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MOMS UNITE! THIS IS A SHOW ALL ABOUT YOU.

MOM'S THE WORD: FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

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April 19, 2011 – Calgary, AB... Theatre Calgary closes our 2010-11 season with *Mom's The Word: For Crying Out Loud!* This is the play about moms, written by moms, starring Calgary moms.

THE PLAY

From the terrible twos to the terrifying teens, experience the frustrations, embarrassments and dizzying joys of being a mom. Audiences around the world have roared with laughter and tears at these outrageously funny and poignant vignettes of motherhood, as this is a show full of true stories of our unsung heroes...our moms. Whether you come with your spouse or come with a group of moms, this is a show that everyone (even dads!) can relate to.

Mom's The Word all began in Vancouver during the spring of 1993. A group of six professional female actors, with 12 children between them, began meeting Saturday mornings to talk about the highs and lows of raising a family. One of them, Linda A. Carson, realized that they had ample material and talent to put together a show about children and motherhood and asked the others (Jill Daum, Alison Kelly, Robin Nichol, Barbara Pollard and Deborah Williams) to collaborate with her. As they shared their stories, *Mom's the Word* was born.

In the first incarnation of *Mom's the Word*, the writer/performers' children were all under six and the material focused on issues related to raising newborns and toddlers. As their children grew older, the writers found they had all kinds of new material inspired by the trials and discoveries of raising teenagers. Thus, *Mom's the Word 2: Unhinged* was born. The newest installation in the series, *Mom's the Word: For Crying Out Loud!*, is a combination of elements from both chapters along with more recent material.

THE MOM'S

Mom's the Word: For Crying Out Loud! features five familiar faces to Calgary audiences. **LINDSAY BURNS** (mother of one boy), **KIRA BRADLEY** (mother of a 10-month old boy), **ELINOR HOLT** (mother of two girls and one boy), **NIKKI LOACH** (mother of one boy) and **ELIZABETH STEPKOWSKI-TARHAN** (mother of one boy) all star in the show, playing the various characters created by the real moms of the original. Having real moms in the show has allowed the actors to share, relate and celebrate their own adventures into motherhood, and in some cases, re-enact their own lives.

THE CREATIVE TEAM

The show is directed by **MEG ROE**, who was last seen at Theatre Calgary in *Timothy Findley's The Wars*. Rounding out the creative team are **SCOTT REID** (Set & Projection Design), **DEITRA KALYN** (Costume Design), **HARRY FREHNER** (Lighting Design), **ALESSANDRO JULIANI** (Sound Design), **JANE MACFARLANE** (Voice Coach), **RICK RINDER** (Stage Manager) and **STACEY KOTLAR** (Assistant Stage Manager).

In celebration of women, mothers and loved ones affected by breast cancer, Theatre Calgary will give one pink carnation to all women who attend *Mom's the Word* upon exiting the theatre.

NOTE: *Mom's the Word: For Crying Out Loud!* contains mature content, language and nudity and is not recommended for children.

Performances at Theatre Calgary run Tuesday thru Sunday with evening curtain at 7:30pm (Tues-Thurs & Sunday) and 8:00pm (Fri & Sat), weekend matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets for all performances start as low as \$25.00 and can be purchased through Theatre Calgary at 403-294-7447, or online at theatrecalgary.com. Rush tickets may be available at the box office, one half hour prior to showtimes for \$30. All performances take place in the Max Bell Theatre in the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts.

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