

# First Métis Man OF ODESA

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By Matthew MacKenzie and Mariya Khomutova  
Directed by Lianna Makuch  
A Punctuate! Theatre Production

***First Métis Man of Odesa* will show you that love always finds a way**  
**November 2-18 | Preview on November 1**  
*Tom Hendry Warehouse*

**WINNIPEG, October 11, 2023 – *First Métis Man of Odesa*** is a poignant tale told in tandem by Métis playwright Matthew MacKenzie and celebrated Ukrainian actress Mariya Khomutova. The play details their international love affair and the inevitable hardships that come with navigating relationships, especially those that transcend continents, pandemics, life-changing emojis and war.

Based on their own stranger-than-fiction lives, MacKenzie and Khomutova have continued to refine this piece as their story unfolds. The piece has toured across Canada and netted three Dora Mavor Moore Awards this year, including Outstanding Production in the Independent Theatre Division.

***First Métis Man of Odesa*** stars **Matthew MacKenzie** as Matt and **Mariya Khomutova** as Masha.

The creative team features Director **Lianna Makuch**, Production Designer **Daniela Masellis**, Projection Designer **Amelia Scott**, Composer **Daraba**, Sound Designer **Aaron Macri**, Choreographer **Krista Lin**, Dramaturg **Matt McGeachy**, Stage Manager **Lore Green**, Production Manager & Technical Director **Trent Crosby**, Associate Designer **Cameron Fraser**, design consultation & scenic artwork by **Dawn Marie Marchand**, beadwork by **Krista Leddy & Maria Nelson**, Producer **Sheiny Satanove**, Associate Producer **Alyson Dicey**, Head Scenic Painter **Emily Randall**, Painters **Ashley Hiibner & Amy Powell**, drape stitching by **Theatre Garage** and fabrication by **art lab**.

Tickets for ***First Métis Man of Odesa*** 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](http://royalmtc.ca).

[B-roll for the show is available here.](#)

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