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2 at Next Stage

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5 The Vermont Suitcase Company returns to Next Stage
6 Arts Friday, July 10, with *My Lady of Whims*, an original theatrical
7 adventure inspired by the wit, excitement, and visual storytelling
8 of classic silent films. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7
9 p.m. at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill.
10 With his annual fundraising gala fast approaching, a
11 councilman faces a crisis: where is his daughter? If the

12 newspapers discover she has been spending time with artists and
13 free spirits down by the docks, his political ambitions could be
14 ruined. Enter Otto, a hired gun tasked with bringing her home
15 before scandal erupts. But Louisa the maid has plans of her own
16 and sees an opportunity to claim the reward for herself.

17 As the search unfolds, the stakes grow higher. A banker
18 threatens to demolish the historic hotel that serves as
19 headquarters for the colorful cast of characters, while secrets,
20 misunderstandings, and unexpected alliances propel the story
21 toward its thrilling conclusion.

22 Packed with action, intrigue, romance, international
23 affairs, and plenty of comedy, *My Lady of Whims* “captures the
24 charm and exuberance of silent-era storytelling while bringing a
25 fresh, contemporary spirit to the stage,” wrote organizers in a
26 news release.

27 Audiences can expect imaginative physical theater,
28 larger-than-life characters, and a fast-paced adventure filled with
29 twists and turns.

30 The Vermont Suitcase Company has become known for
31 creating inventive, family-friendly productions that blend humor,
32 movement, and storytelling. *My Lady of Whims* continues that
33 tradition with a delightful tale of rescue, redemption, and the
34 enduring power of community.

35 Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for youth 18 and under.
36 For more information and tickets, visit nextstagearts.org.

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