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***Infinite Variety* Opens At The Kingstad Center**

*Internationally Acclaimed Showcase of Shakespeare's Best Loved Female Characters
Comes to Beaverton and Hillsboro*

Beaverton, OR - Rosalind, Queen Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester in a fist-fight over Orlando? Volumnia, Hermione and Katherine of Aragon standing "shoulder to shoulder" against the men who betrayed them? Helena, Hermia, and all of the Princesses from *Love's Labour's Lost* reading Shakespearean love sonnets from their boyfriends? Lady Macbeth, Tamora and crazy cursed filled Margaret spending some quality time with the goddess Hecate planning bloody revenge?

None of these scenes sound familiar? Never happened in Shakespeare's plays, you say? Well, they have now!

Infinite Variety: Shakespeare's Women, Real and Imagined is an internationally acclaimed showcase of some of the Bard's best (and least) known female characters; more than 50 women from 24 plays, along with sonnets and Shakespearean poetry. Called "a rare theatrical gem" by The Daily Herald of Scotland, "funny, poignant and moving" by The New Zealand Herald and "the perfect play to introduce us to the beauty and power of the Bard" by The Scotsman Newspaper, ***Infinite Variety*** opens next week, May 29, at the Kingstad Center in Beaverton.

Starring Bag&Baggage company members Maggie Chapin (most recently seen in *The Complete History of America*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Macbeth*) and Marza Warsinske (seen in *A Christmas Carol*, *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet*), the show features a wide range of monologues, short scenes and new, never-before-seen interactions, all taken from Shakespearean plays.

Infinite Variety will be performed at the Kingstad Center in Beaverton on May 29, 30, 31 at 7:30pm and June 1 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$17 general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Tickets can be reserved online at www.kingstad.com or by calling 503 626 6338.

The show will then tour to the Glenn and Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center in downtown Hillsboro on June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 at 8:00pm with additional Sunday matinees at 2:00pm on June 8 and 15. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and \$14 on the day of the performance. Tickets can be reserved by calling 503 615 3485.

Infinite Variety is the first of 7 full-scale theatre productions in the Bag&Baggage 2008 – 2009 Season. For more information on the rest of the season, about Season Ticket Subscriptions and details about performances of *Steel Magnolias*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*, visit us online at www.bagnbaggage.org.

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Editor's Note: Production photographs available upon request. Interviews available upon request.