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Alabama Shakespeare Festival
The State Theatre of Alabama

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***SHERLOCK HOLMES* begins March 9th at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival**

The greatest detective of all time outwits numerous criminals in this fun and fast-paced stage adaptation!

Montgomery, AL – An innocent girl in the clutches of an evil couple, a nefarious blackmail plot and a criminal mastermind in mix – who else to unravel the riddle but **Sherlock Holmes**, the greatest detective of all time! The Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents **SHERLOCK HOLMES, March 9th through 25th**

Tickets for **SHERLOCK HOLMES** start at \$30 and are available online at www.asf.net, by phone at **800.841.4273** and at the ASF box office located at 1 Festival Drive in the heart of Montgomery's beautiful Blount Cultural Park.

In the story, Sherlock's case load begins to overlap as he approaches the ultimate face-off with his arch-nemesis, Professor Moriarty. Can he outwit the evil Professor in time to save the girl he loves? Geoffrey Sherman adapts William Gillette's script of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes story to create a production full of non-stop action as Sherlock closes in on Moriarty's ring of criminals, balanced with bits of comedy and romance.

SHERLOCK HOLMES features a large cast of ASF favorites along with several actors making their ASF debuts.

Brik Berkes, who most recently was seen as Bottom in ASF's 2016 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and as *Mr. Paravicini* in ASF's *The Mousetrap*, returns to the ASF stage as Sherlock Holmes. **Jennifer Barnhart** (ASF: *King Lear*, *A Christmas Carol*) appears as the villainous Madge Larrabee, while **John Manfredi** plays her equally evil spouse, James Larrabee. **James Bowen**, one of the stars of ASF's 2015 production of *Driving Miss Daisy*, plays John Forman, while **Scott Bowman**, Director of Theatre at the Montgomery Academy, makes his ASF debut as Jim Craigin, along with **Adrian Lee Borden**, who plays the French maid Thérèse.

Seth Andrew Bridges and **Jason Martin**, both who earned their Actors Equity membership through the 2012-13 Resident Artist Program at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, return to the ASF stage as Sidney Prince and Thomas Leary. ASF favorite **Rodney Clark** plays Sherlock's arch nemesis, Professor Moriarty, while Paul Hebron, last seen as Charles Dickens in ASF's *A Christmas Carol*, plays the steadfast Doctor Watson. **Alice Sherman** (ASF: *Disney's Mary Poppins*, *The Mousetrap*) plays Alice Faulkner. **Sam Wooten**, the proprietor of Hampstead's The Tipping Point, makes his ASF debut as Alfred Bassick.

Local child actors **Steven H. Gorden** (Pike Road School) and **Liam South** (Alabama Virtual Academy) alternately appear in the role of Billy the page boy.



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Producing Artistic Director **Geoffrey Sherman**, whose work has been seen at more than forty theatres on both sides of the Atlantic, including New York's Roundabout and American Jewish Theatres; England's Redgrave and Crucible Theatres; and US regionals including Seattle Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Center Stage Baltimore, Cincinnati Playhouse and Utah's Pioneer Theatre, directs **SHERLOCK HOLMES**. The production features an elaborate Victorian era set designed by **James Wolk** and costumes by **Pamela Scofield**, with lighting design by **Travis McHale** and sound design by **Brett Rominger**. **Melissa Nathan** serves as the Production Stage Manager.

SHERLOCK HOLMES runs **March 9-25** on the Festival Stage, returning briefly **May 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13** for a limited run in repertory with Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Tickets are available on asf.net or by calling the Box Office at 334-271-5353.

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The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is among the largest Shakespeare Theatres in the world. Designated as the State Theatre of Alabama, ASF has been located in Montgomery since 1985 when it moved from Anniston as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Wynton Blount's gift of a performing arts complex in the 250-acre Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park.