



5th and D Street Theater
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North Coast Repertory Theatre Presents *The Game's Afoot* (or *Holmes for the Holidays*)

Who doesn't think of a comedic murder mystery during the holiday season?

For the last show of the 24/25 season, grab your magnifying glass and prepare for a night of murder, mystery, and mayhem; get set to laugh out loud as NCRT presents the final production in the first season of the 5th & D Street Theater, *The Game's Afoot*, a festive, comedic, holiday, murder-mystery romp, written by Ken Ludwig.

Also known as "Holmes for the Holidays," this award-winning play combines classic sleuthing with fast-paced clever humor – as well as some downright silly antics – to deliver a delightful theatrical experience for the whole family that you absolutely will not want to miss.

Set in 1936, the play follows Broadway star William Gillette, world-renowned for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. Gillette invites his fellow cast members to his opulent Connecticut mansion for a Christmas Eve celebration. However, the festive mood turns deadly when one of the guests is murdered! With a killer on the loose and everyone a suspect, Gillette channels his inner Holmes to crack the case — but with each clue, things only get zanier. Can our hero solve the mystery, or will the murderer make their grand escape?

"The Game's Afoot" delivers razor-sharp wit, physical comedy, and an abundance of suspicious characters, making it a treat for lovers of both mystery and farce. Winner of the Edgar Award for Best Play, Ludwig's fast-paced script guarantees a night of laughter, suspense, and unexpected surprises.

To further add to the fun, audience members who either wear their ugliest holiday sweater or dress like Sherlock Holmes will get a free holiday treat.

Director Scott "Q" Marcus, Creative Director Daniel Marcus, and Stage Manager Katie Eayers guide this scintillating cast, including Steven A. Santos, Moss Nipkau, Kate Strombeck, Amadeus Brown, Cati Holper, Willi Welton, Janine Redwine and Rachel Houska. Costume, Set and Properties designed by Daniel Marcus in conjunction with Megan Hughes, Calder Johnson, Brian Butler and Kelly Hughes. Board Operator is Brandon Marcus. Lighting design by Calder Johnson.

The 5th & D st Theater is located at 300 Fifth Street, Eureka. To see show schedules, purchase tickets online or to learn about volunteer opportunities, visit www.ncrt.net. For reservations, group rates, or more information please call 442-NCRT (442-6278) or email ncrtboxoffice@gmail.com. Masks are not required, except for our 'Masked Matinee' on November 24th, in order to create a safer environment for the immunocompromised and most vulnerable members of the community.

Performances: November 15th, 16th, 23rd, 29th and December 6th, 7th at 8pm
November 17th, 24th (Masked Matinee) December 1st, 7th at 2pm

Ticket Price: \$20 for general/\$18 for seniors/students, \$75 for VIP tables.

Tickets and Information: www.ncrt.net

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