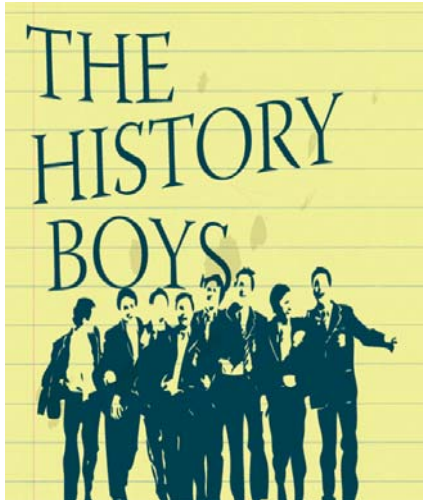


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Arts Club Theatre Company presents

The History Boys

By Alan Bennett

CANADIAN PREMIERE

September 25 – October 25, 2008

Previews: September 25 – October 1

Media opening: Wednesday, October 1, 8 PM

Granville Island Stage

IN BRIEF: Arts Club Theatre Company presents *The History Boys* at the Granville Island Stage (1585 Johnston Street) from September 25 to October 25, 2008 (**Previews: September 25 – October 1; MEDIA OPENING: OCTOBER 1**). Monday at 8 pm, Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Wednesday–Saturday at 8 pm, and Wednesday & Saturday at 2 pm. Tickets start at \$30, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. Call the Arts Club Box Office at 604.687.1644 or visit artsclub.com.

VANCOUVER, B.C.— The Arts Club Theatre Company is pleased to present the Canadian premiere of *The History Boys* from September 25 to October 25 at their Granville Island Stage. Alan Bennett's award-winning play is an electric story of education, sex, and the anarchy of adolescence. In an English grammar school, a rebellious group of brilliant young men in pursuit of a place at a prestigious university challenge the very nature of education and its purpose.

The students are intellectually stimulated by a beloved teacher named Hector (**Bernard Cuffling**), but the school's ambitious headmaster (**Duncan Fraser**) brings in a young instructor, Irwin (**Kirk Smith**), to teach them "tricks" to earn exam scores worthy of Oxford and Cambridge universities. The boys' unyielding challenges create rivalries among the two teachers, forcing them to question their own beliefs, and blurring the boundaries of the teacher/student relationships.

Alan Bennett started with *Beyond the Fringe* and has written numerous plays, novels, and other notable works. The original London production of *The History Boys* won three 2005 Olivier Awards while the New York production won five Drama Desk Awards and a record six Tony awards.

By **Alan Bennett**. Starring **Bernard Cuffling, Duncan Fraser, Jane Noble, Kirk Smith**, and the eight *History Boys*: **Kyle Cameron, Charlie Carrick, Danny Coleman, Daniel Johnston, Daniel Karasik, Gord Myren, Pablo Silveira, Vincent Tong**. Director **Dean Paul Gibson**. Design Team: **Ted Roberts** (set), **Sheila White** (costumes), **Marsha Sibthorpe** (lighting), **Jamie Nesbitt** (projection), **Brian Linds** (sound). Stage Management: **Pamela Jakobs, Ronaye Haynes**.

RAVE REVIEWS

- "Thrillingly smart and immensely enjoyable" —*Wall Street Journal*
- "Sparkles and skewers with killer wit. Dig in" —*Time Magazine*
- "Brilliant and infectious...explosively alive" —*New York Magazine*

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

- Community Matinee – Wed, October 1, 2 pm. All tickets just \$30!
- Monday Chat – October 6, 8 pm. Free pre-show talk at 6:30 pm.
- Talk Back Tuesday – October 14, 7:30 pm. Free post-show chat with cast and crew.

SEASONS SPONSORS



The Arts Club Theatre Company, now in its 45th season, is a not-for-profit registered charity based in Vancouver, British Columbia, that operates two theatres on a year-round basis, the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage and the Granville Island Stage. The company also tours a three-show mini-season throughout the province annually.

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