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A classic romantic comedy, Portland Center Stage at the Armory brings Kate Hamill's hit adaptation of "Sense & Sensibility" to local audiences. The production stars Quinlan Fitzgerald (from left), Chris Murray, Danae C. Osseni, Jamie Smithson and Kelly Godell.

A fresh take on female-centered romantic classic

Portland Center Stage at The Armory is bringing Kate Hamill's hit adaptation of Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" a vivacious production originally created by renowned New York theater company Bedlam.

Bursting with humor and bold theatricality, the classic romantic comedy follows the adventures of the Dashwood sisters — and a whirlwind of snippy town gossips — after their sudden loss of fortune.

Eric Tucker, who directed the award-winning world premiere, directs a cast that includes Portland favorites Danae C. Osseni (*The Color Purple*) as Elinor Dashwood and Quinlan Fitzgerald (*The Humans* at Artists Repertory Theatre) as Marianne Dashwood. They

Sense & Sensibility

are joined by Lisa Birnbaum, Kelly Godell, Lauren Modica, Chris Murray, Violeta Picayo, Darius Pierce, Ryan Quinn, and Jamie Smithson.

"I wrote *Sense and Sensibility* because I believe so deeply that the classics belong to everyone," Hamill said. "I think its popularity is a testament to how many people — like me — are

hungering for female-centered stories."

Preview performances begin on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Portland Center Stage at The Armory and run through Jan. 17. The opening night show takes place on Friday, Jan. 18 with shows continuing through Feb. 10. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 503-445-3700 or visiting t.pcs.org.



Danae C. Osseni (*The Color Purple*) returns to Portland Center Stage as Elinor Dashwood in *Sense & Sensibility*.