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MEGAN FOLLOWS TO STAR IN CANADIAN PREMIERE OF *THIS*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | November 3, 2010 – Vancouver, BC... 2011 will begin with a bang at the Vancouver Playhouse as **Megan Follows**, known internationally for her role as Anne Shirley on the acclaimed 1985 television series *Anne of Green Gables* and its two sequels, will star as Jane in the Canadian premiere of *This* by Vancouver playwright **Melissa James Gibson**, at the Vancouver Playhouse, January 8 – 29, 2011 (opening night is Jan. 13).

This premiered Off-Broadway last year. It is a crisp, smart, urban comedy about modern relationships in crisis. Jane is a promising poet without a muse and a single mother without lessons to pass along. Her dating life is a shambles and her helpful friends are only making things more complicated. *This* captures the uncertain steps of a circle of friends backing their way into middle age.

Aside from her film and television work, Follows is also known for her work on stages across Canada and the United States including Toronto's Soulpepper Theatre Company, Ottawa's National Arts Centre, the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, Edmonton's Citadel Theatre, Atlantic Theatre Festival, Minneapolis' Guthrie Theater, and Mirvish Productions in Toronto, where she recently appeared in the revival of **Caryl Churchill's** *Cloud 9*.

Directed by **Amiel Gladstone**, *This* also features **Dmitry Chepovetsky** as Alan, **Fabrice Grover** as Jean-Pierre, **Karen Holness** as Marell, and **Todd Thomson** as Tom.

The creative team includes **Alison Green** (set design), **Kristen Bond** (costume design), **Adrian Muir** (lighting design), **Meg Roe & Alessandro Juliani** (sound design), **Joanne P.B. Smith** (stage manager) and **Kelly Barker** (assistant stage manager).

Tickets (\$32-\$59) are available online at vancouverplayhouse.com, by calling the box office at **604 873 3311**, or in person at the theatre box office (Hamilton & Dunsmuir), Mon.-Fri., 10am-5pm.

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