



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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City of Winnipeg Showcased In Unique New Play

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg opens the second play of its 2004/05-theatre season on **Tuesday, November 30** with *City of Destiny*, by **Michael Nathanson**.

This is a play which asks the eternal question: What are we doing here? And by here, we don't mean merely Life, but also Winnipeg—the *City of Destiny*. A funny and dramatic exploration of the magical hold that Winnipeg has on us all, *City of Destiny* examines the lofty dreams and tempered realities of the safety and promise of home.

A Winnipeg production through-and-through, *City of Destiny* was written specifically for this senior acting class by Michael Nathanson, a 1991 (BA Hons.) graduate of The University of Winnipeg's theatre and drama program. *City of Destiny* is the most recent collaboration between Nathanson and his former professor, director **Per Brask**. Their last effort as director and playwright, *I Took Your Name*, was a critical and commercial success at both the Vancouver Fringe and New York's Midtown International Theatre Festival.

The inspiration for *City of Destiny* is rooted in the techniques of the Hull Truck theatre method. A style in which the play is based on a specific community and the lives lived there, the Hull Truck theatre method was first introduced in Winnipeg by former University of Winnipeg instructor, actor, and writer **Alan Williams**.

City of Destiny will be performed by 4th-Year Honours Acting – Contemporary Performance students, with technical support from UWinnipeg production students. Set and costumes are designed by **Kim Donald-Haverty**.

Performances are Tuesday, November 30 through Saturday, December 4 at 8:00 p.m. nightly at the Gas Station Theatre, 445 River Avenue.

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: <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca>

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