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April 17, 2016 - 'Why is it okay to say words sometimes and not others?' – This is the main question that is asked in WORDPLAY, a Canadian production participating in the International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival.

Theatre Topikos is a Toronto-based theatre company that celebrates independent spirit and diversity. They aim to push the boundaries of convention in accepting information as it is told.

Nick is a comfortable gay man and Jess is a straight tomboy, they are two best friends at the end of working the graveyard shift in a restaurant. They find themselves embroiled in a drunken discussion about words; their meanings, and the impact that those words have on their lives. Cut between their work environment and their debate, Jess and Nick, using dark humour (and a lot of naughty words) push the boundaries of their friendship as they question appropriate, and appropriated word use within the dynamics of society and each other.

The show was written by **Nick May & Jess Bryson**, and is based loosely on actual conversations that they've had during the course of their friendship. **Nick May** is the Artistic Director of *Theatre Topikos* and is an out gay actor that passionately works within LGBT film and Theatre. In 2007 Nick starred in the LGBT film, *The Houseboy*, released by TLA Entertainment. **Jess Bryson** is a Canadian improviser and actor. She is a graduate of The Second City Conservatory program and plays an active role in the Toronto's improv community; she is the Academy Director of The Bad Dog Theatre Company.

The show also stars **Callum Wratten**; a Toronto-based actor, writer and improviser originally from Australia. Callum has performed worldwide and is part of the Bad Dog Featured players. The show is directed by **Griffin McInnes**, co-founder and Artistic Director of Wit's End Theatre. Most recently he served as Emerging Artist in Residency with Nova Scotia's 2b Theatre Company.

You'll think twice about the words that you use after seeing WORDPLAY.

Wordplay

By Nick May & Jess Bryson

May 2nd – May 7th

Mon – Sat @ 9pm / Monday & Saturday 4pm matinee

The Outhouse, 105 Capel Street Dublin, Ireland Dublin 1

Tickets priced €10 - €15, Advanced tickets available www.gaytheatre.ie

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