

Hollywood Writer Returns to the Calgary Stage to Premiere a Hilarious and Penetrating Story

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February 4th – March 8th, 2009 – Alberta Theatre Projects proudly presents *The Good Egg* as part of the **23rd Annual Enbridge playRites Festival**, a sharp and smart comedy about the potency of our youth by Michael Lewis MacLennan.

Mr. MacLennan, the same playwright who penned *Grace* (PanCanadian playRites Festival 1998), which went on to win the Theatre BC National Playwriting Competition and has been produced across Canada and internationally, is premiering at Alberta Theatre Projects with a sophisticated and funny comedy, *The Good Egg*. The Canadian playwright, screenwriter and television producer is renowned for his dark humour, crackling dialogue and wicked plot turns. He is a two-time finalist for Canada's prestigious Governor General's Award and the only playwright to win the Herman Voaden National Playwriting Award twice. As a television writer, editor and producer, MacLennan has worked on CBC's *Wind at my Back*, the PBS Series *Anne of Green Gables*, the BBC/TV Series *Super Rubert*, on Showtime/Showcase's *Queer as Folk* and as a creator/executive producer of *Godiva's* and *JPOD*.

Described by reviewers as a "pinball wizard working his favourite table", Michael Lewis MacLennan's work always delivers a riveting and hilarious evening of theatre. His new play, *The Good Egg*, provides a penetrating look at the taboo issues surrounding infertility while offering achingly real portraits of characters that are both funny and touching.

Brodie and Robin are desperate to have a baby, but complications force them to consider alternative ways of making a family. As Robin complains, "*There happens to be two things a woman can't slow down – the wrinkles on her elbows and her ovaries drying up.*" In their hilarious search for the perfect donor, they encounter Wade, a young man who has everything they're looking for. But as the three discover, anything worth doing with another person is bound to get messy. Mr. MacLennan delivers another masterpiece with sharp, potent imagery and characters who are thrillingly unpredictable.

The Good Egg runs from **February 6th – March 8th, 2009**, with shows Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 PM. All performances on the ConocoPhillips STAGE in the Martha Cohen Theatre, 215 – 8 Ave SE. For tickets, please call the **Ticket Office at Alberta Theatre Projects (403) 294-7402**, Ticketmaster at (403) 299-8888 or visit www.ATPLive.com.
(Audience Advisory: Mature Themes and Partial Nudity)

CAST

Wade: **Tyrell Crews**
Brodie: **David Keeley**
Robin: **Helen Taylor**

COMPANY

Director: **Gina Wilkinson**
Set Design: **Scott Reid**
Costume Design: **Jenifer Darbellay**
Sound Design/Composer: **Dewi Wood**
Lighting Design: **David Fraser**
Fight Director: **Haysam Kadri**
Dramaturg: **Amy Lynn Strilchuk**
Stage Manager: **Marcie Januska**
Assistant Stage Manager: **Heather Rycraft**

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