

THEATER NEWS

All-Male *Forum* Revival, Starring Christopher Fitzgerald, Coming to Two River Theater

Jessica Stone directs Sondheim's musical comedy as part of the New Jersey theater's 2015-2016 season.

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Josh Grisetti, David Costabile, Jeremy Shamos, and Christopher Fitzgerald in Jessica Stone's 2010 Williamstown Theatre Festival revival of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. (© T Charles Erickson)

Jessica Stone's acclaimed all-male production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is on the schedule for Two River Theater's 2015-2016 season in Red Bank, New Jersey.

The Stephen Sondheim-Burt Shevelove-Larry Gelbart musical will run November 13-December 13 under Stone's direction, after an original 2010 mounting at Williamstown Theatre Festival. With choreography by Denis Jones (*Honeymoon in Vegas*), the production will star Stone's husband, Tony nominee Christopher Fitzgerald (*An Act of God*), who reprises his role as Pseudolus from the Williamstown staging.

Kicking off the season is a revival of August Wilson's *Seven Guitars*, the third of Wilson's American Century Cycle plays to be revived at Two River, following its productions of *Jitney* and *Two Trains Running*. Wilson-play veteran Brandon J. Dirden (*The Piano Lesson*) will make his directorial debut with the drama, which is set to star his wife, Crystal Dickinson (*You Can't Take It With You*), as Louise and his brother, Jason Dirden (*The Piano Lesson*), as Canewell. It runs September 12-October 14.

2016 will start off with *Lives of Reason*, a new play by Robert Rechnittz and Kenneth Stunkel, directed by Jonathan Fox. Running January 9-February 7, the work will star John Ahlin and Maureen Silliman. Bárbara Colio's *Ropes*, translated by Maria Alexandria Beech and directed by Lisa Rothe, follows, February 20-March 20. Shakespeare's *Pericles*, with songs by Rinde Eckert and direction by David Schweizer, is the theater's springtime entry, running April 16-May 8.

June will see Jack Cummings III's acclaimed revival of John Van Druten's *I Remember Mama*, featuring 10 actresses playing all 25 roles. With a cast led by Barbara Andres, who received a Drama Desk Award nomination for her performance during its New York run at The Transport Group, the play runs June 4-26. Also in June will be a child-aimed production of Maurice Sendak's *Where The Wild Things Are*, directed by Kim Selody, June 9-12.