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**WAM Theatre's November Production of 'The Attic, The Pearls and Three Fine Girls' opens this Friday, November 4**  
**Runs from November 3-20 at Barrington Stage Company Stage 2 in Pittsfield**

PITTSFIELD, MA (10-31-11)— WAM Theatre's November Production of *'The Attic, The Pearls and Three Fine Girls'* is a comedy collectively written by Jennifer Brewin, Leah Cherniak, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Alisa Palmer and Martha Ross. The production will be the Berkshire Premiere of this Canadian play, which the Ottawa Citizen called *'a piece of theatre with warmth, humour and irresistible broadness of heart'*. In keeping with WAM's double philanthropic mission, a portion of proceeds from the production will be donated to The Berkshire United Way Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. The production will run November 3-20 at Barrington Stage Company Stage 2 in Pittsfield.

*The Attic, The Pearls and Three Fine Girls* is a visit with the three Fine sisters. Jojo is a university professor obsessed with Brecht (to be played by Barbara Cardillo), Jayne is a bi-sexual corporate shark (to be played by Deann Simmons Halper) and Jelly is an eccentric artist who loves boxes (to be played by Karen Lee). A poignant romp through the attic in the home of their recently-deceased father reminds the Fine sisters of their childhood and forces them to redefine their future together.

"WAM is delighted that Pittsfield Coop Bank and Mission Bar & Tapas have joined our newly launched business sponsor program as our Partner Sponsors for this production. We thank them and our other new business sponsors for helping us continue to realize our mission of using theatre to benefit women and girls by producing this Berkshire Premiere with this incredible cast and creative team" said Kristen van Ginhoven, WAM Theatre's Artistic Director. "Having Berkshire United Way's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) as the beneficiary for this production is WAM's way of supporting the agencies, organizations and volunteers who are working together to address teen pregnancy as part of TPPI."

"WAM's commitment to organizations that benefit the lives of women and girls in our community is aligned with the mission of the TPPI. Teen pregnancy prevention obviously isn't only a women's issue, but our strategies to improve sexual health information, increase access to contraceptives and help our kids see a bright future will help improve the lives of young women throughout Berkshire County," adds Kristine Hazzard, President and CEO of Berkshire United Way.

"This is one of those rare opportunities when we were presented with the perfect formula to support as a sponsor; recognizing the accomplishments of talented women, providing patrons with a premium entertainment product, creating jobs for

actors in Berkshire County and acting proactively to address the County's teen pregnancy issue," remarked Charles B. Troccia, Sr., senior vice president for retail banking at The Pittsfield Cooperative Bank and Jim Benson, owner of Mission Bar & Tapas and Founder/Artistic Director of the WordxWord Festival.

Additional sponsors include Burnham Gold Real Estate, Cohen Kinne Valicenti Cook, Sawyer LLC, Spice Root/Williamstown Motel, Studio Two and Wild Sage.

**WHERE:**

Barrington Stage Company Stage 2  
36 Linden Street  
Pittsfield, MA

**WHEN:**

Thursday, November 3 @ 8:00pm- Preview  
Friday, November 4 @ 8:00pm-Opening Night  
Saturday, November 5 @ 8:00pm  
Sunday, November 6 @ 3pm (followed by a talkback)  
Friday, November 11 @ 8pm -WAM SLAM\*  
Saturday, November 12 @ 8pm  
Sunday, November 13 @ 3pm (followed by a talkback)  
Friday, November 18 @ 8pm  
Saturday, November 19 @ 8pm  
Sunday, November 20 @ 3pm (followed by a talkback)

**TICKETS:**

\$25: Adults  
\$15: Students  
\$20: Preview Price-Adults  
\$12: Preview Price-Students

**GROUP SALES:**

10 tix for \$15/each: Adult  
10 tix for \$10/each: Students

\*WAM SLAM-This performance will be followed by a raffle/networking event post show with the cast in the Barrington Stage 2 Bar, sponsored by Mission Bar and Tapas. A perfect outing for groups, organizations and businesses. Contact Corissa Bryant at [corissa@wamtheatre.com](mailto:corissa@wamtheatre.com) for more info and to book your group tickets.

Call 1-800-838-3006 or go to [www.WAMTheatre.com](http://www.WAMTheatre.com) to purchase tickets. Tickets at the door are by cash and check only.

**CAST:**

Barbara Cardillo (Jojo) Ms. Cardillo has been seen on stage at the Berkshire Theatre Festival, Boston Playwright's Theatre, and is a founding member of Royal Berkshire Improvisation Troupe.

Karen Lee (Jelly) Ms. Lee's Berkshire acting credits include The Wharton Salon, Shakespeare & Company, New Stage Performing Arts Center and Mixed Company.

Deann Simmons Halper (Jayne) Ms. Simmons Halper's credits include work off Broadway in New York City, as well as locally with Sharon Playhouse and Barrington Stage Company.

CREATIVE TEAM:

Kristen van Ginhoven-Director  
Corissa Bryant-Associate Producer  
Juliana von Haubrich-Scenic Design  
Arthur Oliver-Costume Design  
Brad Berridge-Sound Design  
Jeff Roudabush + Nick Webb-Lighting Design  
Ryan Winkles-Fight Choreographer  
Christopher Donovan-Stage Manager  
Tina Padgett-Assistant Stage Manager  
Emily Curro- Dramaturge  
Enrico Spada-Graphic Design

ABOUT WAM Theatre:

Inspired by the book 'Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide' by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, WAM Theatre was founded in 2009 by professional theatre artists Kristen van Ginhoven and Leigh Strimbeck. WAM's philanthropic mission is two-fold; first, producing theatrical events for everyone, with a focus on women theatre artists and/or the stories of women and girls; second, to donate a portion of proceeds from those events to organizations that benefit women and girls. WAM Theatre is based in the Berkshires of Massachusetts and the Capital Region of New York State. [www.WAMTheatre.com](http://www.WAMTheatre.com)

To learn more about the Berkshire United Way Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, go to [www.berkshireunitedway.org](http://www.berkshireunitedway.org).

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