



## THE CAPITOL THEATRE PORT HOPE ANNOUNCES CASTING & TOUR FOR *BED & BREAKFAST*

**One of Canada's most popular plays continues the Capitol's summer season this June and tours to Winnipeg this fall**

**May 14, 2024: Port Hope, ON** – The Capitol Theatre Port Hope today shared a casting and tour update for its second mainstage production of the summer, Mark Crawford's beloved small-town comedy *Bed & Breakfast*. Directed by **Capitol Artistic Director Rob Kempson**, the 22 roles of *Bed & Breakfast* will be nimbly performed by **Amir Haidar** – the lead in last year's hit show *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Shaw Festival regular **Kyle Golemba**. ***Bed & Breakfast* runs from June 14 to 30 at the Capitol Theatre Port Hope. Opening night is June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Visit [capitoltheatre.com](http://capitoltheatre.com) for tickets and details.**

*Brett and Drew want to move out of their tiny downtown condo and into a house, but they just lost their seventh bidding war in Toronto. When Brett's beloved Aunt Maggie dies in a nearby small town, the couple decides to make the move and start up a B&B out of her historic home. But when they face friction in their new community, the two discover that the simple life is more complicated than they thought.*

"I'm delighted to have *Bed and Breakfast* at the Capitol Theatre, with this fantastic cast and creative team," shared playwright **Mark Crawford**. "This play's been done across the country and around the world, but it feels extra-special to have it performed in Port Hope—a town very much like the one in the play! I can't wait for Capitol audiences to see a community like theirs on stage...and laugh along with Brett and Drew's adventures."

In a first for the Capitol Theatre, their production of *Bed & Breakfast* will also tour to Winnipeg's venerable Prairie Theatre Exchange this fall, running September 24 to October 6 as part of PTE's 2024-2025 season.

"I was working at the Thousand Islands Playhouse for the premiere of *Bed & Breakfast* in 2015, and I have wanted to direct the play ever since," said director **Rob Kempson**. "As a queer person from a small community, it was the first time I had ever truly felt represented onstage—and it really brought folks of all backgrounds together. I cannot wait to share this heartwarming and hilarious story with our community in Northumberland County, and to take it on the road."

### **PLAYWRIGHT IN PERSON with Mark Crawford - JUNE 16, 1 P.M.**

Meet critically-acclaimed playwright Mark Crawford (*Stag & Doe*, *The Birds & the Bees*, *New Canadian Curling Club*) as he reflects on writing *Bed & Breakfast*, the journey of this play, his own upbringing, and bringing the show to the Capitol Theatre. Hosted by Artistic Director Rob Kempson, [this event](#) is free for subscribers, or \$5 for visitors.

### **COMING SOON**

*A Year with Frog and Toad* by Robert and Willie Reale based on the books by Arnold Lobel runs May 17 to June 2. *The Full Monty Broadway Musical* by Terrence McNally & David Yazbek opens in July, and the world premiere of *Christmastown* by Briana Brown opens in August. This year's world premiere holiday panto, opening in November, is *Rapunzel: A Merry (Hairy) Holiday Panto* by Carly Heffernan. See the full program, [here](#) or visit [capitoltheatre.com](http://capitoltheatre.com) for tickets and details.

**MAINSTAGE TICKETS** range from \$40 - \$48 including taxes and fees. Pay-What-You-Can Previews are offered on all Summer Stage performances with tickets offered as low as \$5.

### **TALKBACK THURSDAYS - NEW in 2024**

Stick around after the show for Talkback Thursdays for a Q&A with the artists in the show and to find out more about the process of making live theatre. Talkbacks are scheduled after all Thursday, 7:30 p.m. performances.

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*Photo of Amir Haidar & Kyle Golemba by Sam Moffatt.*

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