

Department of Theatre and Dance presents

Red Velvet

By Lolita Chakrabarti * Directed by Lesley Delmenico



Ira Aldridge as Othello by James Northcote, 1826

“Red Velvet” is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company.

London, 1833. Riots about the abolition of slavery in the colonies. The famed Covent Garden Theatre’s leading actor falls ill while playing Othello in the blackface tradition of the time. A young African-American, Ira Aldridge, steps into the role. Audiences are excited by his passionate portrayal of the Moor, but history tells another story. This award-winning 2012 play asks compelling questions about race and representation.

Thursday - Sunday, March 5-8, 2020
7:30 P.M. - Sunday at 2:00 P.M.
Flanagan Studio Theatre
Bucksbaum Center for the Arts

TICKETS: This event is free and open to the public. Tickets required and available at Bucksbaum box office beginning Noon Monday, 3.2.20.
ACCESSIBILITY QUESTIONS? regarding access or to request accommodation (advance notice encouraged), contact Joyce Bergan at 641-269-4378.
IMPORTANT: Minors under age 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Grinnell College is not responsible for supervision of minors on campus.



GRINNELL COLLEGE