

Northern Sabbatical Productions

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Spring Alibi **Emerges from Five Years in the Fringe Wilderness**

Ah, spring in the Yukon! The perfect setting for a new romantic comedy about self-discovery, voyeurism, and the 8-track tape.

First time playwright Linda Wood Edwards wrote ***Spring Alibi*** in 1998 while on sabbatical in the Yukon. It won a prize in Nakai Theatre's 24 Hour Playwriting Competition, which was a bonus (she entered because they promised a hotel room with a hot bath for only \$35). Upon returning to Edmonton, full of confidence, Wood Edwards naturally applied for the Fringe. It took five tries for ***Spring Alibi*** to make it into the festival.

Theatre veteran and guardian angel Gerald Osborn has helped Linda assemble a professional team to support this premiere: director Director David Cheoros and stars Sue Huff and Andy Northrup. Sue returns to the Fringe after an eleven-year hiatus, having acted, written and directed for film and television, she's just completed a documentary for the National Film Board on how kids see death. Andy is known to Edmonton audiences as a composer (of five musicals), singer-songwriter (check out his new album *Cardboard Logic*) and actor of stage and screen. David is a former Festival Director of the Edmonton Fringe, and returns with his first Fringe production in eleven years.

The story is that of two prairie people heading north to build new lives for them selves. When Marlene's journey of intimate self-discovery collides with Mac's work day, the fun begins. ***Spring Alibi*** is sure to bring guilty smiles, and full frontal laughter, to audiences.

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Spring Alibi

By Linda Wood Edwards

Performances at the Fringe, **Catalyst Theatre** (Nordic Stage 6), 8529 Gateway Boulevard

Fri, August 19, 2:45 pm
Sat, August 20, 6:15 pm
Sun, August 21, 4:30 pm
Mon, August 22, 9:15 pm
Thur, August 25, 12:15 pm
Sun, August 28, 2:30 pm

Fringe Hotline 448-9000
Advance Tix Hotline (after Aug 11) 409-1910
Fringe Box Office 10330 – 84 Avenue
Tickets \$10.00 at the door, \$13 in advance

SPECIAL Media & Friends Preview: August 13, 7:00 p.m.
Roxy Theatre, 10708 – 124 Street

Starring: Sue Huff and Andy Northrup

Director: David Cheoros
Dramaturge: Gerald Osborn
Stage Manager: Linda Wood Edwards

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For interviews, photos, and media tickets:

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