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Never Shoot a Stampede Queen **Debuts at Granville Island Stage** **Starring Zachary Stevenson**

VANCOUVER, BC: West End Productions is pleased to present the Vancouver debut of ***Never Shoot a Stampede Queen*** May 10-25 at the Granville Island Stage.

Starring **Zachary Stevenson** (the Arts Club's Buddy Holly), directed and dramaturged by **TJ Dawe** (hot off his acclaimed solo show *Medicine*), and adapted for the stage from the Leacock Medal winning book by the author, **Mark Leiren-Young**, this new comedy is a collection of true life tall tales from BC's real-life wild west.

Never Shoot a Stampede Queen follows the adventures of a big city (Vancouver) boy who arrives in a real life cowboy town (Williams Lake) and discovers stranger news, quirkier characters, and better friends, than he ever could have imagined.



Following its publication in 2009, ***Never Shoot a Stampede Queen – A Rookie Reporter in the Cariboo*** won the Leacock Medal for Humour and spent 16 weeks on the BC Bestseller's list. Dawe, a fan of the book, approached Leiren-Young about adapting the story for the stage. The Arts Club Theatre offered the duo the chance to workshop a script last year as part of their 2012 *Scene First* program with Ryan Beil. Beil is performing ***Never Shoot a Stampede Queen*** at the show's World Premiere at the Western Canada Theatre Company's production in April, which is also being directed by Dawe.

Never Shoot a Stampede Queen runs May 10-25th, nightly at 8 pm (Sundays dark), with 2 pm matinees on Saturdays. There will be a special preview May 9th and talkback sessions with both the playwright and star in attendance on Wednesday nights and after the Saturday matinees and the special preview. Tickets are \$25-45, and are available at [Vancouver Tix](http://vancouver.tix.com). All performances will take place at the Arts Club Granville Island Stage, 1689 Johnston St.

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