

MEDIA RELEASE

Fast-paced, heart-racing action, *Heist* comes to The Citadel Theatre

March 6, 2025

Edmonton, Alberta – *Heist* begins at The Citadel this month and is the action, adventure theatrical audiences will not want to miss.

The team comes together to pull off one last score, a jewel worth millions, but fate, chance and luck have other plans. Inspired by caper films like *Ocean's Eleven*, *Heist* is a fast-paced, heart-racing play about a diamond heist gone wrong. Can this band of criminals pull off the perfect robbery? Full of diamonds, guns, lasers, betrayal and an incredible cast of characters.

Written by **Arun Lakra**, *Heist* was originally developed in the 2022 Playwright's Lab and read at Collider Festival – an annual new play development festival at the Citadel that brings to life new stories and scripts for larger stages. This play is directed by **Haysum Kadri**, Artistic Director of Alberta Theatre Projects, who has directed plays in theatres across the country. *Heist* will be Kadri's first play at The Citadel.

Of the six-person cast, Edmonton audiences will recognize **Alexander Ariate** (*The Play That Goes Wrong*, *The Three Musketeers*), **Belinda Cornish** (*Peter Pan Goes Wrong*), and **Priya Narine** (*The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Carol*). Making their Citadel debuts are **Devin MacKinnon**, **Callan McKenna Potter** and **Gillian Moon**.

This production blends on-stage theatrics and striking visuals on screens by Projection & Video Designer Corwin Ferguson, a high-tech set by **Beyata Hackborn** and stealthy costumes by **Jessica Oostergo**.

Heist is a co-production with the Grand Theatre (London) which ran in January in Ontario. *Heist* plays March 22 to April 13, 2025 in the Shctor Theatre. Tickets are available online at citadeltheatre.com or by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820.

An Audio Described performance is happening April 6, at 1:30pm and a Relaxed Experience and Open Captioned performance takes place on April 12 at 1:30pm. Tickets are available online and information on Accessible Performance can be found at citadeltheatre.com/accessibility/. Funding for Accessible Performances is provided by the Edmonton Community Foundation.

The Pay What You Choose in-person night, presented by Alberta Blue Cross, is happening Sunday, March 23, 2025. More information on Pay What You Choose can be found at citadeltheatre.com.

Production photos will be available by Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

CAST

Alexander Ariate	Kruger
Belinda Cornish	The Spider
Devin MacKinnon	Marvin
Callan McKenna Potter	Ryan
Gillian Moon	Angie
Priya Narine	Fiona

CREATIVE TEAM

Haysam Kadri	Director
Arun Lakra	Playwright
Beyata Hackborn	Set Designer
Jessica Oostergo	Costume Designer
Siobhan Sleath	Lighting Designer
Richard Feren	Composer & Sound Designer
Corwin Ferguson	Projection & Video Designer
Gillian Moon	Aerial Choreographer
Siobhan Richardson	Fight & Intimacy Director
Alexandra Rizkallah	Assistant Director
Nick Shostak	Assistant Sound Designer
Jordan Lloyd Watkins	Assistant Projection Designer
Sang Sang Lee	Stage Manager
Jess Gordon	Assistant Stage Manager

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