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An Arts Club Theatre Company production

# ONEGIN

**Book, music, and lyrics by Amiel Gladstone and Veda Hille**  
**Based on the poem by Pushkin and the opera by Tchaikovsky**

Granville Island Stage  
November 23–December 31, 2017  
Mon–Thu at 7:30 PM, Fri & Sat at 8 PM, Wed at 1:30 PM, and Sat at 2 PM  
Holiday showtimes: Fri, Dec 29, at 2 PM and Sun, Dec 31, at 2 PM  
Tickets from \$29 at [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com) or the Arts Club Box Office at 604.687.1644

**IN BRIEF** The acclaimed Arts Club commission *Onegin* returns, this time to the Granville Island Stage, from November 23 to December 31. This passionate new musical won ten Jessie awards, making history as the first production to win all but one of the awards in the large theatre category.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—Following a sold-out run at the Belfry Theatre in Victoria, the award-winning Arts Club production of *Onegin* hits the Granville Island Stage this month.

“*Onegin* wowed Vancouver audiences when it played at the Goldcorp Stage as part of our 2015–2016 season,” Artistic Managing Director **Bill Millerd** says. “It is great to have this production at the Granville Island Stage so audiences can experience this special show once again.”

When Evgeni Onegin (**Alessandro Juliani**) visits the Larin family estate, his romantic charms stir passions long forgotten by its residents. Poet Vladimir Lensky’s (**Josh Epstein**) romantic ideals are challenged after Onegin flirts with his fiancée, Olga Larin (**Lauren Jackson**), and even the sensible Tatyana Larin (**Meg Roe**) falls for the handsome rogue. The hit musical moves, shakes, and wakes audiences with its sweeping score, leaving the powerful question swirling in their minds: Look around, look around, look around, do you see someone worth dying for?

*Onegin*’s premiere run in the spring of 2016 was met with critical acclaim. The show collected ten wins at the 2016 Jessie Richardson Theatre Awards, making history as the first production to win all but one of the awards in the large theatre category. The wins included Outstanding Production, Actor and Actress (Alessandro Juliani and Meg Roe), Supporting Actor (Josh Epstein), Lighting Design (**John Webber**), Set Design (**Drew Facey**), Costumes (**Jaqueline Firkins**), Composition (**Veda Hille** and **Amiel Gladstone**), and Direction (**Amiel Gladstone**).

On the musical’s remarkable success, Gladstone and Hille say, “What a joy to bring our *Onegin* to Granville Island! After *Craiglist Cantata*—a play about disconnection—we wanted to immerse ourselves in something about connection, a story that could challenge our sometimes corseted Canadian sensibilities. We’ve been working on *Onegin*, making it better and wilder and more full of spirit(s). Here’s to love!”

“You’re lucky to be alive right now...because you get to see *Onegin*” —*The Georgia Straight*

Starring **Meg Roe** (Tatyana Larin), **Alessandro Juliani** (Evgeni Onegin), **Josh Epstein** (Vladimir Lensky), **Lauren Jackson** (Olga Larin and others), **Caitriona Murphy** (Madame Larin and others), **Andrew Wheeler** (Prince Gremin and others), and **Andrew McNee** (Many Others)

Dec 27–31: **Hailey Gillis** (Tatyana Larin), **Daren A. Herbert** (Evgeni Onegin), and **Nadeem Phillip** (Many Others)

Orchestra **Jennifer Moersch** (cello), **Barry Mirochnick** (percussion and guitar), and **Marguerite Witvoet** (piano)

Writer/Director **Amiel Gladstone** Writer/Musical Director **Veda Hille** Choreographer **Tracey Power**

Assistant Choreographer **Amanda Testini** Dramaturg **Rachel Ditor** Set Designer **Drew Facey** Costume

Designer **Jacqueline Firkins** Associate Costume Designer **Alaia Hamer** Lighting Designer **John Webber**

Assistant Lighting Designer **Sara Smith** Sound Designer **Brad Danyluk** Stage Manager **Allison Spearin**

Assistant Stage Manager **Sandra Drag**

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## ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB

The Arts Club Theatre Company, founded in 1964, is Canada's largest not-for-profit urban theatre company. Led by Artistic Managing Director Bill Millerd and Executive Director Peter Cathie White, it offers professional theatre at three venues—the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, Granville Island Stage, and the Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre—as well as on tour throughout the province.

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