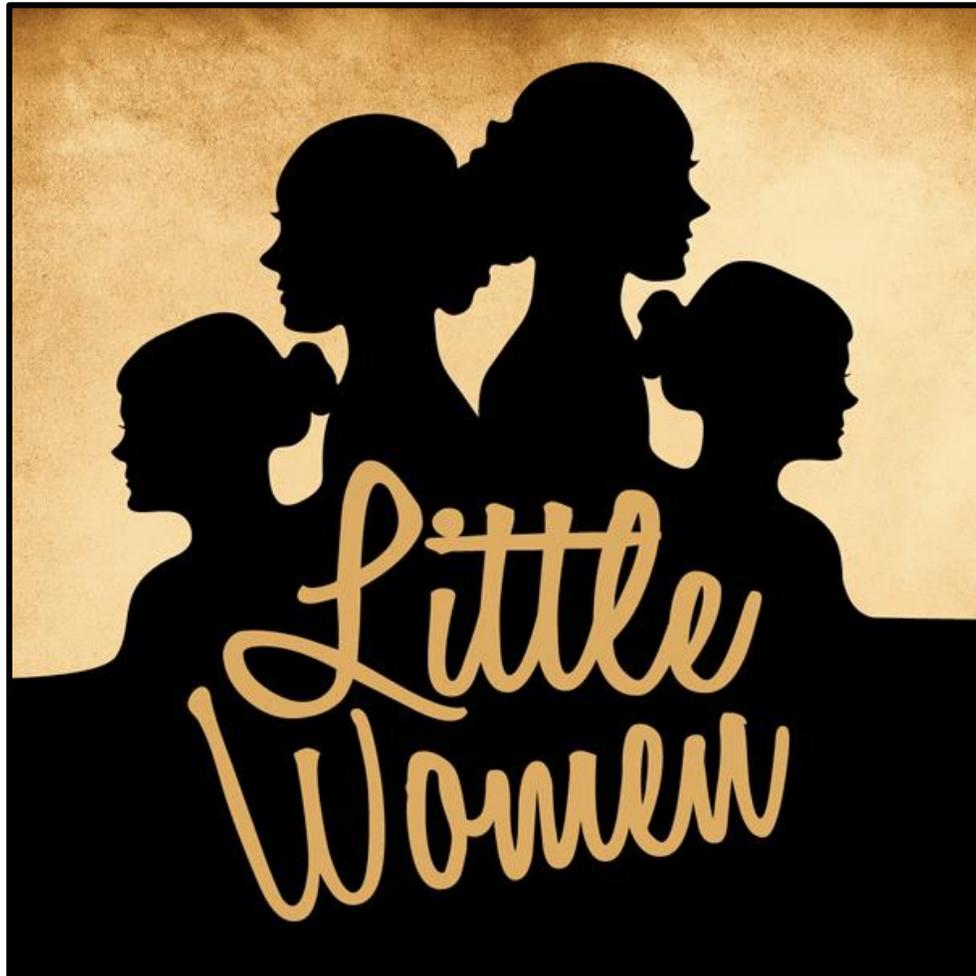


# PARKER ARTS



A dramatization in three acts of  
Louisa May Alcott's book for an all-women cast,  
By Kristin Laurence

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The Schoolhouse Theater

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## Director's Note

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*The story of Little Women is very familiar to many people the world over - especially women. The story is timeless and relatable – four young sisters trying to find their way in the world during a time of political turmoil, social classism and frightening illnesses. Not unlike today in many ways – our country is divided politically, social and financial classism abound, and cancer is taking the lives of young people at alarming rates.*



Director Laura Maerz

*Kristin Laurence's frequently performed adaptation of the novel features an eight-member all female cast and takes us through a portion of Alcott's novel from the introduction of the March sisters to the return of their father from the war as Beth's health begins to fail her. We see them learn to become independent, work their way through the perils of navigating society as young women, and most importantly, take care of one another through multiple joys and sorrows.*

*This story is one that everyone can connect with. We all have to manage the emotional ebbs and flows of life, the uncertainty of each day, and how we approach the process of truly finding ourselves. By taking away the specific period dress and the name of the war in this production, I hope to not only show how history repeats itself, but also to encourage the audience to fall into this timeless story and join the actors on stage in their journey.*

*So, as you observe these "little women", find yourself and those you love in this story and feel the pain, the joy, and most importantly – the love.*



Little Women Cast

## Post-Show Discussion

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- What does timeless mean?
- In the play, what felt timeless and what felt time-bound?
- What is the significance of clothing in Little Women?
- What is the equivalent to a gown, poplin, cuffs and gloves in today's modern dress? When would you wear this attire in past and current settings?
- Why do you think the director chose to take away the specific period of dress?

## Post-Show Discussion Cont.

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- What are the meanings of the following words and expression, and what are today's expressions for these meanings?

*plummy*

*Christopher Columbus*

*I like to fly about and cut capers*

*blaze of splendor*

*merry*

*bundles*

*pair of slippers*

*I feel queer*

*fiddlesticks*

*powder and lip salve*

*bosom enemy*

*wail*

*topsy-turvy*

- What is the meaning of "Poverty never daunts sincere love."?
- What do you think Godey's *Lady Book* and Mother's *Doctor Book* contained?
- Why would Marmee tell her daughters the story of the Witch Doctor?

*Once upon a time there were four girls. They had enough to eat and drink and wear, and many comforts, kind friends and parents, who loved them dearly, and yet they were often discontented. They were constantly saying, "If we only had this or that." So they asked an old woman what magic spell they could use to make them happy, and she said, "When you feel discontented, think over your blessings." Being sensible girls, they decided to try her advice, and soon were surprised to see how well off they were. And I believe they were never disappointed in the magic spell or sorry they took the old woman's advice.*