



LUNCHBOX
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Media Release

Lunchbox Theatre 2022-23 Season kicks off with a heartwarming and funny musical, *Home for the Holidays*. Tickets on sale now.

CALGARY, AB – November 14, 2022 — Lunchbox Theatre’s **Artistic Director Bronwyn Steinberg** has announced the first live production of the 2022-23 season will be the holiday show ***Home for the Holidays*, a one-act comedic musical created by Cayley Wreggitt and Alixandra Cowman**. This world-premiere production of a heartfelt and funny new holiday musical is directed by **Bronwyn Steinberg**. The show will be live and in-person in the Studio Theatre at Vertigo. This production will preview on November 29 and run until December 18, 2022. The official opening show is on December 1.

Tickets are on sale now, range in price from \$21-\$31 per performance, and can be purchased at [LunchboxTheatre.com](https://www.lunchboxtheatre.com).

“Cayley, Alix and I have a running joke that I’m the team’s Grinch, as I can’t stand most Christmas music and have never seen a single Hallmark Christmas movie. But I do love musicals, especially ones with relatable characters making connections and building relationships through story and song. So I admit it—I felt my heart grow three sizes listening to the Stage One Festival reading of *Home for the Holidays* back in March of 2021. I knew right away that I wanted Lunchbox to continue to invest in this story and eventually bring it to production on our stage.”

-Artistic Director Bronwyn Steinberg

Synopsis:

When a flight from Orlando to Calgary gets grounded on Christmas Eve, it leaves four strangers stranded together in the airport. Ella is a Christmas enthusiast who insists on not only making friends with everyone, but hosting an airport Christmas. A world premiere production of a heartfelt and funny new holiday musical, created by Calgary artists and developed right here at Lunchbox Theatre.

Alixandra Cowman and Cayley Wreggitt are both Calgary-based theatre artists who grew up loving feel-good musicals. *Home for the Holidays* is their debut production as a writing team. Alixandra is a composer, performer and sound designer who has recently been seen as a co-writer and performer in *Alberta Kitchen Party* at Alberta Theatre Projects. Cayley is a playwright and director whose writing credits include *Taylor’s Version* and *The Stand-up*.

The cast of *Home for the Holidays* includes Emily Dallas (Ella), Sepidar Yeganeh Farid (Noor), Valerie Pearson (Maureen), and Eric Wigston (Nick).

The creative team for *Home for the Holidays* includes Alixandra Cowman (Musical Direction and Sound Design), Hanne Loosen (Set & Costume Design), Lauren Acheson (Lighting Design), Greg Wilson (Musician), Chandler Ontkean (Stage Manager), Charlotte Braid (Apprentice Stage Manager), Fangzheng (Nick) Wang* (Assistant Director), Joy Robinson* & Madeline (Madi) Blondal* (Assistant Designers), and Heidi Damayo* (Dramaturgical Support).

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This lighthearted and feel-good musical for three women and one man appeals to all ages and was incredibly well-received in both of our previous workshop presentations. This is a piece about chosen family, and it celebrates the small, but truly profound act of people simply gathering, which audiences are still really craving, especially around the holiday season.

About Lunchbox Theatre

Lunchbox Theatre presents an enriching and engaging theatre experience with an emphasis on accessibility for audiences and artists. We create and produce one-act plays primarily at noon, focusing on entertaining new Canadian works that examine and explore socially relevant issues. The theatre seeks to provide rewarding and memorable experiences to its audiences, casts, and supporters by delving into a variety of works that reflect our audience and their particular world, as well as works that will offer fresh experiences and new understandings. Lunchbox is a hub for artistic development—for artists as well as plays, with emerging artists working alongside established professionals.

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