



ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

## **ZORRO: FAMILY CODE SET TO MAKE ITS MARK IN CALGARY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

***A brand new tale of the famous masked vigilante makes its world premiere at Alberta Theatre Projects.***

**CALGARY, ALBERTA** – Opening November 30 and running until December 30, [Alberta Theatre Projects](#) is excited to present this season's Family Holiday Show, [ZORRO: Family Code](#) in the Martha Cohen Theatre in Arts Commons. A new twist on the classic legend, this world premiere production features the famed vigilante Zorro like you've never seen him before. Written by master co-creators Rebecca Northan, Bruce Horak, and Christian Goutsis, *ZORRO: Family Code* is an action-packed, laugh-out-loud comedy about family, and what it truly means to be a hero. With plenty of swashbuckling and hysterically funny moments, *ZORRO: Family Code* is a heartwarming adventure for adults and kids alike.

Middle-aged and recently widowed, *ZORRO: Family Code* finds our hero trying to balance life as an altruistic swashbuckler with life as a father to nine-year-old Miguel (played by Lucian-River Mirage Chauhan) and nineteen-year-old Isadora (played by Natasha Strickey). Set in 1820, the story sets off when Zorro's longstanding arch nemesis, Capitán Juan Ramon (played by Tyrell Crews), escapes a California prison and flees across the ocean back to his hometown, the small Spanish community of Pueblo de la Costa. When Zorro catches word of Capitán Juan Ramon's return to their hometown, the masked crusader is hot on Ramon's heels, ready to see justice served once and for all. But nothing can prepare our aging hero for an encounter with a mysterious defender who also goes by 'Zorro'.

Designed by Narda McCarroll (*GLORY*), the show's opulent set immediately transports audiences to mid-19th century Spain. Costumes designed by Hanne Loosen (*Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*) present a striking take on the era, utilizing lavish fabrics and vibrant colour. Co-creators Horak and Goutsis take on sound design and music composition duties as well, creating an exciting soundtrack to accompany the steady stream of expertly choreographed fight scenes created by fight director Karl Sine and assistant fight director Brianna Johnston. It's a thrilling ride for audiences from start to finish.

ATP is excited to welcome actor Derek Flores for the first time to the Martha Cohen stage as Zorro (also as Don de la Vega). A Calgary native who now calls New Zealand home, Flores' career in comic theatre has taken him all over the world. ATP welcomes back Mabelle Carvajal as Maria Murrieta and Kevin Corey cast in multiple roles.

"It is an absolute joy to be returning to Calgary, and Alberta Theatre Projects for the Holiday Season!" says Northan. "Bruce, Christian, and I share a love of the realistic hero - the person who chooses to do right by the world, their community, their heart, and their

conscience. What better time than now, especially over the holidays, to revisit an everyday hero like Zorro?" Horak, Northan, and Goutsis are well-known for their multi-award winning improv work, spontaneous theatre, and ATP's 2016 Holiday pantomime, *Slipper: A Distinctly Calgarian Story*. Unlike these productions, *ZORRO: Family Code* is an entirely scripted production.

"*ZORRO: Family Code* has all the daring feats and gutsy swordplay of the story we love while offering an endearing glimpse into the legendary hero's home life," says ATP's Executive and Artistic Director Darcy Evans. "I think audiences will easily relate to the tension and humour that often ensues when we are brought together with those we love the most - especially over the holiday season!"

Alberta Theatre Projects thanks Enbridge, the lead sponsor for its production of *ZORRO: Family Code*.

*ZORRO: Family Code* runs from **November 27 to December 30** at the [Martha Cohen Theatre](#) at Arts Commons (215 8 Ave. SE). Tickets are available at [www.atplive.com](http://www.atplive.com) or 403-294-7402.

*ZORRO: Family Code* is suggested for ages 5+.

New! Family-friendly show times for *ZORRO: Family Code* are **6:30PM weeknights**, and **1:00pm and 6:00pm weekends**.

#### **Cast (Alphabetical)**

Mabelle Carvajal – Maria Murrieta  
Lucian-River Mirage Chauhan – Miguel de la Vega  
Kevin Corey – Sergeant Pedro Gonzales / Friar, Fight Captain  
Tyrell Crews – Capitán Juan Ramon  
Derek Flores – Don Diego de la Vega / Zorro  
Natasha Strickey – Isodora de la Vega

#### **Creative Team**

Rebecca Northan – Co-Creator, Director  
Bruce Horak – Co-Creator, Sound Design/Composition  
Christian Goutsis – Co-Creator, Sound Design/Composition  
Trevor Rueger – Dramaturg  
Karl Sine - Fight Director  
Brianna Johnston – Assistant Fight Director  
Narda McCarroll – Set/Lighting Design  
Hanne Loosen – Costume Design  
Kerry Johnson – Stage Manager  
Emma Brager – Assistant Stage Manager  
Sophia Schledt – D. Michael Dobbin Apprentice  
Kate Pallesen – Child Supervisor  
Jane MacFarlane – Dialect Coach  
Derek Flores & Mabelle Carvajal - Spanish Translation & Script Additions

Follow the hashtag **#ATPZORRO** on Twitter and Instagram for the latest news about this production.

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**ABOUT ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS**

Alberta Theatre Projects is a Calgary-based, not-for-profit, professional theatre company that celebrates the art of live theatre. From its home in The Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons, the company produces world-calibre shows with a focus on idea-driven new works, plays by Canadian playwrights, and contemporary theatre from around the world. It is also a national leader in new play development and dramaturgy.

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