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PREMIÈRE PRODUCTION LANDS PLAYWRIGHT PUBLISHED SCRIPT *TELL US WHAT HAPPENED*, BY MICHELLE ROBB

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(EDMONTON) Workshop West Playwrights' Theatre launches the publication of ***Tell Us What Happened* by playwright Michelle Robb, on Monday August 7, 2023, at 7:30pm, at the Gateway Theatre (8529 Gateway Boulevard, Edmonton AB, T6E 6P3)**. The event will include select readings from the play, sweet treats, and tasty refreshments. Attendance is free to all who wish to gather in celebration of the playwright, her first publication, and the addition of this play to the Canadian theatre repertoire.

Tell Us What Happened was written during Michelle's studies at the Citadel Theatre Young Company and the BFA Acting Program at the University of Alberta. In 2020, the play won the Novitiate Prize for the Annual Alberta Playwriting Competition. In 2021, Michelle received her BFA Acting degree. One year later in 2022, *Tell Us What Happened* received its world première production at Workshop West, directed by Artistic Producer Heather Inglis. Now in 2023, the play is being published, thanks to Scirocco Drama. For a playwright to be professionally produced and published so early in her career speaks to the talent, skill, and future of this remarkable artist.

***Tell Us What Happened* Synopsis:** For the past three years, Charlie and her two roommates have been running a secret online girl group, "Tell Us What Happened," which boasts over 400 members and prides itself on being a safe space for young women to disclose their stories and support each other. Tensions rise when a handful of members come to realize they have all been sexually mistreated by the same guy—and that guy happens to be Charlie's best friend, Josh. Alliances are stretched to the breaking point as the girls pursue justice while Josh and Charlie fight for their friendship. *Tell Us What Happened* is a charged investigation into the mechanics of sexual assault reconciliation in the age of social media.

"By the end I found I'd been clutching my reading glasses so hard in one hand I'd bent them out of shape...In a repertoire of foregone conclusions, this new play is impressively fearless." — Liz Nicholls, *12th Night*

"Throughout the 90-minute one-act, there is the sickening reminder that what happens on the internet stays on the internet. The characters must deal with all that goes on within a forum that exposes everyone, forever...It's a messy play that ends with a shocking punch to the gut." — Liane Faulder, *Edmonton Journal*

Michelle Robb is an actor, dancer, and playwright from amiskwaciwaskahikan, currently splitting her time between Edmonton and Tkaronto. Her formal education was at the University of Alberta, where she completed two years of their BA Drama Honours program before graduating their BFA Acting program in 2021. Her dance training has taken place at a number of Canadian studios, as well as the ImpulsTanz Festival in Vienna, Austria. She learned how to write plays in the Citadel Young Playwriting company, which is where *Tell Us What Happened* first began in 2017. Michelle's independent work in dance and playwriting has been funded by the Edmonton Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts.

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