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## ***The Romeo Initiative: An illusion of deceit***

**Calgary, AB** – Alberta Theatre Projects is proud to present the World Premiere of *The Romeo Initiative* by Trina Davies, a complex story of romance in the grey world of Cold War Germany.

As part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays, *The Romeo Initiative* is a sexy and intriguing love story about a lonely secretary, a compelling international aid worker and an alluring young woman. Together they discover that the dance of love can be very dangerous indeed. How far would you go for your own happiness?

Full of nervous suspense, this story will have you questioning what is real and how powerful the human connection can truly be.

### **Cast and Creative Team**

Lena Hahn: **Jamie Konchak**

Markus Richter: **Christian Goutsis**

Karin Maynard: **Kira Bradley**

Playwright: **Trina Davies**

Director: **Glenda Stirling**

Set Designer: **Scott Reid**

Costume Designer: **Jen Darbellay**

Lighting Designer: **David Fraser**

Sound Designer/Composer: **Kevin McGugan**

Dramaturg: **Amy Lynn Strilchuk**

PSM: **Dianne Goodman**

Stage Manager: **Marcie Januska**

Assistant Stage Manager: **Tuled Giovanazzi**

Rehearsal ASM: **Heather Rycraft**

Trina Davies is an actor, writer and director. She is currently a member of the Alberta Playwrights Network, the Playwrights Theatre Centre and the Playwrights Guild of Canada. She won the 2008 Enbridge playRites Award, and her play *Shatter* won the

Alberta Theatre Projects 24 hour Playwriting Competition in 2003. Her plays have been read and/or performed at the Globe Theatre (Regina); Theatre Network (Edmonton); Citadel Theatre (Edmonton); Workshop West Theatre (Edmonton); Edmonton International Fringe Festival; Alberta Theatre Projects (Calgary); Ship's Company (Parrsboro, Nova Scotia); Dancing Sky Theatre (Saskatchewan), Playwrights Theatre Centre (Vancouver); and CanStage (Toronto).

***The Romeo Initiative*** by Trina Davies, runs from **February 2 – March 6, 2011** as part of the **25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays**, with curtain times at 7:30 pm Tuesday through Saturday, and matinees at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Check calendar for show times.

The **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays** also includes ***Heartbreaker*** by Morwyn Brebner, ***Nisei Blue*** by Mieko Ouchi, and in the Stage 2 (Big Secret Theatre) ***300 TAPES*** by Public Recordings, co-produced by Public Recordings with Alberta Theatre Projects and The Theatre Centre.

Tickets start at \$31. Tickets can be bought online at [ATPlive.com](http://ATPlive.com) or by calling 403-294-7402.

Also, don't miss the playRites Salon, ***Theatre of Conversation: A peek behind the curtain of the Enbridge playRites Festival***, on January 12, 2011 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Martha Cohen Theatre. Tickets are complimentary for this event, which will give you a glimpse of things to come in our 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays.

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