

NEW JERSEY Stage

Photos From "The Lion In Winter"



(RED BANK, NJ) -- Set during Christmas 1183, *The Lion in Winter* crashes through castle doors as King Henry II of England, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and their sons Richard, Geoffrey, and John spend a memorable holiday revisiting old wounds—and making new ones—as they fight over who will rule the land after Henry's death. That's the story behind *The Lion In Winter*, which is being presented by Two River Theater in Red Bank now through December 4.



Tony Award nominee and Obie Award winner Michael Cumpsty (*The End of the Rainbow*, *Hamlet*) and three-time Tony Award nominee Dee Hoty (*Footloose*, *The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public*, *The Will Rogers Follies*) star as Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine in this American classic, written in 1966 by James Goldman and adapted into a 1968 film starring Peter O'Toole and Katharine Hepburn. Also featured in the company are Noah Averbach-Katz (John), KeiLyn Durrel Jones (Richard), Ronald Peet (Philip), Hubert Point-Du Jour (Geoffrey), and Madeleine Rogers (Alais).



"*The Lion in Winter* feels like a bitingly relevant conversation in light of our upcoming presidential election," says Artistic Director John Dias. "Questions about the battle for succession and the demands of leadership have never felt more pertinent. What makes *The Lion in Winter* feel so immediate and fresh is how it bridges great political posturing and intense personal and domestic intrigue. The play is not only about the battle over succession—it's also a family drama, and very fun to watch."



Two River Theater is located at 21 Bridge Avenue in Red Bank, NJ. For more information visit tworivertheater.org

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