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*The Citadel*

Presents

# WINGFIELD'S INFERNO

by Dan Needles  
Directed by Douglas Beattie

**Starring Rod Beattie**

**January 6 – 28, 2007  
Shoctor Theatre**

*"Walt Wingfield is funnier than ever!"*  
**The Calgary Herald**

*"Pure comic gold."*  
**The Toronto Star**

*"This is Rod Beattie at his best."*  
**The Toronto Star**

**EDMONTON, AB** – The Citadel is pleased to welcome back Canadian theatre icon Rod Beattie for the sixth instalment of the award-winning Wingfield series, ***Wingfield's Inferno***. Rod's armies of loyal fans are anxious to revisit their friends from Southern Ontario and they will not be disappointed, nor will anyone experiencing Wingfield for the first time.

Over in Persephone Township, a devastating fire at the Orange Hall leaves it a smouldering ruin. Walt Wingfield leads the charge to get it rebuilt, but lighting a fire under his fellow committee members proves a daunting task. Is it courage they lack or is the devil in the details?

"In some ways, the inferno is literal, and in other ways it mimics *Dante's Inferno*; looking at the hell we create on Earth and in each other," says Mr. Beattie.

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"The play explores social issues as well. We look at insurance, profit management and regulatory rules and restrictions that try to make our lives so safe we can't live them. One of the positive scenarios that emerges from all that is the discovery that you cannot move forward without the good will of volunteers and the amazing, and necessary, energy they bring."

**Rod Beattie** plays every character in *Wingfield's Inferno* as he has done for every one of these comedic masterpieces, *Letter from Wingfield Farm* (previously seen at the Citadel during the 1991-92 season); *Wingfield's Progress* (1998-99 season, part of *The Great Wingfield Adventure*); *Wingfield's Folly* (1996-97 season); *Wingfield Unbound* (1998-99 season, part of *The Great Wingfield Adventure*); *Wingfield on Ice* (2003-2004 season).

**Wingfield's Inferno's Rod Beattie** is a veteran of 15 seasons with The Stratford Festival and has become one of the most respected and versatile actors in Canadian theatre. His extensive credits include radio, television, film and live performances across Canada. Over the past 18 years Mr. Beattie's name has become synonymous with the Wingfield series which has brought him acting awards, rave reviews and sold-out houses in Toronto, London, Stratford, Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Saint John, Fredericton and a host of other communities across the country. Rod and Walt made their American debuts to great acclaim at The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in 1994. Rod is the winner of the 1991-92 Dora Mavor Moore Award (best performance by an actor in a leading role) for his performance in the first three Wingfield plays.

**Wingfield's Inferno** is directed by **Douglas Beattie** (*Wingfield on Ice*); Lighting Design by **Sheila Cleasby** (*Wingfield on Ice*); Original Music by **Stephen Woodjetts** (*Wingfield on Ice*); Stage Managed by **Michelle Chan** (*A Christmas Carol*); Apprentice Stage Managed by **Lauren Thomas** (*A Christmas Carol*).

**Wingfield's Inferno** will appear at the Citadel Theatre from January 6 to 28, 2007. Tickets can be purchased by phone, **780.425.1820**, online at **citadeltheatre.com** or in person at the **Box Office, 9828 101 A Avenue.**

**Wingfield's Inferno** is produced with the generous support of:

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## Ticket Prices

Call 780.425.1820 or purchase online at [citadeltheatre.com](http://citadeltheatre.com)

	Adult Tickets	Senior/Student Tickets
Previews	\$45	\$35
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	\$50	\$40
Thursday Matinee	\$45	\$35
Friday	\$50	\$40
Saturday/Sunday Matinee	\$55	\$45
Saturday	\$60	\$50
Sunday	\$50	\$40

GST will be added. Tickets subject to availability. Prices subject to change.

### PREVIEWS:

Saturday, January 6; Sunday, January 7; Tuesday, January 9; Wednesday, January 10.

### OPENING NIGHT:

Thursday, January 11

### CLOSING NIGHT:

Sunday, January 28

All shows are 8:00 p.m., nightly, with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays.

There is a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday, January 27.

There are no performances on Mondays.

Call our Box Office at 425.1820, toll free 1.888.425.1820, or visit us online at [citadeltheatre.com](http://citadeltheatre.com)

What the critics are saying about *Wingfield's Inferno*:

*"Wingfield's Inferno ignites a chorus of laughter."* - The Calgary Herald

*"If you've seen the other hilarious instalments you won't be disappointed with the newest chapter."* -The Reflector

*"Wingfield's Inferno blazes with laughs."* - The Toronto Star

*"Entertainment of the highest order."* -Network Now

*"With his man-next-door face -- perfect for a character like Walt -- Beattie flows to other roles with a twist of the lip, the arch of an eyebrow, a different bend in the back and a wonderful array of different voices."* - The Globe and Mail