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Vancouver Quickie Premieres at Granville Island

Vancouver, BC—Can you really know someone in five minutes? And is speed dating a shortcut to happiness, or a slippery slope to heartache? TF Productions, the team that brought the city its first “accidentally Asian” romantic dramedy, *Twisting Fortunes*—which played to a sold-out house at the Playwrights Theatre Centre on Granville Island last year—presents *The Quickie*, a Vancouver-based, contemporary romantic comedy that rips a strip out of speed dating, making whoopee, and cultural collision. In all the wrong places.

The Quickie is directed by Ross Bragg (Producer, CBC) with lighting design by Darren Boquist (Walking Fish Festival) from a script by Grace Chin (Event Producer, Scripting Aloud), one half of the TF Productions writing/producing team that includes Charlie Cho (Associate Producer, CBC). TF Productions is grateful to receive in-kind support from the CBC, Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre (VACT) and Scripting Aloud. “A ‘quickie’ can mean a lot of things. This is a fun play about dating in Vancouver, but it’s not only about sex; it’s about how readily we judge people before we know who they are, about love at first sight,” says Bragg.

In this take-out love story, Richard “The Rich” Gupta (Raahul Singh) wants everything, while his buddy Darryl Chu (Alex Chu) just wants the right woman. Susan Fan (Grace Chin) is willing to settle for a man she can put up with, while her best friend Regina Cho (Emily Chow) won’t settle at all. The four meet their matches quickly enough at the same speed dating event, yet find the follow-through far from tidy. An amorous woman (Allison Riley), a party girl (Kit Koon), a pretty boy (Phil Gurney) and a toothsome dentist (Victor Khong) further complicate the “girl meets boy” dynamic.

The Quickie is the second theatrical production, after 2007’s *Twisting Fortunes*, to be staged after being workshopped at Scripting Aloud, a monthly pan-Asian Canadian scriptreading series active since 2005. **A short excerpt from *The Quickie* will be read live at the Tenth Anniversary Gung Haggis Fat Choy dinner event on January 27, 2008 at Floata Chinese Restaurant, 400-180 Keefer Street, downtown Vancouver.**



From left: Alex Chu, Grace Chin, Emily Chow, Raahul Singh

Performances:

Thurs. Feb. 7, Fri. Feb. 8, Sat. Feb. 9, 8 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 15, Sat. Feb. 16, 8 p.m.

Venue: Playwrights Theatre Centre
(1398 Cartwright Street), Granville Island

Tickets: \$15 at the door, \$13 online via PayPal at www.scriptingaloud.ca/quickie

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