mr. Signorino directed Mr. Hanrahan in last year's NOW PLAYING (etc)...BOND, JAMES BOND, and they were cast mates in SATE'S 2017 production, OF MICE AND MEN.

Midnight's Associate Director Sarah Whitney will direct. For Midnight, she's directed ST. NICHOLAS, GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY, SOLEMN MOCKERIES, THE TWO-CHARACTER PLAY and TITLE AND DEED, among others.

POPCORN FALLS technical crew is made up of Chuck Winning (Set), Tony Anselmo (Lights), Jimmy Bernatowicz (Stage Manager) and Claire Fairbanks (Ass't Stage Manager/Production Assistant).

For more information, visit MidnightCompany.com. (photos: Todd Davis)