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wishbone theatre presents

FALLING: A WAKE

By Gary Kirkham

November 16 – 27, 2011

Directed by Michael Peng

Starring Brian Dooley & Holly Turner

Featuring Jamie Cavanagh

Elsie: "Dear Lord. How do we explain this?"

Harold: "We don't."

wishbone theatre, continuing the success from its recent international tour and Edmonton remount of *Bashir Lazhar*, proudly begins its inaugural season with the Western Canadian premiere of ***Falling: A Wake***, by award-winning Ontario playwright, Gary Kirkham. Part of Fringe Theatre Adventures' Arts At The Barns series, ***Falling: A Wake*** runs in the TransAlta Arts Barns' **PCL Studio** (10330 84 Avenue).

Inspired by actual events, ***Falling: A Wake*** examines a remarkable night in the lives of Harold and Elsie, who live on a farm in the middle of nowhere. When a jet explodes six miles above, the lifeless body of a young man — still strapped to his plane seat — lands in their yard. As they wait for the authorities to respond, Harold and Elsie make a home around the body, and as they do so, the stranger effects a mysterious transformation in his hosts. The result is an absorbing and at times surprisingly funny play that explores the simplest and deepest human longing for life and love.

"I think Edmonton audiences will appreciate this play's authenticity, simplicity and heart —especially as the tinsel and giant candy canes appear on store shelves and good will gives way to cynicism again," notes director Michael Peng.

wishbone theatre, founded in 2009, is a place where artists conspire to create in artful, elegant and imaginative ways.

Falling: A Wake runs **November 16 to 27** at **8pm** nightly, (no show Monday, Nov 21). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors, available at the **Fringe Theatre Box Office**, (780) 409-1910 or www.fringetheatre.ca. For more information about wishbone theatre, visit www.wishbonetheatre.ca. For details about FTA's Arts At The Barns series, go to www.fringetheatre.ca.