

By Trish Cooper and Sam Vint **Directed by Eric Coates**

Royal MTC presents the world premiere of *The Comeback* April 25 – May 18 | Preview on April 24 John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG, April 11, 2024 – When Jesse falls for Adam, neither has any idea what the future holds. But when they get pregnant and face the idea of raising a child, they must navigate the awkward and sometimes hilarious relationship between their Métis and settler families.

Adam's family is rowdy and down-to-earth, but a legacy of racism has left its scars. Jesse wants to understand Adam, but even he doesn't know who he really is. Until he decides to write a play and spark his family's comeback.

The Comeback is a comedic exploration of love and the dynamics of family. It delves into the complexities and affection that exist within a spirited and often hilarious family. Drawing inspiration from the playwrights' own families and their shared histories, the story weaves a tale that is both entertaining and heartfelt. While not a completely true story, it is a tribute to the power of love and the importance of family bonds.

The Comeback stars Calla Adubofour-Poku as Danielle, Mariam Bernstein as Gigi, Damien Broomes as Ben, Gwendolyn Collins as Jesse, Myles Grantham as Finn, Marsha Knight as Lynn, Michael Lawrenchuk as Wilbur / Uncle Bear, Tracey Nepinak as Aunty Leona, Melanie Whyte as Carol and Cory Wojcik as Adam.

The creative team features Director / Production Dramaturg Eric Coates, Set Designer Brian Perchaluk, Costume Designer Joseph Abetria, Lighting Designer Larry Isacoff, Music & Sound Designer Daniel Roy, Cultural Consultant Val Vint, Assistant Director Charlene Van Buekenhout, Associate Costume Designer Amy McPherson, Stage Manager Michael Duggan, Assistant Stage Manager Ridge Romanishen, Apprentice Stage Manager Meaghan Fletcher, Child Supervisor Devon Helm.

Tickets for The Comeback start at \$29 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to select media on April 24 and is also available on request. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on April 23. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.

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