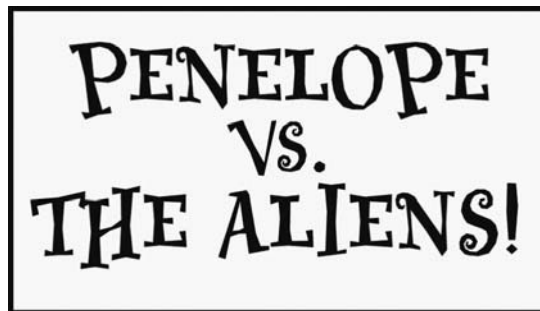


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# *The Citadel*

Presents



**By Chris Bullough and Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull**  
**Directed by Tracy Carroll**

**April 23 - May 6, 2007**  
**Rice Theatre**

**Edmonton-** Penelope is a little girl who is afraid of everything: big dogs, spiders, worms and horrible Space Aliens from Mars. But when the Aliens actually arrive on Earth, Penelope must confront her fears to save her parents, save herself and-quite possibly- save the world!

**Chris Bullough** and **Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull** are making their Playwriting debut at the Citadel Theatre after appearing on stage numerous times.

**Chris Bullough** was born in Thunder Bay and raised in Fort McMurray. He moved to Edmonton 10 years ago to attend the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) program at the U of A. Since graduating in 1998, Chris has worked mostly in Edmonton but has also played to houses in Regina, Calgary, Ottawa, Whitehorse and schools all over Alberta. Past credits at the Citadel include *A Christmas Carol*, *New Canadian Kid* and *A Giraffe in Paris*.

**Jared Matsunaga-Turnbull** has appeared at the Citadel in *Muncha Buncha Munsch*; *Love You Forever and Other Stories* and *The Paper Bag Princess's Favourite Stories*. He has acted in plays in Edmonton and for theatres across Canada and is an Artistic Co-Director of Concrete Theatre. His plays for children, include the award-winning *Lig & Bittle* (co-written with Elyne Quan). Jared lives in Edmonton with his wife and two children.

**Penelope vs. The Aliens!** features **Beth Graham** (last seen at the Citadel in *A Christmas Carol*); **Sharla Matkin** (*Citadel debut*); **Garett Ross** (*Hamlet*).

Joining Director **Tracy Carroll** (*The Man Whose Mother Was A Pirate*) in bringing **Penelope vs. The Aliens!** to the stage are Set and Costume Designer **Marissa Kochanski** (*Bird Brain*); Lighting Designer **Narda McCarroll** (*Bird Brain*); Composer/Sound Designer/Musical Director **Binaifer Kapadia** (*A Giraffe in Paris*); Stage Manager **Tracey Byrne** (*Frida K.*).

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***Penelope vs. The Aliens!*** will appear at the Citadel Theatre from April 23 to May 6, 2007. School Performances are Monday to Thursday. Public Performances are Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased by phone, **780.425.1820**, online at **citadeltheatre.com** or in person at the **Box Office, 9828 101 A Avenue**. This play is recommended for children 5 to 12 years of age, Kindergarten to Grade 6.

***Penelope vs. The Aliens!*** premiered at the 2005 Edmonton Fringe Festival where it delighted audiences of all ages.

***Penelope vs. The Aliens!*** is produced with the generous support of:

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### **Ticket Prices**

***Call 780.425.1820 or purchase online at citadeltheatre.com***

	<b>Adult Tickets</b>	<b>Child Tickets</b>
<b>Saturday and Sunday</b>	\$25	\$18

GST will be added. Tickets subject to availability, prices subject to change.

Please call the School Booking Coordinator, 428.2127 for tickets to School Matinees

#### **SCHOOL MATINEES**

Monday to Thursday, April 23 - 26, 2007  
Monday to Thursday, April 30 – May 3, 2007

#### **PUBLIC PERFORMANCES**

Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.

**Call our Box Office at 425.1820, toll free 1.888.425.1820, or visit us online at citadeltheatre.com**

What the critics are saying about ***Penelope vs. The Aliens!***:

*"This fun-filled, pun-packed story belies a deeper core."* - Vue Weekly

*"An enjoyable, suspense-filled adventure for the whole family with an important lesson for us all."*  
– See Magazine