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ACROSS THE POND by Miss Windsor



Hello, darlings!

Well I say, just a flicker of a candle and we're together again, and, on such a joyous occasion as today! Oh, how wonderful to be greeted with 'whoops' of delight, followed by the rhythmic sequence of fireworks, fused with the explosive 'pop' of champagne corks, and accompanied by the harmonious 'slurp' of bubbly from an elegant crystal vessel. Yes, darlings, it is indeed our first anniversary, and

we're obviously getting on rather swimmingly!

Moving on gracefully, "So, what the devil have you been up to since our last culinary rendezvous?" I hear you utter. Well darlings, as there are new and exciting changes afoot for Miss Windsor, I've been running around like a 'blue-arsed fly'! One is the first episode of my 'new-look,' chucklesome YouTube series – Miss Windsor's Delectables – guaranteed to ignite warm and nostalgic memories of Christmas past, but, will reveal more once furnished with your undivided attention.

Darlings, thankfully the majority of folk are 'all eyes and ears,' bar a small number of insubordinate individuals who appear keen to cause embarrassment to their contemporaries. Miss Windsor insists that you stop 'fannying' about - turn off the TV, put down that wine glass, refrain from stroking your immensely comforting 'pussy-cat,' and withdraw immediately from any other unmentionable activity! Whatever your desire, you may return to it later – much obliged.

Right, now you're all present, please cast one's mind back to last December when Mrs. Beeton – the English culinary marvel of yesteryear, kindly counselled Miss Windsor to recreate her rich and moist Christmas Pudding from 1906. Indeed, you may recall it was an extremely satisfying, yet cock-a-hoop – Oh, I say! operation that resulted in not only one, but two Christmas Puddings.

You'll be surprised to discover that instead

of devouring these culinary triumphs during the previous festive season, instead they were safely stowed away and spoon fed dark Lamb's Navy Rum all year round. You see, Miss Windsor had a vision for these beauties – and marked them to be showcased in her new YouTube series of Miss Windsor's Delectables – how exciting!

Darlings, one can imagine you're bursting at the seams with anticipation as you yearn for Miss Windsor to grace your screens with her merry presence. Well, the countdown has begun – tick tock, tick tock – and very soon you'll tune in to Miss Windsor's Delectables, and be glued to your screen, perched 'on the edge of your seat', as you watch Miss Windsor "Bringing food history alive, and theatre to your table!"

In the meantime whilst patiently waiting for our thrilling, festive, on-screen meet-up, please do acquaint yourselves with Miss Windsor's new-look, and indulge your pallet with a 'rousing' taste of extraordinary things to come! One suggests: SUBSCRIBE to my YouTube channel and be one of the first to view my promotional video. Followed by an enlightening visit to www.misswindsor.uk - please sign up to my newsletter, and I, well Miss Windsor, will keep you updated about her latest culinary escapades, including her new episode of Miss Windsor's Delectables.

Darlings, I'm ready to part company now. I've had a wonderful time and will continue to celebrate our anniversary in style! My drinks

trolley is calling me, so I'm off to imbibe a glass or two of champers or, maybe a drop of Lamb's Navy Rum.

Cheerio for now,

Miss Windsor X





Miss Windsor on set

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"There is an amazing tech show here; the light design is stunning and we are working on some of the most sophisticated lighting we've ever done," Duncan said. "We've rented a star drop and an LED show curtain, we've contracted with engineers to create LED-driven glowing amulets and we are working to create an LED flying Tinkerbell that should make people gasp."



Tyler Raymond Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Sommer Harris plays the role of Molly Aster in the WICA production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," which also features some innovative lighting and technical work.

Cast and crew say "Peter and the Starcatcher" is a perfect holiday activity for the whole family.

"It's a great way for the whole family to enjoy an activity that is fun," said Holden. "It has the heart-warming theme of 'family' at it's core."

"This show is definitely great for any viewer," said Link. "It's hilarious, entertaining, and a touching story everyone can connect to. We were given the world of Peter Pan to work with, but it's really a story that supports itself very well without the context of other *Peter Pan* stories."

"It allows us to offer something unexpected to the busy holiday offerings already in the community," said Duncan. "We are going to feature some before-the-show art projects for the younger crowd, show-themed drinks in the bar for all ages and I hope the community will add this to their holiday plans. It promises to be very special."

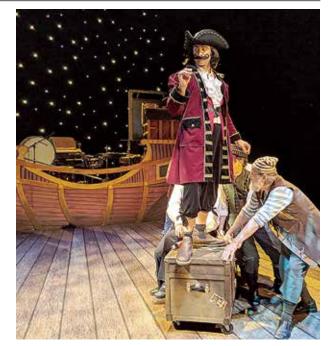
"This is a show for the whole family," said Johnson. "It has been so much fun to work with this wildly creative cast, to watch them create one over-the-top comic moment after another."

"Peter and the Starcatcher" opens Friday and runs through Dec. 16. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sunday. The piano bar opens one hour before each performance. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors and military, \$17 for youth and matinees are \$17. For information, go to www.wicaonline.org.

This is a production not to be missed, according to Hinkley.

"I guarantee you've never seen anything like it," he said.

"I hope the audience, while they laugh at all the schtick and the one-liners and the comedy, will recognize the very same poignant story that has made *Peter Pan* a classic for generations," said Johnson. "The magic is still there."



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Ethan Berkley is Black Stache in the WICA production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," opening Friday in Langley.

"I hope people will connect to what it's like to be a kid, and to remember how incredible having a limitless imagination can be," Link said.

"Peter and the Starcatcher is a fun, funny, charming and wildly entertaining production filled with imagination, humor, creativity and a profound heart-warming message," said Holden. "And it has pirates!"



