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UPROARIOUS COMEDY *LIARS AT A FUNERAL* BY CANADIAN PLAYWRIGHT SOPHIA FABIILLI TO CLOSE ATP'S 50th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Calgary, April 8, 2025 – Alberta Theatre Projects' 50th Anniversary Season comes to a close this spring with Canadian comedy, *Liars at a Funeral*. Directed by Clare Preuss and in association with Western Canada Theatre, this laugh-out-loud show by Canadian playwright Sophia Fabiilli is coming to the Martha Cohen Theatre stage April 22 – May 11, 2025.

When Grandma Mavis stages her own funeral in order to reunite her estranged family, the funeral erupts into more of a dysfunctional family reunion than any of them could have predicted. Featuring five actors playing nine characters, *Liars at a Funeral* is a hysterical comedy with a heart of gold; bursting with eccentric characters, witty banter, secrets and lies, and irreverent humour that will make you laugh at the absurdities of life, death, and family.

"Sophia Fabiilli has crafted a razor-sharp comedy that is as heartfelt as it is hilarious," says ATP Artistic Director Haysam Kadri. "*Liars at a Funeral* is a shining example of the incredible talent within Canada's theatre scene, and we're thrilled to bring this outrageously entertaining play to ATP audiences."

"I saw a very early production of *Liars at a Funeral* back in Toronto in 2016 and I was immediately struck by the nuance, hilarity and heart of this brilliantly written comedy. I remember sitting in the audience and thinking "I want to direct this play someday,"" reflects the show's director, Clare Preuss. "Working on the show, I keep finding layers of connection, poignancy and truth mixed in with so many laugh-out-loud moments."

She adds, "This is a play that will have you laughing from beginning to end, while offering an opportunity to contemplate your incarnation on planet Earth. We are here for a limited time only and *Liars at a Funeral* encourages us to make the most of the lives we have!"

Liars at a Funeral runs April 22 – May 11, 2025 at the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons (215 8 Ave SE). Tickets are available at albertatheatreprojects.com or 403-294-7402.

Cast (alphabetical):

Tyrell Crews – Frank/Wayne
Grace Fedorchuk – DeeDee/Mia
Helen Knight – Evelyn/Leorah
Joel David Taylor – Quint/Cam
Maureen Thomas – Mavis

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Creative Team:

Sophia Fabiilli – Playwright
Clare Preuss – Director
Filsan Dualeh – Assistant Director
Abbie Brokenshire – Costume Designer
Anton deGroot – Set & Lighting Designer
Kathryn Smith – Sound Designer
Laurel Oneil – Stage Manager
Raynah Bourne – Assistant Stage Manager
Miranda Martini – Sound Design Support

Age Recommendation: 14+

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