

Good Things Come In Threes—Even Angst-Filled Dystopian Musicals With Kicky Pop Tunes

District 13 presents a Hunger Games Musical

Mockingjay: The Musical

by Mark Vandenberg

November 23-25, 2017

\$25 in advance or at the door

At Studio 1398, 1398 Cartwright Street on Granville Island

Tickets and Info: TheatreWire.com

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For Immediate Release: October 30, 2017 — In *Mockingjay: The Musical*, the hilarious pop culture parody sequel to Fringe smash hits *Hunger Games: The Musical* and *Catching Fire: The Musical*, Katniss Everdeen takes on the Capitol with her brainwashed beau Peeta and belts out songs in the style of Taylor Swift and Rihanna (and more).



Riley Sandbeck as Peeta Mellark and Jennifer Pielak as Katniss Everdeen. Photo by Cecilia Rahoerason.

District 13 Presents' *Mockingjay: The Musical* concludes the adventures of Katniss Everdeen as she joins the rebels of District 13 in taking down President Snow and the Capitol. Along with action-packed battles and espionage, the love triangle continues as Katniss must finally choose between her dearest friend Gale and her fellow tribute Peeta, who has been brainwashed to kill her. Love can be hard sometimes, especially in a teen-angst dystopian future. To counteract the darkness, this musical is full of fun pop musical parodies that will get your toes tapping

★★★★ "The puns, barbs and self-referential jokes come so quickly, you might want to see it a second time." —Shawn Conner, *the Vancouver Sun*

Mockingjay: The Musical is the final pop culture parody sequel of Suzanne Collins action-packed novel and feature films. Along with skewering the plot, characters, and themes from the original story, *Mockingjay: The Musical* is packed with upbeat mainstream pop songs with creative new lyrics.

Hunger Games: The Musical was a huge success at the 2015 Vancouver Fringe Festival with consistently sold-out shows making it one of the hottest tickets in town. Last year's *Catching Fire: The Musical* also packed out the house. District 13 Presents have assembled almost everyone from the original cast for this final go around.

"*Catching Fire: The Musical* is a hilarious, high-energy show featuring song, dance, joy, laughter, death, despair, CPR, sharks, slings, arrows and outrageous fortune. There is really no excuse not to see this show." —Tom Radcliffe, Vancouver Actor

Artistic Team: Produced, Written & Directed by **Mark Vandenberg**. Musical Direction by **Rick Colhoun**. Vocal Direction by **Jennifer Pielak**. Choreography by **Rebecca Piplica**. Costumes & Stage Management by **Linnea Perry**.

Featuring: **Jennifer Pielak, Riley Sandbeck, Amy Dauer, Morgan Churla, Matthew Simmons, Rebecca Piplica, Ryan Scramstad, Cecilia Rahoerason, Lisa Penz, Brad Rossington, Vic Ustare, and Rick Colhoun.**

Mockingjay: The Musical is part of Theatre Wire's 2017-2018 season. Filled with local favourites including Solo Collective Theatre, ITSAZOO Productions, and Zee Zee Theatre alongside up-and-comers Nebula Company Theatre and Little Mountain Lion and Fringe favourite Stéphanie Morin-Robert and Fringe Alumni, the season runs through May 27, 2018.

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