



***Dacha Theatre brings their latest Party of a Show to 12th Ave Arts this Spring 2025!***

*Kate Hamill's EMMA* plays at the 12th Avenue Arts: Studio April 3rd-19th, 2025

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Dacha Theatre is thrilled to present Kate Hamill's *Emma*, based on the novel by Jane Austen and directed by local Seattle-theatre actor and director, Sophia Franzella, who shares her take on this story:

*"Jane Austen turns 250 in 2025, and a party seems like the perfect way to honor her legacy and brilliance!! Writer Kate Hamill has paid homage to Ms. Austen by taking her source material (Emma) and turning-up the dial with comedically-broader versions of her characters and a more contemporary, feminist point of view. For this play, we want you to come to the theatre as yourself, laugh and play together, and party like we once did before our world became soOOOOoOooO AllWorkNoPlay. Dress in your brightest colors, burn your metaphorical bras (or real ones), and know that you are \*most definitely\* welcome to this theatrical bash that Jane Austen deserved!!"*

This isn't your grandmother's *Emma*! A playful, bold and inspiring take on the beloved classic novel, Hamill's script rides the line between zany comedy and the lavish, rom-com feeling we've come to know and love from the likes of the Bridgerton franchise.

Dacha's production invites you to indulge in the numerous balls and parties of Austen's landscape with an onstage seating option that plunges the audience into the heart of the action. Guests in immersive seats might act as a character's confidante, help choose a character's accessory, or even enjoy a punch toast with the leading lady. Riser seating is also available for more traditional theatre goers who prefer to watch the chaos unfold from the comfort of their seats. Live music will underscore this wild show that will feature an ensemble of 10 performers playing the many zany characters you will recognize from the original Austen novel.

*EMMA* opens April 3rd and runs through April 19th at the 12th Avenue Arts Studio Theatre, on Capitol Hill. Tickets are available on a sliding scale, with tiered pricing ranging from \$25 to \$75 and a pay-what-you-can option available for all performances. The show features a virtuosic ensemble of 10 actors playing multiple roles to bring to life Austen's cast of madcap characters, and live band as well! Tickets are available online at [www.dachatheatre.com/emma](http://www.dachatheatre.com/emma)

Founded in 2016, Dacha Theatre is a Seattle-based theater company that specializes in devised, immersive, and playful work. Kate Hamill's *Emma* is the second installment of Dacha's 9th season.

More information, including promotional photos and details about our cast and creative team, can be found in our press room: [dachatheatre.com/emma-press](http://dachatheatre.com/emma-press)