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Presents

HOW EXILE MELTS

By Dane Stewart

How Exile Melts is a new play by McGill graduate Dane Stewart (BA 2014), directed by Patrick Neilson. The play had its genesis in a creative writing project for a course in Canadian drama. It is a tender, intimate and darkly comic portrait of a family in crisis.

Four twenty-something Waugh siblings reunite in their Nova Scotia childhood home to decide what to do about their ailing, widower father. It has been two years since they were last together. Anna, the youngest, is feeling the burden of caring for their father. Placing him in a hospice is not a decision she can make on her own but her siblings are all living in voluntary exile. Glenn, the eldest, is an artist living in Montreal. Julia is a lawyer living in Toronto. Daniel is a PhD candidate in Boston on the cusp of a teaching career.

As brothers and sisters come together again, they fall into familiar roles and behaviours. It becomes clear that each sibling has different memories of their parents from the time when they were all living together. Resentments formed in childhood are carried forward and continue to inform and shape their adult lives and relationships.

The McGill University Department of English Drama & Theatre Program is dedicated to providing students with practical theatrical experience in support of their studies in theatre history, theory and criticism. Costume design by Sarah McFadden, U2 English Major, with the help of Catherine Bradley's Costuming Class. Set design by Holly Hilts, U2 Cultural Studies Major. Production and technical elements by the Stage Scenery and Lighting Class under the supervision of Keith Roche and Corinne Deeley. This is the first time that the Department of English is producing a full-length play written by a student as a main stage presentation.

How Exile Melts

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Moyse Hall Theatre - McGill University Campus, Arts Building

853 Sherbrooke St. West

Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

\$10.00 General Admission, Box Office: 514-398-6070