

'Moby Dick,' Posner, Manual Cinema and Blair Thomas in Lookingglass' 2016-17 season



Kareem Bandealy, left, played Starbuck and Christopher Donahue Ahab in "Moby Dick" during Lookingglass Theatre's production in 2015. ... [READ THE REVIEW](#) (Liz Lauren)

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Lookingglass Theatre Company announced its 2016-17 season on Tuesday, including three area premieres and the return of the company's hit adaptation of "Moby Dick."

Aaron Posner's latest twist on Chekhov opens up the season. "Life Sucks" (Sept. 9-Nov. 6), a modern take on "Uncle Vanya," will feature Joey Slotnick as Vanya and Philip R. Smith as Dr. Aster. Andrew White will direct.

The world premiere of Douglas Hara's "Mr. and Mrs. Pennyworth" (Dec. 7-Feb. 19, 2017) is next. Shadow animation by Manual Cinema and puppetry by Blair Thomas will bring to life the fantasy tale about traveling storytellers whose characters literally leap off the page, threatening to become lost forever. Starring as Mrs. Pennyworth is Lindsey Noel Whiting.

The season continues with "Beyond Caring" (March 22-May 14), written and directed by Alexander Zeldin in association with David Schwimmer and Tom Hodges' company Dark Harbor Stories. Previously produced at London's National Theater in 2015, the U.S. premiere of "Beyond Caring" brings the concealed economy of temporary workers and zero-hour contracts under scrutiny.

Finishing up the season is the return of "Moby Dick" (June 7-Sept. 3), David Catlin's adaptation of Herman Melville's epic about the great white whale, produced in association with The Actors Gymnasium. Anthony Fleming III, Raymond Fox and Kareem Bandealy will reprise their roles from the 2015 Jeff Award-winning production.

Lookingglass Theatre Company is located at 821 N. Michigan Ave.

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