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### **UWinnipeg Present AlbeeFest Double Bill Must-See** ***Box and Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-Tung***

WINNIPEG – Following up last year's successful production of *Celebration* for MTC's PinterFest, this year The University of Winnipeg Theatre Students' Association is proud to present back-to-back performances of Edward Albee's powerful and engaging one-act plays *Box* and *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-Tung* for AlbeeFest 2004. These much-heralded experimental works, published in 1969 by Dramatists Play Service, have run on Broadway and at theatres across the continent since their debut.

Called "Mr. Albee's most adventurous work" by the *New York Times* and "arresting, imaginative and important" by the *New York Post*, *Box* and *Quotations* are designed to run together, with the *Quotation's* four divergent characters – including Chinese dictator Mao Tse-Tung – delivering humorous, bizarre, and ultimately heartfelt monologues inside of *Box's* giant onstage cube. By contrasting the four characters, Albee creates alternately hilarious, terrifying, and moving counterpoints as the individuals struggle to understand their particular roles in society and who they really are.

Edward Albee, one of the most prominent playwrights in American history, has won three Pulitzer Prizes, multiple Tony and other awards, a Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award, and, in 1996, the National Medal of Arts. His penchant for exploring uncharted dramatic territory reaches a peak with *Box* and *Quotations* – ambitious, but, in the end, immensely satisfying.

The cast and crew of *Box* and *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse Tung* are made up of current students or recent graduates of The University of Winnipeg Theatre program. The cast features Loc Lu, Eve Majzels, Charlene Van Buekenhout, Glenn Hall, and Andrea Siemens. The plays are directed by Stephen Furmaniuk; the assistant director is Robert Vilar; the stage manager is Rachelle Fordyce; and the set design is by Debra Miller.

All performances take place at The University of Winnipeg's Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Centennial Hall, 515 Portage Avenue) and run at **7:00 p.m. nightly from Fri., Jan. 30–Sat., Feb. 1 and Wed., Feb. 4–Sat., Feb. 7 and Sun., Feb. 8 at 3:00 p.m.** Regular admission is \$7; students and seniors pay \$5. **Call our 24-hour Reservation and Information Line at 786.9152, or visit The University of Winnipeg Theatre Department website at: <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca>**

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