

ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

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Alberta Theatre Projects presents *Actually* by Anna Ziegler

“Rich and memorable. Could not be better timed.” – New York Times

CALGARY, February 19, 2020 – Alberta Theatre Projects examines the issue of consent head-on, tackling the politics of race, gender, and privilege on a contemporary university campus in the award-winning *Actually* by Anna Ziegler. With a laser-focus on only two characters, and their point of view on the same situation, *Actually* is destined to trigger discussion after audiences experience the piece at the **Martha Cohen Theatre, February 26 – March 14, 2020.**

Actually takes place on the contemporary campus of Princeton University, and tells the story of two very different Freshmen. Amber comes from a well-to-do Jewish family. Tom is a young African American man raised in poverty, the first in his family to attend university. The two meet one night at a frat party, hit it off, share some laughs and a few too many drinks. Precisely what happens next is the devastating, complex question at the heart of this riveting new drama. Tom and Amber both plead their case in a direct address to the audience, each defending their own very different versions of events.

Actually won the Ovation Award in Los Angeles for best new play, and has been presented on stages throughout Canada and the United States since 2018. Alberta Theatre Projects’ production is directed by Jenna Rodgers (recipient of the 2018 Lieutenant Governor’s Award for Emerging Artists), and stars Emma Houghton (Betty Mitchell Award nominee for Outstanding Performance in Alberta Theatre Projects’ *The Virgin Trial*) and Diego Stredel (Betty Mitchell Award nominee for Outstanding Performance in *rihannaboi95*).

“Audiences will be talking about it long after the show ends,” said Executive & Artistic Director Darcy Evans.

Actually runs from Feb. 26 – March 14, 2020 in the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons (215 8 Ave SE). Tickets are available at albertatheatreprojects.com or 403-294-7402.

Please visit our website for show-specific age recommendations and advisories.

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Cast:

Amber – Emma Houghton

Tom – Diego Stredel

Creative Team:

Director – Jenna Rodgers

Assistant Director – Lexus Pleasant

Set & Costume Designer – Sarah Uwadiae

Light Designer – Beth Kates

Sound Designer – Arvin Siegfried

Stage Manager – Emma Brager

Apprentice Stage Manager – Sadaf Ganji

About Alberta Theatre Projects:

We create world-class contemporary theatre in Calgary from our home in the Martha Cohen Theatre. We are a national leader in new play development. Programming is selected from the finest Canadian and international plays driven by the collision of diverging ideas, points of view, class, gender or cultural perspectives. Our productions radically explore our space, blurring the line between the audience and the artist through multiple seating configurations each season.

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