

By Paula Vogel  
Directed by Kelly Thornton

***INDECENT is an arresting play about forbidden love, artistic censorship and the enduring power of theatre.***

**February 13 - March 8 | Preview on February 12**

*John Hirsch Mainstage*

**WINNIPEG, January 21, 2025** – Told through music, song, and dance, *Indecent* brings a powerful and evocative story to the Mainstage. From Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright Paula Vogel comes a stunning play about one of the most shocking events in theatre history. *Indecent* tells the true story of the rise and explosive demise of Sholem Asch's *God of Vengeance*. Celebrated across Europe and in New York's Yiddish theatre, when the play makes its English language transfer to Broadway in 1923, it proves too scandalous, and the entire company are arrested on the grounds of obscenity.

Royal MTC's Artistic Director Kelly Thornton directs: "*Indecent* is more pertinent now than when it made its Broadway debut in 2017. It deals with themes of antisemitism, homophobia, anti-immigration and censorship, and speaks to me not only as a love letter to the theatre, but to the power of art in a fractured society."

*Indecent* stars **Josh Bellan** as The Ingenue / Avram, **Mariam Bernstein** as The Elder / Vera, **Andrew Cecon** as The Middle / Mendel, **Amy Lee** as The Middle / Halina, **Katherine Matlashewski** as The Ingenue / Chana, **Dov Mickelson** as The Elder / Otto, **Alex Poch Goldin** as The Stage Manager / Lemml, **Shiloh Hiebert** as Nelly Friedman / Violin, **Myron Schultz** as Mayer Balsam / Clarinet and **Orit Shimoni** as Mira Godowsky / Accordion.

The creative team features Director **Kelly Thornton**, Vocal Director & Music Liaison **Grace Hrabi**, Choreographer **Rachel Cooper**, Set Designer **Scott Penner**, Costume Designer **Joseph Abetria**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Justin Stadnyk**, Intimacy Director **Carly Rackal**, Yiddish Cultural Consultant **Itay Zutra**, Assistant Director **Cora Matheson**, Apprentice Costume Designer **Amelia Carlson**, Stage Manager **Zahra Larche**, Assistant Stage Manager **Angela Marshall**, Apprentice Stage Manager **Tia Morann**.

*Indecent* is sponsored by The Asper Foundation & Gail Asper Family Foundation.

Tickets for *Indecent* start at **\$29.50** plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537 or visit [RoyalMTC.ca](http://RoyalMTC.ca).

The Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre produces 10 plays on two stages, a regional tour, a wide range of youth programming and two festivals: Pimootayowin: A Festival of New Work and North America's second-largest Fringe, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival.

B-roll will be sent to select media on **February 14** and is also available on request. A selection of photos will be available for download from our website on **February 12**. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at [royalmtc.ca/mediacentre](http://royalmtc.ca/mediacentre).

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