

*Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov Sanctuary Theatre | October 23–26, 2025

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# By Anton Chekhov Directed by Stephanie Shroyer

With

Chelsea Allison Chloe Bay Aaron Eichenlaub Dana Hakimi Hanna G. Harding Lane Haven Garrett J. Henry Bobby Howlett Adeloluwa Ijidakinro Christian Johnson Dekland Jones Christina Le Ali-Moosa Mirza JP Payton Montserrat Videla Samper Linda Stepanyan Levi Sternshein Hattie Ugoretz

Co-Scenic Design **Kiera Reinhard** She/Her

BFA Theatrical Design Senior

Co-Scenic Design

YingTong Jin She/Her

BFA Theatrical Design Junior

Costume Design

Imogen Jeffords Xe/Xir

BFA Theatrical Design Senior

Lighting Design **Benjamin Williams** He/Him

BFA Theatrical Design Junior

Sound Design **Zoelle Pierce** She/Her

BFA Sound Design Senior

Technical Director **Duncan Mahoney** 

Production Stage Manager **Keilah Stephanie Mora** She/Her

BFA Stage Management Junior

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Chelsea Allison She/They Olga | MFA Acting Year 3



Chloe Bay She/Her | Ensemble BA Dramatic Arts, Emphasis in Acting Sophomore



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Levi Sternshein He/Him Baron Tuzenbach BA Dramatic Arts, Emphasis in Acting Sophomore



Hattie Ugoretz She/Her Natasha | BA Theatre Junior

#### THIS PERFORMANCE CONTAINS A 10-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

## **CONTENT WARNING**

Please be advised that this production includes depictions and descriptions of depression and self-harm, alcoholism, emotional abuse, and use of guns and death. This production also contains gunshots.

# ADDITIONAL THREE SISTERS PRODUCTION STAFF

Associate Director Laura Flanagan | Assistant Directors Erin Caparrelli, Abitha Nunis
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Sound Mentor Noel Nichols | Assistant Technical Director Abram De Los Santos
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# NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC TEAM

Unlike many of his contemporary writers, Anton Pavlovich Chekhov was the grandson of a freed serf with humble roots in the provincial town of Taganrog. Trained as a country doctor, Chekhov gained notoriety as a writer of comic short stories that depicted contemporary life from the perspective of an array of characters from all walks of late 19th century Russian life. After a disastrous performance of his first play in 1896, The Seagull, he swore off playwrighting for good. Luckily for him and for the future of modern theater, Stanislavsky convinced him to let his new theater produce the play and Chekhov's life as a major dramatist began. Chekhov wrote his third play, Three Sisters, for Stanislavky's Moscow Art Theater from his country home in Yalta where he was recovering from the effects of tuberculosis. Despite a few misgivings from initial critics, Three Sisters achieved great public acclaim and ran successfully as part of the company's repertory for two years before Chekhov's tragic death in 1904.

The story is deceptively simple: three sisters, and their hapless brother, lost in a provincial backwater, long for their former life back in Moscow. The cast of characters, from the handsome new battery commander Vershinin to the deaf servant Ferapont, reveal the complexity, pathos and humor of Chekhov's sensibility and the universality of his deep compassion for the fragility and futility of our human desires. Paul Schmidt's translation provides an accessible and faithful way into Chekhov's language so we can appreciate, from our American vernacular, the life, loves and loss of the Prozorov family, stuck in time, as we all are, longing for what is just out of reach.



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