

World Premiere
By Pamela Mala Sinha
Directed by Alan Dilworth
In association with Necessary Angel Theatre Company

November 3 - 19 | Preview November 2
Tom Hendry Warehouse

WINNIPEG, October 17, 2022 – Royal MTC welcomes audiences back to the Tom Hendry Warehouse and back in time to 1970s Winnipeg with **New**.

An inspiring story of risking it all and finding yourself, **New** tells the story of six immigrants from India as they grapple with love and loneliness and what it means to be seen as “new” in the place you call home. In torpedo bras and skinny ties, and set against a backdrop of social upheaval, a doctor, a dancer, a professor, two students and a bride are all in search of freedom. But what they find is much greater than what they had expected.

Written by the Dora Mavor Moore Award-winning playwright and actress Pamela Mala Sinha, **New** came from a desire to represent her parents' generation as the young people they were when they first came to Canada; a very particular time in the shaping of our country. Of her inspiration she says, “As I looked through old albums of my parents and their friends in their early days in Winnipeg, I saw photos of vibrant, cigarette-holding, scotch-drinking couples in filmy chiffon saris and skinny ties that looked way cooler than the depictions of ‘brown’ immigrants that inundate present popular culture. Over time these friends became ‘family’ to each other - one that my generation inherited... connected not by blood but by love.”

New stars **Fuad Ahmed** as Sachin, **Shelly Antony** as Ash, **Dalal Badr** as Aisha, **Alicia Johnston** as Abby/Emcee, **Omar Alex Khan** as Qasim, **Pamela Mala Sinha** as Sita and **Mirabella Sundar Singh** as Nuzha.

The creative team features Playwright **Pamela Mala Sinha**, Director **Alan Dilworth**, Set Designer **Lorenzo Savoini**, Costume Designer **Michelle Bohn**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **John Gzowski**, Intimacy Director **Sharon Bajer**, Cultural Consultant **Rubena Sinha**, Apprentice Director **Jodi Kristjanson**, Stage Manager **Michael Duggan** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Tori Popp**.

Tickets for **New** 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 royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to media on November 2. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on November 2. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre. USERNAME: media PASSWORD: images.

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