

Casey and Diana

MEDIA RELEASE

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Directed by Andrew Kushnir
A co-production with Theatre Aquarius

CASEY AND DIANA shares a tremendously moving story of love and courage at the heart of an epidemic

March 20 – April 12 | Preview on April 19

John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG, March 5, 2025 – Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre brings *Casey & Diana*, one of the most talked-about new Canadian plays, to prairie audiences this spring. Originally produced by the Stratford Festival in 2023, it showcased the power of community, compassion, and the human spirit in the face of the AIDs crisis. This co-production with Theatre Aquarius features Winnipeg's Cathrine Wreford, who takes on the iconic role of Princess Diana in a cast of six that delivers a story filled with courage, humour and perseverance.

In addition to sharing this powerful story, Royal MTC is fostering community connections with Nine Circles Community Health Centre. This organization provides low barrier, culturally safe prevention services, comprehensive care, treatment, advocacy and education for Manitobans susceptible to, or living with HIV and works to eliminate the stigma and advocates for health equities. Since *Casey & Diana* is a true story from Toronto, Canada, this connection provides audiences a chance to learn more about Manitoba's history with the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the positive impact Nine Circles Community Health Centre is making.

Andrew Kushnir directs: *"I hope that we can let our losses speak to one another through this play; speak, and laugh, and cry, and remember, and somehow, together, in the dark, feel that little bit lighter."*

Casey and Diana stars **Sharon Bajer** as Marjorie, **Noah Beemer** as Andrew, **Alicia Johnston** as Pauline, **Gloria Mampuya** as Vera, **Gregory Prest** as Thomas and **Catherine Wreford** as Diana.

The creative team features Director **Andrew Kushnir**, Set & Costume Designer **Joshua Quinlan**, Lighting Designer **Logan Raju Cracknell**, Composer & Sound Designer **Ashley Au**, Fight Director Geoff Scovell, Dialect Coach **Rebecca Cuthbertson**, Assistant Director **Tara Rosling**, Stage Manager **Michael Hart**, Assistant Stage Manager **Samantha Desiree**, Apprentice Stage Manager **Samantha Sage**.

Tickets for *Casey and Diana* 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.

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.

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