

A Tantalizing Puzzle for the Senses Penned by Beloved Playwright Captivates Audiences

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February 4th – March 8th, 2009 – Alberta Theatre Projects proudly presents *The Clockmaker* by Stephen Massicotte, a hilarious and touching romantic puzzle, premiering as part of the 23rd Annual Enbridge playRites Festival.

There are few writers with the ability to write timeless plays that offer something for all tastes. But Calgary's own beloved playwright, Stephen Massicotte, has written a wildly impulsive brainteaser that offers something for everyone: a good mystery, an enchanting love story and a madcap comedy.

Mr. Massicotte's long list of awards include winner of the 2000 Alberta Playwriting Competition, the 2002 Betty Mitchell Award for Best New Play and the 2003 Alberta Book Award for Drama. His play *Mary's Wedding* (premiered at Alberta Theatre Projects' Enbridge playRites Festival in 2002) has enjoyed 37 productions worldwide and continues to be produced in English and French throughout Canada, the US and the UK. Last season, Mr. Massicotte's recent play, *The Oxford Roof Climbers Rebellion*, enjoyed a successful run off Broadway. His film writing credits include the feature films *Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning* and *The Dark*. Couple Mr. Massicotte's resume with an all-star creative team, including Artistic Director **Bob White** (in his final directorial turn at Alberta Theatre Projects) as Director, local stage favourites **Christian Goutsis**, **Tyrell Crews**, **Esther Purves-Smith** and the Stratford Festival's **David Keeley** and this production is primed to be an audience favourite.

Mysterious worlds unfold revealing a puzzle to be solved as Heinrich and Frieda race to discover the truth about their identities, their past and their extraordinary connection to each other. How can something so strange seem so familiar? Can these two make sense of their wildly impulsive journey before it's too late? And through intense moments of sadness and love, what will they choose as their fate? A beautiful tapestry is woven into an extraordinary ending.

The Clockmaker runs from **February 4th – March 8th, 2009**, with shows Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and with additional matinee showings on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 PM. All performances are on the ConocoPhillips STAGE in the Martha Cohen Theatre, 215 – 8 Ave SE. For tickets, please call the Alberta Theatre Projects **Ticket Office at (403) 294-7402**, Ticketmaster at (403) 299-8888 or visit www.ATPLive.com. (Audience Advisory: Mature Themes)

CAST

Monsieur Pierre: **Tyrell Crews**
Heinrich Mann: **Christian Goutsis**
Adolphus: **David Keeley**
Frieda: **Esther Purves-Smith**

COMPANY

Director: **Bob White**
Set Design: **Scott Reid**
Costume Design: **Jenifer Darbellay**
Lighting Design: **David Fraser**
Sound Design/Composer: **Kevin McGugan**
Fight Director: **Haysam Kadri**
Dramaturg: **Vicki Stroich**
Assistant Director: **Jamie Dunsdon**
Stage Manager: **Marcie Januska**
Assistant Stage Manager: **Heather Rycraft**

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