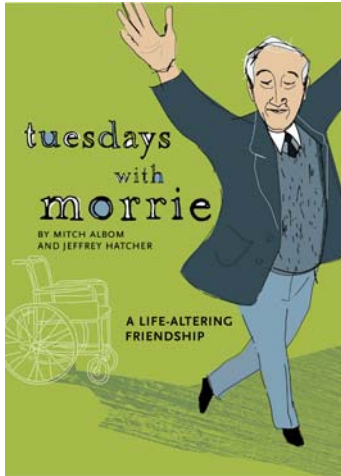


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Arts Club Theatre Company presents

Tuesdays with Morrie

May 1 – 31, 2008

Granville Island Stage

Starring Antony Holland and Warren Kimmel

VANCOUVER, B.C.— The Arts Club Theatre Company is pleased to present *Tuesdays with Morrie*, an inspirational story of friendship and love, based on Mitch Albom's best-selling memoir of the same name.

Meet Mitch (**Warren Kimmel**), an accomplished sportswriter driven solely by his career, and Morrie (**Antony Holland**), his former professor from Brandeis University. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch learns from the TV program "Nightline" that Morrie is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Mitch reunites with his mentor and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life.

Behind the success of the Arts Club's stage production is our own real-life inspiration, **Antony Holland**, who won a **Jessie Richardson Award** for playing the title role in our 2006 production. Antony started his career in theatre aboard an army freighter during WW2. In Vancouver, he helmed the Studio 58 acting program from 1965 until 1985, nurturing and discovering many of our most successful local talents. Now 87 years old, he continues to create and share his love of performance by running the Gabriola Theatre Centre. Antony returns to our theatre having just finished a successful run in Thunder Bay!

Written by **Mitch Albom** and **Jeffrey Hatcher**. Starring **Antony Holland** as Morrie and **Warren Kimmel** as Mitch. Director: **Bill Millerd**. Design Team: **Ted Roberts**, **Marsha Sibthorpe** (lights), **Rebekka Sorensen** (costumes). Stage Management: **Louis-Marie Bournival**, **Pamela Jakobs**.

PRAISE FOR ANTONY AND OUR PRODUCTION

"A warm, affecting story" —Jerry Wasserman, *The Province*

"A crowd pleaser" —Jo Ledingham, *Vancouver Courier*

"Characters you can believe in" —Lloyd Dykk, *The Vancouver Sun*

"A charmingly understated performance" —Colin Thomas, *The Georgia Straight*

"A remarkable, inspiring performance you should not miss" —Martin Millerchip, *North Shore News*

IN BRIEF: Arts Club Theatre Company presents *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom and Jeffrey Hatcher at the Granville Island Stage (1585 Johnston St.) from May 1 to 31. Tickets are \$30–\$41, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. Call the Arts Club Box Office 604.687.1644 or visit www.artsclub.com.

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The Arts Club Theatre Company, now in its 44th season, is a not-for-profit registered charity 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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