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"This is my chance, my time. If I don't take it now, it'll never happen again."

Last Train to Nibroc

by Arlene Hutton

IN SHORT: Pacific Theatre proudly presents *Last Train to Nibroc* by Arlene Hutton - the story of a young woman who finds her idealism derailed by a disillusioned soldier. This sweet Appalachian romance paints a wise and revealing portrait of bright-faced sincerity and stifled desire.

Opens March 18 to April 16. For tickets (\$14-\$28) call 604.731.5518 or www.pacifictheatre.org.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Opens March 18 to April 16, 2005

There's a war on, but love poses the biggest threat of all. Pacific Theatre proudly presents *Last Train to Nibroc*, a romance by Arlene Hutton. On a cross-country train bound for Kentucky, a young woman finds her idealism derailed by a disillusioned soldier. Fresh out of Bible college, May intends to become a missionary. Raleigh, on the other hand, is thrilled to be riding a train with the corpses of two of his alcoholic idols, Nathaniel West and F. Scott Fitzgerald, whose coffins are in the baggage car. Love blooms slowly in their 1940s world of county fairs, long summer evenings and personal traumas. This blissfully sweet Appalachian romance paints a wise and revealing portrait of bright-faced sincerity and stifled desire.

"Romance can be contagious," says the *Dallas Morning News*, "be careful about *Last Train to Nibroc*, you may just wind up falling for anybody you see it with." The *Charleston Post and Courier* describes the play "as close to theatrical perfection as mere mortals can achieve." And as the *Financial Times* says, "Every line is a heartbeat."

Last Train to Nibroc was nominated for Best Play (2000) by the New York Drama League and was a finalist for a Francesca Primus Prize. Playwright Arlene Hutton is a MacDowell Colony fellow and member of the Dramatists' Guild. A four-time Heideman Award finalist (the Actors Theatre of Louisville) and a three-time Samuel French Short Play Festival winner, her production credits range from Australia to Edinburgh, with numerous premieres in NYC.

Last Train to Nibroc is directed by Angela Konrad and features Kris Knutsen and Adam Bergquist (seen in last season's hit *Chickens* by Lucia Frangione). Set design is by Scott Campbell, lighting design is by Darren Barefoot, costume design is by Nicole Bach, with stage management by Cristin Schieder.

Last Train to Nibroc DETAILS:

Opens: March 18 to April 16, 2005
Schedule: Wednesdays - Saturdays at 8pm with 2 pm matinees on Saturdays
Location: Pacific Theatre, 1420 W 12th Ave at Hemlock, Vancouver
Tickets: \$14-\$28 (Group discounts available)
Box Office: For tickets call 604.731.5518, or online at www.pacifictheatre.org, or in person at Pacific Theatre.

For more info and to download images visit www.pacifictheatre.org/press.html or contact Steve (info at top).

Media call for *Last Train to Nibroc*

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Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at Pacific Theatre. Time is limited, please call to RSVP.

4:00 pm - Still photos

4:15 pm - TV camera/interviews - a short scene will be repeated, interviews with the performers and/or director will be on a 1st come, 1st serve basis.

