

## THIS "WOOLF" STILL HAS PLENTY OF BITE

January 22, 2016

(EDMONTON) Edmonton theatre-lovers will have a rare opportunity to see one of the great plays of the modern stage performed by some of Canada's finest actors, when ***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*** starts Preview Performances tomorrow evening at the Citadel Theatre.

The **Edward Albee** classic has been both acclaimed and vilified since its inception in 1962. The following year, it won a Tony Award and a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play. When the jury for the Pulitzer Drama Prize also chose it for Best Play, however, the Pulitzer board of trustees rejected the jury's choice over the play's then-controversial use of profanity and sexual themes. The jury quit in protest and no Pulitzer Drama Prize was awarded that year.

***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*** was the Citadel Theatre's very first production when the theatre opened in November, 1965. Citadel founder **Joe Shoctor** was quite conscious that the play's notoriety would serve to get all of Edmonton talking about the city's new playhouse. Citadel Artistic Director **Bob Baker** thought it fitting to produce the play again in the theatre's 50th Anniversary Season as an homage to its founder.

***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*** is directed by **James MacDonald**, who directed *Venus in Furlast* season and *Clybourne Park* the year before. The cast features **Brenda Robins** (Citadel: *August: Osage County*, *The Constant Wife*, *Present Laughter*) as Martha, **Tom Rooney** (Citadel: *Who Has Seen the Wind*) as George, **Ava Jane Markus** (Citadel: *Hunchback*) as Honey and **Jay Clift** (Citadel debut) as Nick.

### Creative Team

**James MacDonald**, Director  
**Leslie Frankish**, Set and Costume Designer  
**Narda McCarroll**, Lighting Designer  
**Michelle Chan**, Stage Manager  
**Sang-Sang Lee**, Assistant SM

January 23 – February 13, 2016

Tickets start at just \$30 and are available at [www.citadeltheatre.com](http://www.citadeltheatre.com) or by phone at 780.425.1820.

**Audience Advisory** Recommended for ages 15+

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### **MEDIA CALL:**

The media call for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* is 1:00 PM, Tuesday 26, 2016, in the Shoctor Theatre. We will present one scene two or three times, followed by interviews with cast and creative team.



To RSVP to the media call or for more information, please contact:

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