

*A co-production with Mirvish Productions*

# **VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE**

By **Christopher Durang**

**February 12 – March 7, 2015 | Preview February 11**

*John Hirsch Mainstage*

**“Brainy and witty and clever and cute” - *Variety***

**WINNIPEG, February 4, 2015** – What do you get when you take themes and characters from Anton Chekhov’s most famous works and throw them into a blender? Christopher Durang serves up the perfect cocktail to chase away the winter blues with his hilarious Tony Award-winning comedy **VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE**, playing at the Royal MTC Mainstage from February 12 to March 7.

In this contemporary mash-up of Chekhov plays that took Broadway by storm last year, siblings Vanya and Sonia are left with little but each other after sacrificing their adult lives to care for their ailing parents. But when their sister Masha, an aging actress, arrives with unsettling news and her twenty-something boy toy Spike in tow, their static lives are thrown for a loop.

Produced in co-production with Mirvish Productions, **VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE** will play at the Panasonic Theatre from March 14 – April 5 following the Winnipeg run.

**VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE** stars **Steven Sutcliffe** as Vanya, **Fiona Reid** as Sonia, **Jennifer Dale** as Masha, **Luke Humphrey** as Spike, **Ellen Denny** as Nina and **Audrey Dwyer** as Cassandra.

The creative team includes Director **Dean Paul Gibson**, Set & Costume Designer **Sue LePage**, Lighting Designer **Scott Henderson**, Sound Designer **Peter McBoyle**, Assistant Director **CindyMarie Small**, Stage Manager **Erin Fitzgerald**, Assistant Stage Manager **Melissa Novacosky** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Matthew Legacé**.

**Tickets for VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE** start at \$25 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 [www.royalmtc.ca](http://www.royalmtc.ca). Are you 25 and under? A limited number of \$15 tickets are available at noon on the day of the performance, unless the performance is sold out. For more information, visit [www.royalmtc.ca/rush](http://www.royalmtc.ca/rush).

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**“Hugely entertaining...deliciously madcap!” - USA Today**

## **MEDIA CALL**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 at 2pm**

John Hirsch Mainstage  
174 Market Ave

A scene from **VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE** will be performed on the John Hirsch Mainstage with interviews immediately following.

**RSVP BY NOON on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 to:**

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## **PRODUCTION PHOTOS:**

A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on February 10. To access these photos, visit the **MEDIA CENTRE** at <http://www.royalmtc.ca/mediacentre>.

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