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## BRENDAN GALL'S WIDE AWAKE HEARTS PREMIERES IN TARRAGON'S EXTRA SPACE

Wide Awake Hearts  
by Brendan Gall

World Premiere

**Starring: Maev Beaty, Raoul Bhaneja, Lesley Faulkner, Gord Rand**

**Director: Gina Wilkinson**

**Set, Costume & Video Designer: Lorenzo Savoini**

**Lighting Designer: Bonnie Beecher**

**Sound Designer & Composer: Mike Ross**

**Stage Manager: Beatrice Campbell**

**Supported by: Secor Consulting**

**Wide Awake Hearts opens in the Extra Space on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 8:00 pm. Previews from Tuesday, November 2, 2010.**

A successful screenwriter and producer, **A (Gord Rand)** has cast his wife, **B (Lesley Faulkner)**, and best friend, **C (Raoul Bhaneja)**, as lovers in his newest feature film. Shooting is set to begin the next day, and – after **C**'s long absence – the three old friends catch up. However, it's not the happy reunion it first appears to be. **A** suspects something is up – and has for a long time. When **B** suddenly invites **C** to stay at their house instead of the hotel, **A** sets his plan in motion and lays a trap for his seemingly unfaithful wife and shifty friend.

**Brendan Gall** has performed on stage at the Tarragon Theatre (*Past Perfect*, *East of Berlin* - Sterling nomination, Edmonton) as an actor. Brendan is also a playwright-in-residence at Tarragon. His plays have been nominated for three Dora Mavor Moore Awards and include *A Quiet Place*, *Panhandled* and *Alias Godot*. He has also co-written or co-created shows with companies such as Convergence Theatre (*The Gladstone Variations*, *Autoshow*), Small Wooden Shoe (*I Keep Dropping Sh\*t*) and UnSpun Theatre (*Don't Wake Me*, *Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump*). Brendan is one of three artistic directors of Toronto-based creation company The Room, whose inaugural and ongoing production *Red Machine*, has spanned three theatre festivals, one company residency, and involved over twenty theatre artists. He also wrote and appeared in the feature film *Dakota* (Winnipeg Film Festival Special Jury Prize) and is currently starring in the new CBC TV comedy *Men with Brooms*. **Wide Awake Hearts** is being published by Coach

House Books alongside his first play, *A Quiet Place*, under the name *Minor Complications*.

**Gina Wilkinson** (*Benevolence*-actor, Tarragon directing debut) directs a film worthy cast with **Maev Beaty** (Tarragon debut), **Raoul Bhaneja** (*House of Many Tongues*), **Lesley Faulkner** (*Léo* -remount) and **Gord Rand** (Tarragon debut). The creative team for **Wide Awake Hearts** includes set, costume and video designer **Lorenzo Savoini**, lighting designer **Bonnie Beecher**, sound design and composition by **Mike Ross**, and stage manager **Beatrice Campbell**.

**Wide Awake Hearts** previews in Tarragon's Extra Space on Tuesday, November 2, opens Wednesday, November 10 and runs until Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Previews: Nov. 2 – Nov. 9, 2010

Regular run: Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm  
Saturday & Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm

Prices start at \$23; seniors' and students' prices are available. Friday night and Sunday matinee rush are \$10.

Tickets for **Wide Awake Hearts** are available online: [tickets.tarragontheatre.com](http://tickets.tarragontheatre.com).

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