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# ***THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA***

**April 14 – May 15, 2016 at The Balzer Theater at Herren's (downtown Atlanta)**

**Love means taking a leap.**

**BOOK**  
Craig Lucas

**MUSIC & LYRICS**  
Adam Guettel

**BASED ON THE NOVELLA BY**  
Elizabeth Spencer

**DIRECTION**  
Richard Garner

**MUSICAL DIRECTION**  
Alli Lingenfelter

## **CAST**

Christy Baggett\*, Devon Hales, Tim Quartier\*, Michael Strauss\*, Chris Kayser\*, Joe Knezevich\*, Randi Garza, Carolyn Dorff, Steve Hudson, Jessica de Maria, Rose Alexander, Chaz Duffy, Robert Mitchel Owenby, Suzanne Stroup

\*member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States

**The Outfit's '15-'16 Season of Courage concludes with this heart-stopping, romantic musical!**

In 1953, Margaret Johnson (Christy Baggett) of Winston-Salem is on holiday in Italy when dashing Fabrizio (Tim Quartier) falls fast for her daughter, Clara (Devon Hales). As the courtship races, Margaret must reveal a family secret or summon the **courage** to consent to marriage. Themes of sacrifice, destiny and the effervescence of first love ripple through this lush period musical. Adapted from the novella by Elizabeth Spencer with a score by Adam Guettel (grandson of composer Richard Rodgers), this winner of six Tony Awards transports audiences to sunshine-filled Tuscany and into the hearts of some of musical theatre's most endearing characters.

"Worth the trip for hopeful theatergoers still looking for love in a Broadway musical!"  
*The New York Times*

**Publicity pictures available at:**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kh3xixtc0zkhhrn/AAB2HQoO\\_FVIRLxkV\\_50eDpa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kh3xixtc0zkhhrn/AAB2HQoO_FVIRLxkV_50eDpa?dl=0)

**Production shots to be added/available week of April 11, 2016.**

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**AT THE BALZER THEATER AT HERREN'S** April 14 – May 15, 2016

- PREVIEWS: 7:30 p.m. on April 14 and April 15.
- OPENING: 7:30 p.m. on April 16.
- Remainder of RUN: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.  
Run Time: approximately 2.5 hours with one intermission.

### **TICKETS:**

\$25-\$50

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[www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/the-light-in-the-piazza](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org/shows/the-light-in-the-piazza)

### **OUR 2015-2016 SEASON OF COURAGE:**

Theatrical Outfit continues its vision of creating compassion – one story at a time – by starting the conversations that matter. Our thought-provoking and soul-stirring 2015-2016 season lineup will transport audiences from the radio airwaves and smoky music clubs of Tennessee in the 1950s with *Memphis* (a musical co-production with Aurora Theatre); into the mind of one of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's brightest visionaries with *R. Buckminster Fuller: The History and Mystery of the Universe*; from Africa to Victorian London via the pluck of an unstoppable young girl with *A Little Princess* (a musical); around the globe as a mysterious book trades hands and evolves in the world premiere of *Moxie*; and into the complex hearts of a mother and daughter vacationing in a sunshine-filled Tuscany of yesteryear with *The Light in the Piazza* (a musical). From Tony-winning musicals to one-man shows to a family-friendly holiday musical to world premieres, our courageous Season 2015-2016 truly offers something for everyone!

### **THEATRICAL OUTFIT:**

Atlanta's second-oldest continually-operating professional theatre company was founded in 1976 and has been led by Artistic Director Tom Key since fall 1995. Key led the company through the creation of its award-winning downtown home, the Balzer Theater at Herren's, the first U.S. theater to achieve LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The theater is on the historical site of Herren's, the first Atlanta restaurant to voluntarily desegregate (in 1963). Theatrical Outfit tells consistently high-quality, soul-stirring stories, often from great classics and contemporary literature that feature many of the best writers of the American South: Carlyle Brown, Truman Capote, Evan Davis, Horton Foote, Harper Lee, Cormac McCarthy, Flannery O'Connor, Walker Percy, Sherry Shephard-Massat, Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder, Hank Williams and Tennessee Williams. Theatrical Outfit is in the midst of transformation. After retiring its mortgage debt, the organization turned its attention to creating a new, multi year strategic plan, which was finalized in mid-2014. The new plan is a growth model and the first action was to hire a managing director, Lee Foster, who is now in her second season with the organization.

### **OUR VENUE:**

*The Light in the Piazza* will be performed at the Balzer Theater at 84 Luckie St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Theatrical Outfit recently installed a Loop Listening System, making The Balzer Theater at Herren's the first theater in the state of Georgia to incorporate this technology. Attendees with T-coil hearing aids may participate automatically, and others needing enhancement may obtain system-compatible headsets from our lobby Box Office.

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**OUR VISION: Creating compassion — one story at a time.**

**OUR MISSION: Starting the conversations that matter.**

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