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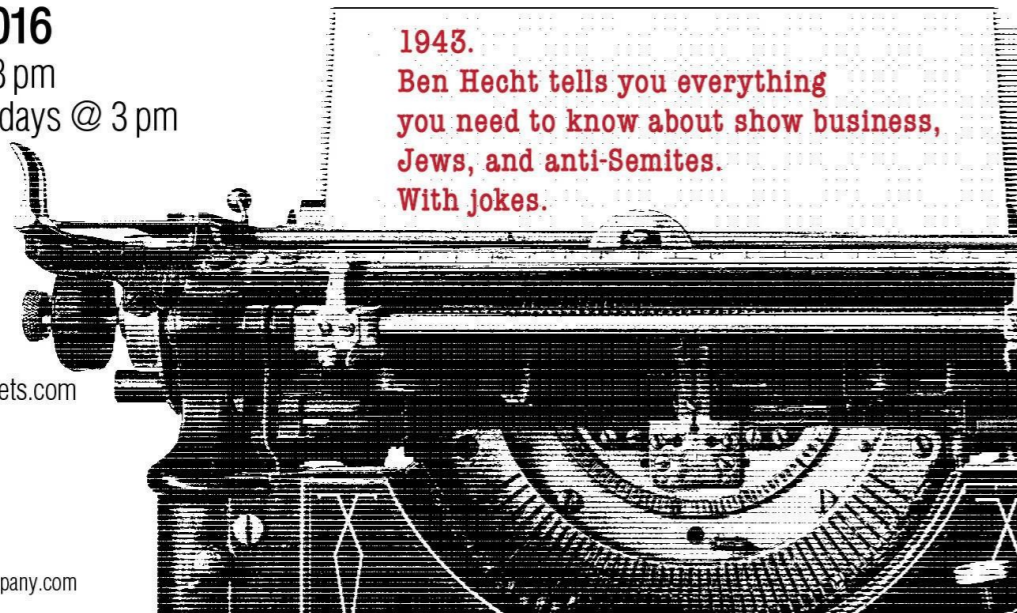
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**WORLD PREMIERE**

**MAY 25, 2023 - JULY 9, 2023**



**SHAW VS. TUNNEY**

**By Douglas Post**

**Based on *The Prizefighter and the Playwright***

**By Jay R. Tunney**

**Directed by Nick Sandys**

**Produced by Charles Grippo**

*Shaw Vs. Tunney* concerns the deep and enduring relationship that developed between George Bernard Shaw, the celebrated Irish playwright, and Gene Tunney, the American world heavyweight boxing champion. It begins with their first meeting in London and culminates on an island in the Adriatic where Gene and Polly Lauder Tunney spent their honeymoon. It is there that Shaw and the Tunneys experience an extraordinary event that changes their lives forever.

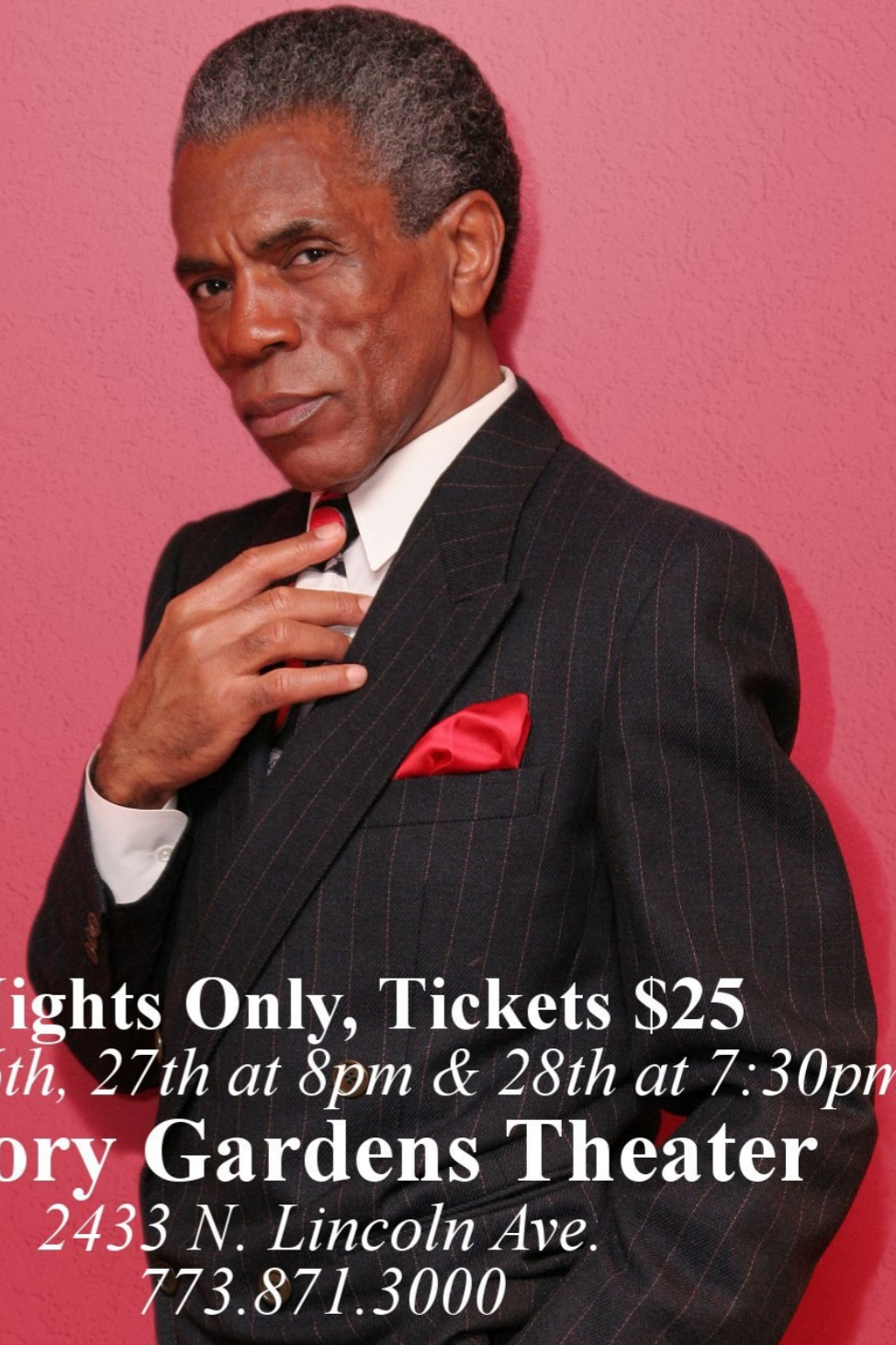
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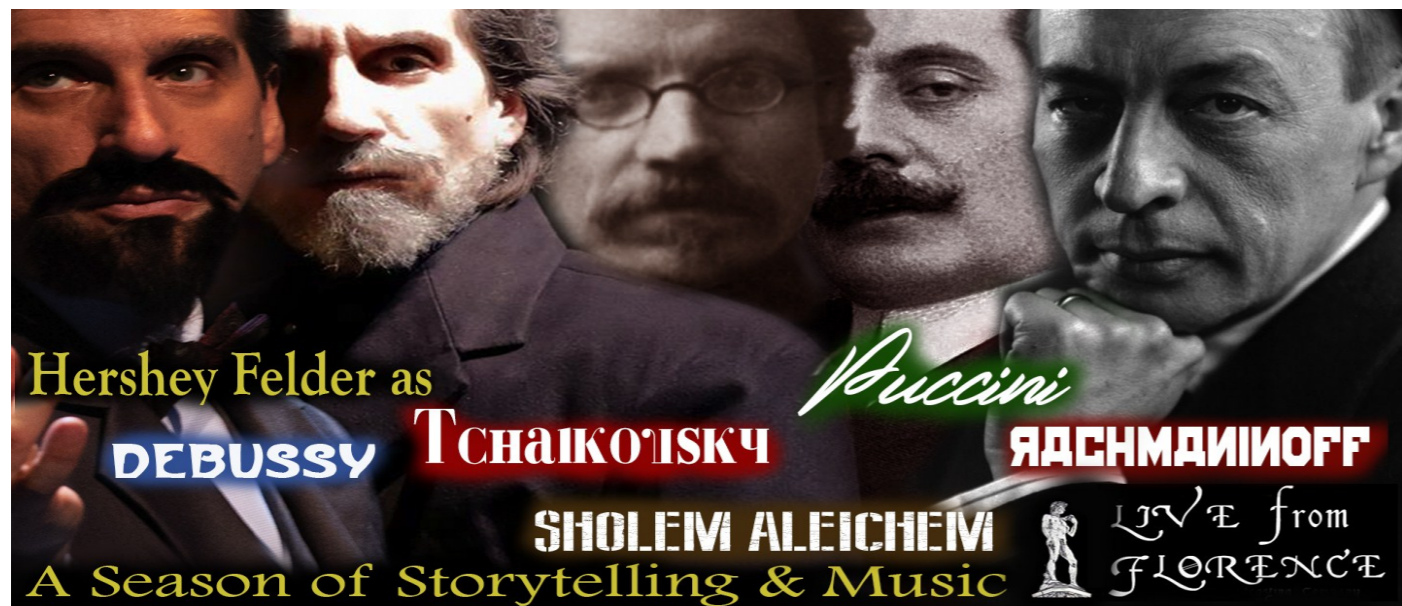
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**WORLD PREMIERE**  
**AUGUST 26, 2022 - OCTOBER 9, 2022**



Marc Chagall (1920)

## **CHAGALL IN SCHOOL**

**by James Sherman**

**Directed by Georgette Verdin**

**Produced by Charles Grippo**

*Chagall In School* is a **new comedy** by James Sherman (*Beau Jest, The God of Isaac, The Ben Hecht Show*), based on the real life story of the famed artist Marc Chagall. In 1920, after the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, Chagall is asked to head a school for artists in his hometown of Vitebsk. He gathers together other noted artists of the time, and, with the support of his loving wife, Berta, endeavors to realize his dream of a free school for anyone who wishes to explore their artistic aspirations.

Chagall's goals are quickly complicated by the clash of personalities and artistic differences of the various artists, and Chagall's own inherent abilities to take on the role of a stern administrator. When the most impressive artist of the time, Kazimir Malevich arrives to join the faculty, the artistic soul of the school and Chagall's own future as an artist are contested.

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