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***"Grade A" Cast Announced for Wisconsin Premiere  
of The Butcher of Baraboo  
Presented by the Kathie Rasmussen Women's Theatre***

**Madison, WI.** Take a vegetarian, an up-and-coming rock star, a veteran actor, a civil war re-enactor, a publishing guru, add a cleaver and you have the ambitious cast of the Kathie Rasmussen Women's Theatre's upcoming state premiere of *The Butcher of Baraboo*, opening Friday, April 9 at Tapit/networks (1957 Winnebago Street, Madison).

In this comedy-drama by Marisa Wegrzyn, lives are upturned when the Baraboo butcher's husband mysteriously disappears. Everyone in her family has a theory—and a motive. As the story unfolds, hilarious superficial externalities give way to dark secrets.

Vegetarian Peggy Rosin is set to star as Valerie, the town's butcher. The cast includes Heather Abney, singer-songwriter for local band, The Catalog Babies, who make her acting debut as Valerie's sarcastic daughter. Sarah Whelan, one of Madison's most respected veteran actors, portrays a smart-talking cop and Valerie's sister-in-law. Rounding out the cast are Valerie's brother and his wife, played by experienced actors Carl Sirotzki, taking a break from his ongoing role as a surgeon in civil war reenactments, and Stephanie Robey, who by day is the owner of the book publishing company Overdue Books.

Kristin Forde, after recent leading roles as the vampire in "Vamp" and Sappho's lover in "Sappho in Love," takes the director's chair for the second time, the first for a full-length play. Co-producers Jan Levine Thal and Alanna Medearis rave about the show. Medearis commented,

"We are blessed with a wildly talented cast and director. Our company gives women opportunities to take creative leadership in a field where men still dominate. This production showcases raw, previously untapped female talent and demonstrates how passion, hard work and nurturing can result in a hilarious yet thoughtful production any company would be proud to produce."

*The Kathie Rasmussen Women's Theatre is a non-profit theater company established in 2008 with the mission to produce work that enhances women's artistic, social, and personal well-being and to entertain and educate participants and audience about all aspects of theater including its literature.*

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