



Announcing Faction of Fools'

10th Anniversary Season!

What: Season 10 includes *Henry V*, *Bravo*, *Zan Angelo!*, *The Great Commedia Hotel Murder Mystery*, and *The 10th Annual "Fool For All": Tales of Pasta, Prosciutto, and Future*

Who: Faction of Fools Theatre Company

Where: Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave NE WDC
Free parking! Metro access: Red line. NoMa/Gallaudet

When: *Henry V*: October 19-November 11, 2018
Bravo, *Zan Angelo!*: February 23-25, 2019
The Great Commedia Hotel Murder Mystery: April 26-May 19, 2019
The 10th Annual "Fool For All": Tales of Pasta, Prosciutto, and Future: TBA, Spring 2019
Select performances ASL interpreted. Open Captioning available upon request.

Tickets: Regular: \$22; Students, Seniors, & Military: \$18; Children 12 and under: \$12
Visit www.factionoffools.org for ticket updates.

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Recipient of the 2012 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company, DC's favorite Commedia dell'Arte Company celebrates ten seasons of critically acclaimed work with a vibrant season of new plays and time-honored classics.

HENRY V

by William Shakespeare
Directed by Paul Reisman

October 19-November 11, 2018
Elstad Auditorium Stage, Gallaudet University

Armed only with their masks, their wits, and the words, six actors will do battle with one of Shakespeare's most theatrical plays. With a little Commedia magic, they'll bring over 50 characters to life in a flurry of kings, clowns, battles, Frenchmen, and leafy green vegetables!

Faction of Fools has become known for re-examining Shakespeare's plays — finding comedic roots in the most famous of his tragedies in critically acclaimed productions of *A Commedia Romeo & Juliet*, *Hamlecchino: Clown Prince of Denmark*, *Titus Andronicus*, and 2016's *The Merchant of Venice*. The Washington Post says, "Faction of Fools has given theatergoers a gift with a series of commedia-flavored productions that have allowed us to see the classics with new eyes."

BRAVO, ZAN ANGELO!

Adapted by John Bellomo

Based on the book by Niki Daly

February 23-25, 2019

Eastman Studio Theatre, Gallaudet University.

Based on the beloved children's book by Niki Daly, this world premiere workshop will bring the story of a budding actor in Renaissance Venice to theatrical life for the first time.

Faction has consistently been dedicated to the new play process by creating development opportunities for new works. Past collaborations with the Kennedy Center and Arena stage have helped to foster new plays and adaptations through workshops, staged readings, and the opportunity to discuss works in progress with an audience. Faction is thrilled to add *Bravo, Zan Angelo!* to this growing list!

THE GREAT COMMEDIA HOTEL MURDER MYSTERY

Written and Directed by Paul Reisman

April 26-May 19

Eastman Studio Theatre, Gallaudet University

Zanni bellhops, femme fatales, hidden clues, and mustachioed detectives! In the grand tradition of Agatha Christie, Clue, Sherlock Holmes, and other classics this brand new whodunnit will keep everyone guessing until the very end!

While taking inspiration from more modern influences, this play will relay the Commedia roots of this genre and will be devised in a similar manner to Faction's past productions of traditional Commedia scenarios. Ensemble-based plays like *The House with Two Doors* and *The Lady Becomes Him*, were praised as "rollicking good fun" and "truly inspired silliness" (DC THEATRE SCENE). After creating the play together in the rehearsal room, the finished script will be written by Producing Artistic Director, Paul Reisman (who also directs this production).

The 10th Annual "Fool For All": TALES OF PASTA, PROSCUITTO, AND FUTURE
TBA, Spring 2019

After three years as a mainstay of the Capital Fringe Festival (*Tales of Love and Sausages; Courage and Poultry; Marriage and Mozzarella* - that saw a couple married live as part of the show), four years as a zany Play-in-a-Day (*Tales of Honor and Anchovies; Heroes and Gyros; Nookie and Gnocchi; War and Pizza*); and two years as part of their hit Festival Day (*Tales of Chaos and Cannoli; Pith and Pesto*); the "Fool For All" turns **TEN!**

This hilarious trip down memory lane will celebrate ten years of original Commedia; reprising fan favorite scenes, while making some new memories too!

For ten seasons, Faction of Fools has been celebrated as DC's award-winning Commedia dell'Arte Theater Company. Faction of Fools Theatre Company is committed to performing and preserving this Renaissance theatre style by bringing to the stage productions infused with Commedia's best attributes: physical discipline, spontaneous imagination, collaborative energy, and joyous wonder.

For more information, visit <http://www.factionoffools.org/>

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