

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mini GoldoniFest at The University of Winnipeg Graduating Theatre Class Tackles *The Holiday Trilogy***

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg will open its 2003/04 Theatre Season with a trilogy of plays by the Italian master of comedy Carlo Goldoni. Performed by our 4th-Year Honours Acting – Style and Genre students, the three comedies that make up *The Holiday Trilogy* – first performed in 1761 – are being presented in Anthony Oldcorn’s translation. While the plays develop one story line, each play within *The Holiday Trilogy* can be seen separately.

*The Holiday Trilogy* will be performed at Convocation Hall at The University of Winnipeg as follows:

- *Off to the Country* (Friday, Nov. 7 and Wednesday, Nov. 12: 8 p.m.)
- *Adventures in the Country* (Saturday, Nov. 8 and Thursday, Nov. 13: 8 p.m.)
- *Back from the Country* (Sunday, Nov. 9 and Friday, Nov. 14: 8 p.m.)

Set within the merchant class of late 18th-Century Livorno, the plays satirize a group of characters whose main goal is social acceptance and standing. Looking only to increase the odds of acceptance and to improve their social standing, these characters compete to see who can lay out the most elaborate feast when they go for an extended annual holiday to the country. The heart of the comedy, however, is the deftly drawn and deeply felt dilemma faced by the Trilogy’s heroine, Giacinta, who must choose between real love and her duty, as she sees it, to her social obligations.

The Holiday Trilogy is being presented in a workshop format, i.e. without costumes, sets, props, or other accoutrements. The workshop is meant as a style exercise for the students, which will also see women playing male characters and men playing female characters. In other words, this is a project that will test the artistry of our graduating class.

**Admission is free but reservations are recommended. Call our 24-hour Reservation and Information Line at 204.786.9152, or visit The University of Winnipeg Theatre Department website at: [theatre.uwinnipeg.ca](http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca)**

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