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OpenStage Brings a Bold and Boisterous *Pride and Prejudice* to the Park This Summer
Kate Hamill's Adaptation Puts a Modern Twist on the Timeless Tale

FORT COLLINS – This summer, OpenStage Theatre & Company invites audiences to fall in love all over again with Jane Austen's classic tale, but like you've never seen it before. *Pride and Prejudice*, adapted with wit and irreverence by Kate Hamill and directed by Heather Ostberg Johnson, will play under the stars at Columbine Health Systems Park from June 7 to July 12, 2025.

This isn't your great-auntie's Austen. Bursting with energy, charm, and modern flair, this effervescent adaptation transforms Austen's beloved novel into a lively, theatrical experience that's as fresh and relatable today as ever. The headstrong Lizzy Bennet is determined never to marry, but navigating love, family expectations, and a certain maddening Mr. Darcy proves to be more complicated — and hilarious — than she anticipated.

"We're leaning into the boldness and theatricality of Kate Hamill's adaptation," says director Heather Ostberg Johnson. "This production is bold, surprising, and full of heart. It's a love story, yes, but also a sharp, satirical look at gender roles and the timeless dance of relationships."

Audiences are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and their favorite people to enjoy an unforgettable evening in the park. With nightly food trucks, a relaxed atmosphere, and the thrill of live theatre under the open sky, *Pride and Prejudice* promises to be the perfect summer night out. Scheduled food trucks include La Campechana, Angry Hippie, Walrus Ice Cream, Southern Soul, Wild Brats, Bedrock BBQ, Fat Tomato, Ciao, and Santa Elena's.

Pride & Prejudice plays June 7 – July 12. All performances start at 7:00 pm. Visit openstage.com/pride-prejudice for a complete list of performances, including a free student/educator performance (June 5), a pay-what-you-can performance (June 12), and FAB Friday (June 13), which includes a free beer compliments of Odell Brewing Company.

Tickets for *Pride & Prejudice* are \$15–\$39. Tickets are available online at openstage.com/pride-prejudice or by calling The Lincoln Center Box Office at 970.221.6730. The box office is open 1pm–6 pm Tuesday–Saturday.

OpenStage's Red Carpet Sponsors are KRFC 88.9 FM, Odell Brewing Co, and Warren & Zoann Little Dusenbury Charitable Trust. Season Sponsors are Avogadro's Number, John & Anne Blair, FoCo Food Trucks, LPG Financial Advisors, Mike & Marsha Marberry, Organic Alternatives, and Ken & Carol Severson. The Producing Sponsors for *Pride & Prejudice* are Columbine Health Systems and NOCO Style. The Supporting Sponsors for *Pride & Prejudice* are KUNC and Dimensionz Injectables. Grant support is provided by Downtown Development Authority, City of Fort Collins Fort Fund, Art Works, Colorado Creative Industries, OTTERCARES Dollars for Doers Grant Recipient, and AWE Fund. Free Student/Educator performances are made possible thanks to the Thornton Charitable Foundation.

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Performance Dates

Thursday @ 7:00 pm: June 5 (Student/Educator), June 12 (Pay What You Can)

Friday @ 7:00 pm: June 13 (FAB Friday), June 20, June 27, July 11

Saturday @ 7:00 pm: June 7 (Opening Night), June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 (Closing Night)

Sunday @ 7:00 pm: June 22, June 29, July 6

Performance Location

The Park at Columbine Health Systems: 947 Worthington Circle, Fort Collins, CO

Food Truck Schedule

La Campechana: June 7, June 27, June 28

Angry Hippie: June 13

Southern Soul: June 14

Wild Brats: June 20

Walrus Ice Cream: June 13, June 20, July 11

Bedrock BBQ: June 21, June 28, July 12

Fat Tomato: June 22, July 6

Ciao: June 29

There are no food trucks scheduled on June 5 or June 12

Cast

Jane / Miss De Bourg

Lizzy

Lydia / Lady Catherine

Mr. Darcy

Ashley Coby

Christina Marie Olson

Marlo Coffin

Bradley Calahan

Miss Bennet / Wickham / Mr. Collins
Bingley / Mary
Charlotte / Mr. Bennet
Mrs. Bennet / Servants

Markus Rodriguez-Intulaksana
Dan Tschirhart
Jennifer R. Bray
Dia Kline

Creative and Production Team

Director / Movement Director
Assistant Director
Stage Manager
Scenic Designer
Master Carpenter
Lighting Designer
Costume Designer/Head Tailor
Sound Designer/Make-up Designer
Properties Designer/Set Dresser
Scenic Artists
Board Operator
Production Manager / Producing Artistic Director
Technical Director

Heather Ostberg Johnson
Ashley Coby
Azran Starkweather
Mya Coca
Evan Riffe
David Grinnell
Jasper Hopps
Victoria Villalobos
Sonja Hopps
TBA
Azran Starkweather
Sydney Parks Smith
Caleb Gilbert