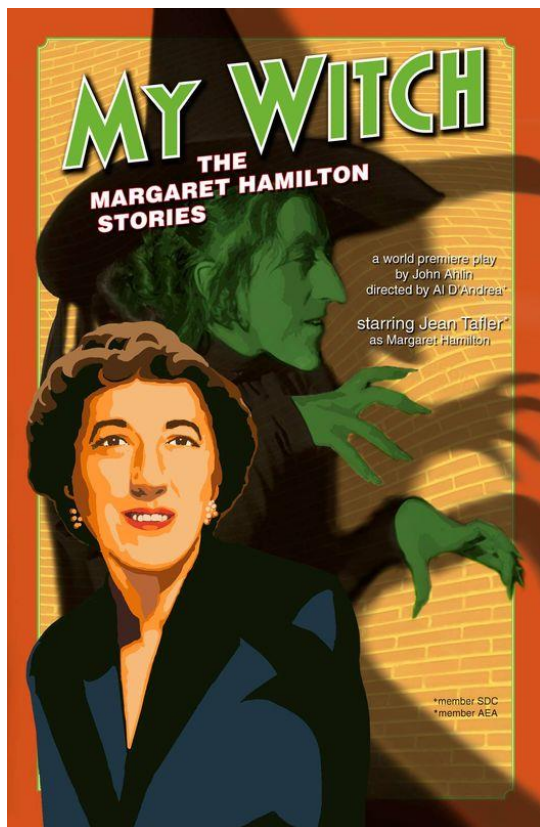




For Immediate Release

November 17 – December 12, 2021

Bridge Street Theatre presents
A Rolling World Premiere!
Fat Knight Theatre's Production of
MY WITCH: THE MARGARET HAMILTON STORIES
Written by John Ahlin
Directed by Al D'Andrea
and Starring Jean Tafler as Margaret Hamilton
December 3-12, 2021
Bridge Street Theatre's "Priscilla" Mainstage
44 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY



MY WITCH comes to Catskill Dec 3-12

Fat Knight Theatre's "My Witch" Comes to Catskill's Bridge Street Theatre

After stops at Snowlion Rep in Freeport, ME and Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, NY, John Ahlin's "My Witch: The Margaret Hamilton Stories" makes the third and final stop on its rolling world premiere tour at Bridge Street Theatre in Catskill December 3-12, 2021.

This fun, haunting, and delightful solo show, directed by Al D'Andrea and starring the playwright's wife Jean Tafler (for whom he wrote it), invites audiences on a mysterious Halloween weekend visit to Hamilton's secluded home on Cape Island in Maine. Just how did a gentle kindergarten teacher from Cleveland wind up scaring the living daylights out of every last one of us as "The Wicked Witch of the West"? And just how much heart, courage, and brains did it take her to become one of America's most beloved character actresses? If you love "The Wizard of Oz", if you love all things Hollywood, and especially if you love the theater, this show is a valentine to all three, but it's also a loving tribute to the real woman behind the cackle.

"We opened our abbreviated 2021 Season this year with Fred Barton's hilarious one-man revue "Miss Gulch Returns!", a satiric musical take on the iconic screen villainess that Margaret Hamilton embodied onscreen in 1939," says John Sowle, Artistic Director of Bridge Street Theatre. "That show just received a Berkshire Theatre Critics Association Award for 'Outstanding Solo Performance'. So it seems only fitting that we should now be bringing our season to a close by taking a much closer look at the actual woman behind the role that gave us all nightmares as kids."

"My Witch" has been rapturously received by sold-out crowds on the first two stops of its rolling world premiere tour. Jeffrey Borak of the Berkshire Eagle called it "smart, sly, wickedly clever, richly subtle, robustly theatrical, sublimely warm, and richly satisfying." J. Peter Bergman of Berkshire Bright focus said that, while it's rare for him to fall in love with a one-woman play, "Jean Tafler strikes just the right note from the moment of her entrance." And the Hamptons Theatre Review raved "My Witch is everything great theater can be and then even more. Thrilling, entertaining and interesting ... A must see if you love the movie 'The Wizard of Oz,' but it's also a must see because Jean Tafler gives a brilliant, strong, Tony Award-worthy caliber performance effortlessly displaying her talent, skills and gifts as an actor." A video teaser for the show can be found on YouTube by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK-cLLLDjSM>

For the safety of both audiences and artists, Bridge Street Theatre adheres to union and state guidelines for indoor entertainment venues. Seating capacity is limited to allow for social distancing. All attendees will need to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative test for COVID at the door prior to entry. In addition, masks will need to be worn at all times while in the theatre building. For more detailed information on the theatre's safety precautions and attendance requirements, visit bridgest.org/covid-safety-rules-at-bst/.

“My Witch” will be presented for seven performances only, beginning on the weekend of Friday December 3 and then playing Thursdays – Sundays until December 12, on Bridge Street Theatre’s “Priscilla” Mainstage, located at 44 West Bridge Street in the Village of Catskill. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm, with Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Admission at the door is \$25, Students and Children ages 18 and under are only \$10. Discounted advance tickets (highly recommended) are available for \$22/\$10 (+ a small service fee) at mywitch.brownpapertickets.com. In addition, the matinee performance on Sunday December 5 will be “Pay What You Will”.

For further information, check the theatre’s website at bridgestreettheatre.org. Live theatre is back! Don’t miss the chance to experience this delightful “visit” with an iconic screen legend in Bridge Street Theatre’s intimate 84-seat house.



Jean Tafler as Margaret Hamilton in “My Witch”

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Friday December 3 @ 7:30pm (Opening Night)
Saturday December 4 @ 7:30pm

Sunday December 5 @ 2:00pm (“Pay What You Will” performance)
Thursday December 9 @ 7:30pm
Friday December 10 @ 7:30pm
Saturday December 11 @ 7:30pm
Sunday December 12 @ 2:00pm (Closing performance)

Tickets:

Advance tickets available at <https://mywitch.brownpapertickets.com>
General Admission \$22, \$10 for Students and Children ages 18 and under
Tickets can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance (on a space available basis) for \$25, \$10 for Students ages 18 & under.

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