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MEDIA RELEASE

GETTING OVER GETTING DUMPED NEVER SO MUCH FUN *BITTERGIRL – THE MUSICAL in The Club at the Citadel*

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(EDMONTON) Few among us have avoided the experience of being dumped by someone we loved (or thought loved us.) This universally shared experience has fuelled **Bittergirl** into a great Canadian success story. That, and the hilarious humour infused by the show's three creators.

In 1999, three writers and actresses, **Annabel (Griffiths) Fitzsimmons**, **Alison Lawrence**, and **Mary Francis Moore**, met in Toronto – one divorced, one just dumped by her long time live-in, and one facing yet another failed short term romance. The women took their outrageous and sometimes unbelievable experiences and turned them into onstage hilarity in what quickly became the smash-hit play *bittergirl*. The play enjoyed three sold-out runs in Toronto as well as performances in London, England, and off-Broadway in New York. Next came a successful book, entitled **BITTERGIRL: Getting Over Getting Dumped**, published by Penguin Books. The trio weren't done yet. In June 2015, *Bittergirl – the musical* was premiered at the Charlottetown Festival, where it played to sold-out houses and critical raves.

The Citadel Theatre is excited to present *Bittergirl – the musical* in our fabulous cabaret venue The Club, from October 4th through November 6th, 2016, featuring a dynamite cast of talented singers/actors. **Jay Davis**, who thrilled Citadel audiences last fall as Gabriel in the musical *Evangeline*, plays "D – Everyman," a composite of every guy who's ever used a lame excuse to get out of a relationship. **Amanda LeBlanc** (Citadel: *Pride and Prejudice*), an actress and recording artist from Nova Scotia, plays Girl "A." **Tara Jackson** (Citadel debut), a tremendous musical theatre talent from Calgary seen recently in Edmonton in *Hair*, plays Girl "B." **Rebecca Auerbach** (Citadel debut), an award-winning actor, singer/songwriter and playwright, is Girl "C." **Adam Brazier**, the Artistic Director of the Confederation Centre of the Arts and the Charlottetown Festival, is directing.

The show is packed full of great hit songs from Sixties girl groups: *I Hear A Symphony, Where Did Our Love Go, Mama Said, Ain't No Mountain High Enough, Be My Baby, Always Something There To Remind Me, I Will Survive, Keep Me Hanging On*, and more.

NOTICE OF MEDIA CALL:

A media call is currently scheduled for 1:30 PM, Wednesday, October 5, 2016, in The Club. A short selected scene will be performed three times so that videographers can obtain footage of the show.

Members of the Cast and Creative Team will be available for interviews.

Show creators Annabel Fitzsimmons, Alison Lawrence and Mary Francis Moore are in Edmonton through October 6th and are available for interviews.

To RSVP your attendance at Media Call or for more information contact:

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Tickets are available at www.citadeltheatre.com or through the box office at 780.425.1820. Tickets start at just \$30 plus fees and GST.

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