

MEDIA RELEASE

Based on a true story of hope, *Casey and Diana* begins this April at
The Citadel Theatre

March 3, 2026

Edmonton, Alberta – The Citadel Theatre is proud to announce an unforgettable theatrical event, *Casey and Diana*, the critically acclaimed Canadian drama by Governor General's Award finalist **Nick Green**.

Presented as a co-production with Alberta Theatre Projects (ATP) now playing in Calgary, this extraordinary play is set to arrive on our stage following acclaimed productions across the country.

Set in 1991 at Toronto's Casey House, Canada's first free-standing hospice for people living with HIV/AIDS, this moving and unexpectedly humour-filled story unfolds during the AIDS crisis, following residents and staff as they prepare for Princess Diana's visit. Confronting fears, dreams, and a longing for connection, the drama balances joy and heartbreak while shining a light on humanity's resilience and the transformative power of compassion. With vibrant characters and sharp dialogue, it celebrates the courage to hold onto dignity and hope in the face of adversity, capturing the profound impact of one unforgettable moment. *Casey and Diana* is a powerful tribute to love, resilience, and the enduring legacy of compassion.

Described as "beautiful, funny, heartbreaking" (CTV), *Casey and Diana* vividly captures the historic visit as devoted caregivers, steadfast advocates, and those living with HIV/AIDS reshaped the course of a public health crisis, and found dignity, love, and connection in the face of immense hardship.

"This play is special," says director **Lana Michelle Hughes**. "Its beating heart is magic, humanity, and resistance. At a time when the world feels fractured, Nick Green offers us a story rooted in radical compassion, not as an abstract ideal, but as a lived, embodied practice."

Since its premiere at the Stratford Festival in 2023, *Casey and Diana* has captivated audiences nationwide, with acclaimed runs at Soulpepper Theatre Company (Toronto), Theatre Aquarius (Hamilton), Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre (Winnipeg), Arts Club Theatre Company (Vancouver), Neptune Theatre (Halifax), and more. The production continues to resonate deeply with audiences from coast to coast.

Casey and Diana plays in the Maclab Theatre from April 4 – 26, 2026. Tickets are available by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820 or online at citadeltheatre.com.

An Accessible Performance that is ASL Interpreted and Sensory Informed is taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:30pm. Funding for Accessible Performances are provided by the Stollery Charitable Foundation. More information can be found at citadeltheatre.com/accessibility.

The Pay What You Choose in-person performance takes place on Sunday, April 5, 2026. More information on this program presented by Alberta Blue Cross can be found at citadeltheatre.com.

Production photos will be available by Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

CAST

April Banigan	Marjorie
Nathan Cuckow	Thomas
Emily Howard	Diana
Helen Knight	Pauline
Norma Lewis	Vera
Josh Travník	Andre

CREATIVE TEAM

Nick Green	Playwright
Lana Michelle Hughes	Director
Hanne Loosen	Set Designer
Rebecca Toon	Costume Designer
Whittyn Jason	Lighting Designer
Allison Lynch	Sound Designer and Composer
Morgan Yamada	Fight/Intimacy Director
Alissa Watson	Assistant Director
Darren Young	Sound Associate
Sara Turner	Stage Manager
Ken James Stewart	Assistant Stage Manager
Tawni Marie Evans	Costume Design Mentee

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