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1 Actor, 27 Characters, Loads of Popcorn

Alon Nashman returns to the Winnipeg Fringe with **Alphonse**

Canada's most acclaimed contemporary playwright and 2011 Academy Award Nominee **Wajdi Mouawad** teams with multi-award winning director/performer **Alon Nashman** to bring **Alphonse**, a profound and whimsical "One-Man Wonder" (Toronto Star), to the Winnipeg Fringe.

"When we're little no one tells us very much, so we imagine."

Alphonse is lost, walking along a country road, weaving an intricate web of stories, while everyone is searching for him: parents, friends, teachers, the police. What they find is the thing we often give up in order to grow up. NOW Magazine declared **Alphonse** to be one of the **Top 20 Shows** in the history of the Toronto Fringe, calling it "a magical and touching show for all ages." **Alphonse** will travel from Winnipeg to the **Edinburgh Festival Fringe**, for which it was recently featured in **VARIETY**.

Alon Nashman's multi-character performance in **Alphonse** follows his 2007 Winnipeg Fringe held-over hit **Kafka and Son**. (***** Winnipeg Free Press, ***** CBC Winnipeg). A new one-man play about director John Hirsch, created by Nashman and Paul Thompson, will premiere at the 2012 Stratford Shakespeare Festival. **Wajdi Mouawad** is a prolific playwright, whose work has been performed around the world, and adapted into films such as *Incendies*, nominated for the 2011 Academy Award as Best Foreign Language Film. He is currently Artistic Director of the National Arts Centre Theatre (French) in Ottawa.

Performed at the innovative **Gas Station Arts Centre** in the heart of Osborne Village, **Alphonse** is part of a lineup of daring international performers and comedy superstars taking over the Centre for this year's Fringe.

*"There's no more enchanting show in town." ***** (NOW Magazine)*

*"A Runaway Theatrical Success." ***** (Globe and Mail)*

*"Heartpoundingly great theatre." ***** (Toronto Star)*

Alphonse, by Wajdi Mouawad

5:30 p.m. July 13 to 24 (not July 18)

Gas Station Arts Centre

445 River Avenue, Osborne Village

Tickets: \$10 (\$8, kids, students, seniors)

Available at: www.winnipegfringe.com, 942-6537 or toll-free at 1-877-446-4500