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"Take-out coffee, take-out forgiveness."

Halo

by Josh MacDonald

IN SHORT: Pacific Theatre proudly presents the holiday comedy *Halo* by Josh MacDonald - the funny and touching story of what happens in a Cape Breton community when the face of Christ appears on the wall of the local Tim Hortons. This compassionate new play asks important questions about faith, hope and customer service.

Opens December 3 to January 2. For tickets (\$14-\$28) call 604.731.5518 or www.pacifictheatre.org.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Opens December 3, 2004 to January 2, 2005

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"Theatre at its very best. There is not a false note in this high-wire act of comedy and tragedy... Beautifully written, believable characters." -The Halifax Herald

"Brimming with humour and humanity, Halo retains a serious, poignant core that resonates deeply in a post 9/11 world." -HFX Entertainment Guide

"Halo's playwright keeps his eyes on the details of normal life and finds extraordinary things. From a Tim Hortons in Cape Breton he makes miracles." -The Coast Magazine

Josh MacDonald is a writer and actor from Halifax, Nova Scotia. *Halo* is his first play, which premiered in 2000 and was toured nationally last winter by Two Planks and a Passion Theatre, where MacDonald was writer-in-residence. He is also an award-winning actor, short story writer and scriptwriter for film and stage. *Halo* and MacDonald's recent play *Whereverville* are both published by Talonbooks.

Halo is directed by Morris Ertman and features Dan Amos, Rebecca deBoer, Evangela Dueck, Anthony F. Ingram, Karen Rae, Kyle Rideout and James Wilson. Set design and lighting design are by Kevin McAllister, costume design is by Nicole Bach, with stage management by Lynette Candy.

Halo DETAILS:

Opens: December 3, 2004 to January 2, 2005
Schedule: Wednesdays - Saturdays at 8pm with 2pm matinees on Saturdays, plus Tuesday, Dec 21 & 28 at 8pm & Sunday, Dec 26 & Jan 2 at 2pm
Location: Pacific Theatre, 1420 W 12th Ave at Hemlock, Vancouver
Tickets: \$14-\$28 (Group discounts available)
Box Office: Tickets available by calling 604.731.5518, online at www.pacifictheatre.org, or in person at Pacific Theatre

For more information and to download images visit www.pacifictheatre.org or contact Steve Waldschmidt (info at top).

Media call for *Halo*

Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at Pacific Theatre. Time is limited, please call to RSVP.

4:00 pm Still photography

4:15 pm TV camera/interviews - a short scene will be repeated as many times as necessary and interviews with the performers and/or director will be on a first come, first serve basis.

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