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***Charlotte's Web* returns to Alberta Theatre Projects this holiday season with a brand-new production**

Rebecca Northan directs an ensemble cast featuring well-known Calgary actors and up-and-coming talent

CALGARY, November 14, 2024 – This holiday season, Alberta Theatre Projects (ATP) is bringing a brand-new production of [*Charlotte's Web*](#) to the stage. A beloved story that has charmed audiences of all ages for generations, E.B. White's heartwarming classic runs November 26 – December 29, 2024, at the Martha Cohen Theatre.

This delightful adaptation follows Wilbur from his beginnings as a scrawny piglet who's spared from becoming pork chops by a young girl named Fern. But as he grows and begins to cost his owners a fortune in feed, it will take help from all his new farmyard friends to save his life again, including the miraculous talents of a very special grey spider.

Produced previously at ATP in 2014 and then in 2017, audiences will be treated to a brand-new production this season, featuring masks, movement, a dynamic set and lots of laughs. Directed by Calgarian Rebecca Northan, *Charlotte's Web* marks her 10th production for ATP.

"ATP is my favourite place to be during the Holiday Season - a theatre that has always felt like 'home' to my heart," says Northan. "Working on this production has been an absolute delight – bringing back warm memories of sitting on a hopscotch carpet, at the back of Miss Brown's Grade 2 classroom in Highwood Elementary School, where she would read *Charlotte's Web* out loud to us for the last 10 minutes of class every day. There's no place I would rather be."

A beautiful, knowing play, *Charlotte's Web* illustrates the enduring power of friendship and promises to capture the hearts of audiences again and again.

"*Charlotte's Web* is a story that speaks to the heart of what it means to care for one another and find courage in unlikely places," says ATP Artistic Director Haysam Kadri. "This production combines the joy and magic of live theatre with a timeless message about friendship, sacrifice, and the beauty of life's connections. We're thrilled to bring this story back to ATP and to have Rebecca Northan at the helm with her fresh, imaginative vision. Her approach brings new life, humour, and heart to this beloved classic, making it a must-see for Calgary audiences this holiday season."

Charlotte's Web runs November 26 – December 29, 2024 at the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons (215 8 Ave. SE). Tickets are available at albertatheatreprojects.com or 403-294-7402.

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Cast (Alphabetical):

Alixandra Cowman – Musician, Announcer
Natascha Girgis – Templeton, Lurvy, Gloria
David Haysom – Mr. John Arable, Gander, Ensemble
Nikko Hinayo – Avery Arable, Lamb, Ensemble
Jamie Konchak – Mrs. Martha Arable, Sheep, Ensemble
Ellis Lalonde – Wilbur
Duval Lang – Homer Zuckerman, Uncle, Dirk
Norma Lewis – Edith Zuckerman, Goose, Sophie
Julie Orton – Charlotte
Alice Wordsworth – Fern Arable

Creative Team:

Joseph Robinette – Adapting Playwright
Rebecca Northan – Director
Terry Gunvordahl – Set & Props Design
Ralamy Kneeshaw – Costume Design
Cassie Holmes – Lighting Design
Alixandra Cowman – Composition & Sound Design
Sara Turner – Stage Manager
Bonni Baynton – Assistant Stage Manager
K Hall – Apprentice Stage Manager

Age Recommendation: From 5 to 105 (and beyond)!

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About Alberta Theatre Projects:

Alberta Theatre Projects has been a cornerstone of Calgary's arts community for five decades, showcasing the best in live theatre and fostering a vibrant cultural hub for audiences of all ages. With a commitment to artistic excellence and community engagement, ATP continues to inspire, entertain, and enrich the lives of theatregoers across the region.

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