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The White House Has Never Been This Funny: POTUS Arrives at Harlequin

Olympia, WA – July 22, 2025 – Harlequin Productions presents *POTUS, Or Behind Every Great Dumbass are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive* by Selina Fillinger, August 22 - September 7, 2025 at the State Theater. Directed by Emily A. Rollie (*Pride and Prejudice*, 2024).

When the President unwittingly spins a PR nightmare into a global crisis, the seven brilliant and beleaguered women he relies upon most risk life, liberty, and the pursuit of sanity to keep the commander-in-chief out of trouble. (Any resemblance to past White House shenanigans is purely coincidental.) In a searingly funny Broadway hit, POTUS follows how seven women of dramatically different backgrounds minimize the damage done by male arrogance and political posturing, in an endearing homage to the women who keep things running behind the scenes.

Selina Fillinger's *POTUS* premiered on Broadway in 2022 to rave reviews, earning three Tony nominations and drawing attention for its all-female cast and whip-smart humor. The play offers a blisteringly funny look behind the scenes of American politics, blending rapid-fire dialogue with farcical mayhem. Dubbed "Broadway's funniest farce in years" (*The Washington Post*), it's a comedy with teeth—one that manages to skewer the absurdity of the political machine while celebrating the women who keep it from flying off the rails.

More than just a comedy, *POTUS* is a timely and empowering reminder of the competence and resilience of women—particularly in spaces not built for them. An all-female farce remains a rarity in American theater, and *POTUS* flips the script by putting seven very different women at the center of the story. The powerhouse cast includes long-time returning veterans (Amy Danneker and Edsonya Charles), second timers (Kimberlee Wolfson, Chelsey Sheppard and Mykahla George), and actors making their Harlequin debuts (Kathryn Stahl and Gabby Roarty). A local actor of particular note is Amy Danneker (née Hill), who returns to Harlequin after over a decade on the East Coast, having previously performed in 10 Harlequin productions over 6 seasons, from 2006 – 2010.

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Production Information

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WHEN: August 22 – September 7, 2025

WHERE: State Theater, 202 4th Ave East, Olympia, WA 98501

TICKETS: Available online at harlequinproductions.org, by phone at 360-786-0151, or in person 12–5:30 pm, Tuesday–Saturday at the State Theater Box Office.

General admission: \$48

Senior 60+/Military: \$45

Student/Youths Under 25: \$33

Rush Tickets (2 hours prior to showtime): General \$24; Teens/Under 20 \$5

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE:

Opening Night: Friday, August 22 at 7:30 pm

Pay-What-You-Choose: TBA prior to Opening

Closing: Sunday, September 7 at 2:00 pm

CATEGORY: Political Farce

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 14 and older with guidance for mature language and themes

CAST:

Kimberlee Wolfson – *Harriet*

Any Danneker – *Jean*

Kathryn Stahl – *Stephanie*

Gabby Roarty – *Dusty*

Chelsey Sheppard – *Bernadette*

Mykahla George – *Chris*

Edsonya Charles – *Margaret*

Harlequin Productions is a professional not-for-profit theater company in Olympia, WA. We seek to invigorate, educate, and empower our community and all people to feel more, think more, play more, and judge less through the mirror of real live theatre.

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