

BELKE BRINGS TWO PLAYS TO THE 2012 FRINGE

For his twenty-third year as a Fringe playwright, local favorite David Belke is presenting two plays at *The Village of the Fringe*. One is a much loved play that David premiered back in 1999 (and long overdue for a return), while the other is David's twenty-third consecutive premiere at the Edmonton Fringe Theatre Festival.

The lower hall of Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Venue 32), David's home venue for the past six years, sees a brand new production of *The Minor Keys*. An all-star cast of Edmonton artists have been assembled to bring to life this rich and heartwarming comedy of intersecting lives colliding through the course of one night in a half forgotten jazz club. A complex cast of characters pursue their dreams in a full length comedy of romance and comedy set to a jazzy beat.

Launching the new Arts Space venue at Holy Trinity Church (Venue 34) is the world premiere of *Von Mitterbrink's Second*, a comedy/drama of scheming and dueling. Featuring a stellar company of Edmonton artists and the fight choreography of master swordsman Jean-Pierre Fournier, the play follows one young nobleman's single-minded pursuit of honour, a quest that leaps off the tracks in dramatic and comedic fashion with the arrival of his opponent's unexpected second.

VON MITTERBRINK'S SECOND



A new comedy/drama by **DAVID BELKE**

Directed by **JAMES DeFELICE**

Starring **SHANNON BLANCHET, JESSE GERVAIS** and **AARON TALBOT**

Stage Manager: **BETTY HUSHLAK**

Sword Fight Choreography: **JEAN-PIERRE FOURNIER**

THE PLAY:

David Belke's new comedy. After suffering an unforgivable insult, the Count Alaric Von Holtzburg (Jesse Gervais) seeks to restore honour with a deadly sabre duel with the aid of his second Vittorio (Aaron Talbot). But with the arrival of his opponent's second (Shannon Blanchet) the confrontation does not unfold as expected and what started as an honourable challenge turns into a cunning game of a much different sort. A rapier witted comedy of scheming and dueling.

*PLAYING AT VENUE 32: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Upper Arts Space
For show times please consult Fringe program*

THE MINOR KEYS

by **DAVID BELKE**

Directed by **TROY O'DONNELL**

Starring **KENDRA CONNOR, PAUL COWLING, PAUL MORGAN DONALD,
TOM EDWARDS, NANCY McALEAR, GARETT ROSS** and
JENNIFER THAUBERGER

Stage Manager: **CANDICE CHARNEY**

Musical direction by **PAUL MORGAN DONALD**

THE PLAY:

David Belke's comedy of intersecting lives, lonely hearts and newfound destinies set to a jazz rhythm. In a half-forgotten jazz club the lives of seven colourful but low key characters become entangled in the course of one night of adventure and romance. Mixing comedy, drama and musical performance in a charming theatrical cocktail.

*PLAYING AT VENUE 34: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Lower Hall
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