

# TARRAGON THEATRE

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## TARRAGON THEATRE PROUDLY OPENS ITS 39<sup>TH</sup> SEASON WITH THE MUSICAL WORLD PREMIERE MIMI

### Mimi

World Premiere

Music & Lyrics by Allen Cole

Book & Lyrics by Melody A. Johnson & Rick Roberts

**Starring:** Tamara Bernier Evans, Paul Braunstein, Martin Julien, Trish Lindström, Ron Pederson, Victor A. Young

**Director:** Alisa Palmer

**Set and Costumes Designer:** Camellia Koo

**Lighting Designer:** Michael Walton

**Musical Director:** Allen Cole

**Choreographer:** Matjash Mrozewski

**Pianist:** Dan Rutzen

**Stage Manager:** Kathryn Porter

**Mimi opens in the Mainspace on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 8:00 pm.  
Previews from Tuesday, September 15, 2009.**

Mimi (**Trish Lindström**), the wealthy Marquise of Brinvilliers, rebels against her father's iron rule by taking up with a young lover, St. Croix (**Ron Pederson**). When her father (**Victor A. Young**) discovers the tryst and banishes St. Croix to the Bastille, he cannot foresee what he has set in motion. St. Croix learns the secrets of poison-making and, once free, shares them with Mimi, still chafing under her father's rule.

This darkly funny musical chronicles the spree of France's most infamous seventeenth century serial killers – who found the prospect of murder just as titillating as an evening of debauchery. **Allen Cole** returns to the Tarragon for the first time since *Anything That Moves*. He is also well known for his musicals *Pélagie* (CanStage), *The Wrong Son* (NAC) and most recently, *Rockbound* (Nova Scotia tour). A former member of Tarragon's Playwrights Unit, **Rick Roberts** graced Tarragon's stage most recently in *John and Beatrice* and *Molière*, while **Melody A. Johnson** was last seen at Tarragon in *Little Mercy's First Murder*.

**Mimi** stars a fabulous cast of musical performers' **Tamara Bernier Evans** (*It's All True*), **Paul Braunstein** (*Alias Godot*), **Martin Julien** (*It's All True*), and **Trish Lindström**, **Ron**

**Pederson, Victor A. Young** all making their Tarragon debuts. The production is directed by **Alisa Palmer**, musically directed by **Allen Cole**, and is choreographed by **Matjash Mrozewski**. The designers are **Camellia Koo** (set & costume) and **Michael Walton** (lighting). **Kathryn Porter** is the stage manager.

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***Mimi*** previews in Tarragon's Mainspace on Tuesday, September 15, opens Wednesday, September 23 and runs until Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Previews:               Sept. 15 – 22

Regular run:            Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm  
                              Saturday & Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm

Prices start at \$19; seniors' and students' prices are available. Friday night rush are \$10.

Tickets for ***Mimi*** are available online [tickets.tarragontheatre.com](http://tickets.tarragontheatre.com).

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