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**ARTS CLUB THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES  
CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR  
MOM'S THE WORD: TALKIN' TURKEY  
AND PRESENTS THE GINGERBREAD MEN: A HOLIDAY CABARET**

*Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey*: December 5–31, 2023 (no media opening)

*The Gingerbread Men: A Holiday Cabaret*: December 1–17, 2023 (no media opening)

**IN BRIEF** The Arts Club Theatre Company's production of *Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey* plays **December 5–31** at the [Granville Island Stage](#), 1585 Johnston Street, Vancouver. The Arts Club's presentation of *The Gingerbread Men: A Holiday Cabaret* runs **December 1–17** at the [Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre](#), 162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver. Tickets for both from \$39. More info at [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com)

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (November 20, 2023)**—It's the most wonderful time of the year, and everyone's favourite moms are back to cook up another theatrical feast with *Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey*, playing **December 5–31** at the Granville Island Stage. Also gracing the stage this festive season is *The Gingerbread Men: A Holiday Cabaret*, an Arts Club presentation, **December 1–17** at the Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre.

The **Mom's the Word Collective** (Jill Daum, Alison Kelly, Robin Nichol, Barbara Pollard, and Deborah Williams) is here to show that the holidays are just as dysfunctional as they are jolly, from the gifts to the gab to the garb. Turning the "season of giving" into the "season of forgiving," each Mom offers up her yuletide truths with a hilarious cup o' cheer. Wrapped in a big, recycled bow, this story from the moms you love will no doubt make for a festive, fun-filled night of wit, joy, and irreverence. An Arts Club [Silver Commission](#), *Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey* is a remount of the 2022 production, which had a very successful run last winter.

Robin Nichol, who starred as one of the Moms last December, is directing this time. She said, "As usual, the Moms tell the truth, the hilarious truth, and nothing but the embarrassing truth. This show is for everyone who has ever had a hard time rising to the expectations of the Christmas season. You're not alone, it's OK to fail, and it's absolutely imperative to laugh about it!"

Celebrating the success and legacy of the Mom's the Word Collective, Arts Club Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** said, "The Moms simply *are* the Arts Club. These women have been central to our work since the mid-90s when they first shared with us the good, the bad, the ugly, and the beautiful about motherhood—experiences I am now living firsthand! Through the decades, these brilliant women have hilariously and candidly shared what it means to rear small children, to live with teenagers, and finally to become empty nesters."

Make this festive season even cozier with *The Gingerbread Men: A Holiday Cabaret*! Prepare to be whisked away on a dough-lightful cabaret of classic holiday songs and merriment. Fresh out of the pan with their signature golly-gee charm, toe-tapping tunes, and buttery-smooth harmonies, **The Gingerbread Men** (Brennan Cuff, Brandyn Eddy, Jeremy Lowe, and Jeffrey Victor) are the perfect recipe for a holly jolly good time.



## ABOUT THE MOM'S THE WORD COLLECTIVE

*Mom's the Word* has had a full gestation period going back to conception in the spring of 1993. Six professional actors found themselves fully employed but ironically unpaid in the shocking role of "new mothers." They began meeting once a week to create a piece of theatre they hoped would explode some of the mommy myths they'd encountered. There had been lots written about the glory of motherhood but little of the gory bits. They talked, they laughed, they cried, they whined, they complained, they laughed some more but they didn't get anything down on paper. With a deadline looming, in the tradition of oral history, they remembered each other's stories and decided on which stories HAD to be told. Thus, was born *Mom's the Word*. Since then, they have gone on to create *Mom's the Word: Unhinged* and *Mom's the Word: Nest ½ Empty*. Their shows have been international successes, but all have started at the Arts Club.

## CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM OF MOM'S THE WORD: TALKING TURKEY

**Jill Daum** (Jill), **Erla Faye Forsyth** (Robin), **Alison Kelly** (Alison), **Barbara Pollard** (Barbara), **Deborah Williams** (Deb), **Colleen Winton** (Standby)

**Robin Nichol** (Director), **Wayne Harrison** (Original Direction), **Anna Kuman** (Choreographer), **Lisa Goebel** (Associate Choreographer), **Pam Johnson** (Set Designer), **Barbara Clayden** (Costume Designer), **Darren W. Hales** (Lighting Designer), **Candelario Andrade** (Projection/Sound Designer), **Mishelle Cuttler** (Musical Director), **Caryn Fehr** (Stage Manager), **Ronaye Haynes** (Assistant Stage Manager)

## ABOUT THE GINGERBREAD MEN

Handsome, dashing, debonair served with a side of holiday ham and cheese, The Gingerbread Men—**Brennan Cuff**, **Brandyn Eddy**, **Jeremy Lowe**, **Jeffrey Victor**—have been crooning holiday classics at Christmas markets, hotels, and corporate events since 2012. These professional singers have performed on Broadway, at the Stratford Festival, and in regional theatres across the United States and Canada. They gleefully infuse their performances with witty banter, heartfelt nostalgia, and a celebration of festive traditions, while their playful twists and surprises add a dash of excitement to the mixing bowl.

## CREATIVE TEAM OF THE GINGERBREAD MEN: A HOLIDAY CABARET

**Ted Roberts** (Production Designer), **Pamela Jakobs** (Stage Manager), **Keri Minty** (Choreographer for "man with the bag"), **Jonathan Winsby** (Voiceover)

## SHOWTIMES + SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

### ***Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey***

Evenings: Tue–Thu, 7:30 PM; Fri & Sat, 8 PM

Matinees: Wed, 1:30 PM; Sat & Sun, 2 PM

[Talkback Tuesday](#): Tue, Dec 19, 7:30 PM

[VocalEye Performances](#): Sun, Dec 22, 8 PM

### ***The Gingerbread Men: A Holiday Cabaret***

Dec 1, 8 PM

Dec 2, 8 PM

Dec 3, 2 PM

Dec 6, 7:30 PM

Dec 7, 7:30 PM

Dec 8, 8 PM

Dec 9, 2 & 8 PM

Dec 10, 2 PM

Dec 12, 7:30 PM

Dec 13, 7:30 PM

Dec 14, 7:30 PM

Dec 15, 8 PM

Dec 16, 2 & 8 PM

Dec 17, 2 PM

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The Arts Club is one of the largest not-for-profit theatre organizations in the country and is the principal gathering place for the theatrical arts in British Columbia. Comprising three unique venues across Vancouver, the Arts Club welcomes more than a quarter million guests annually, tours provincially and nationally, and engages students and artists alike through educational and professional programs.

Above all, the Arts Club is dedicated to the advancement of local artists telling stories from around the globe and, in particular, those of our region. From this, we believe that culture expands, an understanding of differences is nurtured, and art bursts forth. The Arts Club was founded in 1964 and is currently led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White.

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