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Blast off the Winter Blues with *The Birds and the Bees*

Western Canada Theatre turns up the comedic heat to blast off the winter blues with *The Birds and the Bees*, playing **January 25 to February 3** at Sagebrush Theatre.

The Birds and The Bees is a sassy, sexy, modern comedy about beekeeping, turkey farming, and romance. By one of Canada's funniest and hottest young playwrights, **Mark Crawford**, it is guaranteed to make you laugh out loud at its hilarious observations on family, being an adult, and finding true love at any age.

Co-produced with Thousands Islands Playhouse, Gananoque, *The Birds and the Bees* was a great hit with critics and audiences alike when it played there in October. The audiences called it an "Evening of laughter" and "One of the funniest shows I've seen".

The Birds and the Bees brings back to the Sagebrush stage **Nicola Lipman**, who was last here in the critically acclaimed *Driving Miss Daisy*. Ms. Lipman plays Gail, a beekeeper who has been long divorced. Her daughter, Sarah, is played by **Naomi Wright**, who played at WCT in both *The Man Who Shot Chance Delaney* and *The Island of Bliss*. Sarah is a turkey farmer who has returned home after her recent divorce. Their already chaotic lives are further complicated by randy farming neighbour Earl, played by **John Jarvis**, the handsome but innocent Ben, played by **Christopher Allen**, a student researching bees, collapsing bee populations, and the last ever Turkey Days Dance. Originally directed by WCT favourite **Ashlie Corcoran** at Thousand Islands Playhouse, WCT alumni **Heather Cant** is the revival director for the Sagebrush performances.

This laugh-out-loud comedy with a huge, honeyed heart is perfect for a date night — or for a night at the theatre with your grown children or parents. Playful and romantic, it will heat up our chilly winter nights! Get your tickets right away at the Kamloops Live! Box Office at 250-374-5483, 1025 Lorne Street, or kamloopslive.ca.

THE BIRDS AND THE BEES. A co-production of Western Canada Theatre and Thousand Islands Playhouse, Gananoque. By Mark Crawford. January 25 to February 3, 2018, Sagebrush Theatre. More information at wctlive.ca. Tickets at the Kamloops Live! Box Office at 250-374-5483, 1025 Lorne Street, or kamloopslive.ca.

Featuring (in alphabetical order): **Christopher Allen** (Ben), **John Jarvis** (Earl), **Nicola Lipman** (Gail), and **Naomi Wright** (Sarah).

Creative Team: **Ashlie Corcoran** (Director), **Heather Cant** (Revival Director), **Jung-Hye Kim** (Set Designer), **Jayne Christopher** (Costume Designer), **Rebecca Picherack** (Lighting Designer), **Doug Perry** (Sound Designer), **Skylar Nakazawa** (Stage Manager), and **Christine Leroux** (Assistant Stage Manager).

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