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WHAT HAPPENS IN *TYLAND* STAYS IN *TYLAND*

Socio-political thriller dares to scare

Calgary, AB- Greg MacArthur's *Tyland* is a thrilling and suspenseful journey into uncharted territory. Two conflicting personalities come face to face in the frozen north during the 24th Annual Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays.

After Ami is arrested on mischief charges, she has the option of paying fines she can't afford, or being relocated to live on a small northern island. The island is part of a government-run program trying to claim sovereignty in the far north by populating it with women and children.

Ami is paired with Karen, and the relationship between the two women quickly becomes strained and conflicted. When they are rocked by incredible tragedy, they must learn to cope with one another and survive their new, unusual and solitary world.

Full of suspense and tension, *Tyland* tests our ideas and beliefs on ownership, boundaries, and the search for meaning in our own lives.

Now in its 24th year, the Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays began as part of the Olympic Arts Festival, and over the years, has become known for its bold programming, while supporting playwrights and artists from across the country.

Cast and Characters

Karen: **Jan Alexandra Smith**
Ami: **Celine Stubel**
Philip: **Kevin Corey**
Tyler: **Geoffrey Brown**
Director: **Vanessa Porteous**
Dramaturg: **Amy Lynn Strilchuk**
Set Design: **Scott Reid**
Costume Design: **Jenifer Darbellay**
Lighting Design: **David Fraser**
Composer: **Peter Moller**
Fight Director: **Haysam Kadri**

Production Stage Manager: **Dianne Goodman**
Stage Manager: **Kelly Lunn**
Assistant Stage Manager: **Heather Rycraft**
University of Calgary Intern: **Michaela Jeffery**

Tyland by **Greg MacArthur** runs from **February 3 – March 7, 2010** as part of the 24th Annual 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.

The 24th Annual Enbridge playRites Festival of New Canadian Plays also includes **Abraham Lincoln Goes to the Theatre** by Larry Tremblay, translated by Chantal Bilodeau, **How Do I Love Thee?** by Florence Gibson Mac Donald, and on Stage 2 (Big Secret Theatre) **The Highest Step in the World** by David van Belle and Eric Rose, in association with Ghost River Theatre.

Tickets start at \$22. Tickets can be bought online at ATPlive.com or by calling 403-294-7402.

A Media Call will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at noon, with more information to follow.

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