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UWinnipeg Theatre Season Opens with Hilarious Feminist Farce By GG Award Winning Playwright Ann-Marie MacDonald

WINNIPEG— The University of Winnipeg opens its 2005/06 theatre season **November 22, 2005** with Ann-Marie MacDonald's Governor General's Award-winning play, *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*. The play will be performed by the Fourth-Year Honours Acting – Style and Genre class with technical support from senior production students.

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) is an outrageously humorous trip through the mind of Constance Ledbelly, a Shakespearian scholar on the fringes of life. Seeking her own identity, Ledbelly discovers a mysterious manuscript believed to be the original source for *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as *Othello*, and enters a world peopled by the characters from these plays. *Goodnight Desdemona* abounds with twists, fights, dances, seductions, and wild surprises.

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) was Ann-Marie MacDonald's first solo flight as playwright, and since its premier in 1988 it has been performed continually in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, and Japan, and is widely studied in drama courses. This post-modern farce with layers of feminism, wit, humour, and profundity has received rave reviews:

"A tour de force. . . [the author] delivers her message with tremendous wit, breathtaking word play, and great gusts of knee-slapping broad comedy." -*The Ottawa Citizen*

"One of the wildest and woolliest feminist reappraisals that the theatre has seen, and one of the most intellectually ambitious." -*The Globe and Mail*

"An uproarious and smart comedy." -*The Pittsburgh Press*

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) is directed by actor and University of Winnipeg Theatre Professor Blake Taylor and designed by Kim Donald-Haverty, with lighting design by Tim Babcock. Dance, Voice, and Movement Coach is Tom Stroud and Fight Coordinator is Jacqueline Loewen.

Performances are Tuesday, November 22 through Saturday, November 26 at 8:00 p.m. nightly at the Gas Station Theatre, 445 River Avenue. Admission is free but reservations are recommended. Please call our 24-hour Reservation and Information Line at 204.786.9152, or visit The University of Winnipeg the Theatre Department website at: <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca>

The Department of Theatre and Drama at The University of Winnipeg offers programs in Acting, Design, Drama in Education, Filmmaking, Playwriting, and Production/Stage Management. Our classes are small and our programs practical. Our faculty is comprised of highly respected and award-winning professionals who are experienced teachers and remain active in their disciplines, bringing relevant and up-to-date instruction to our students.

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