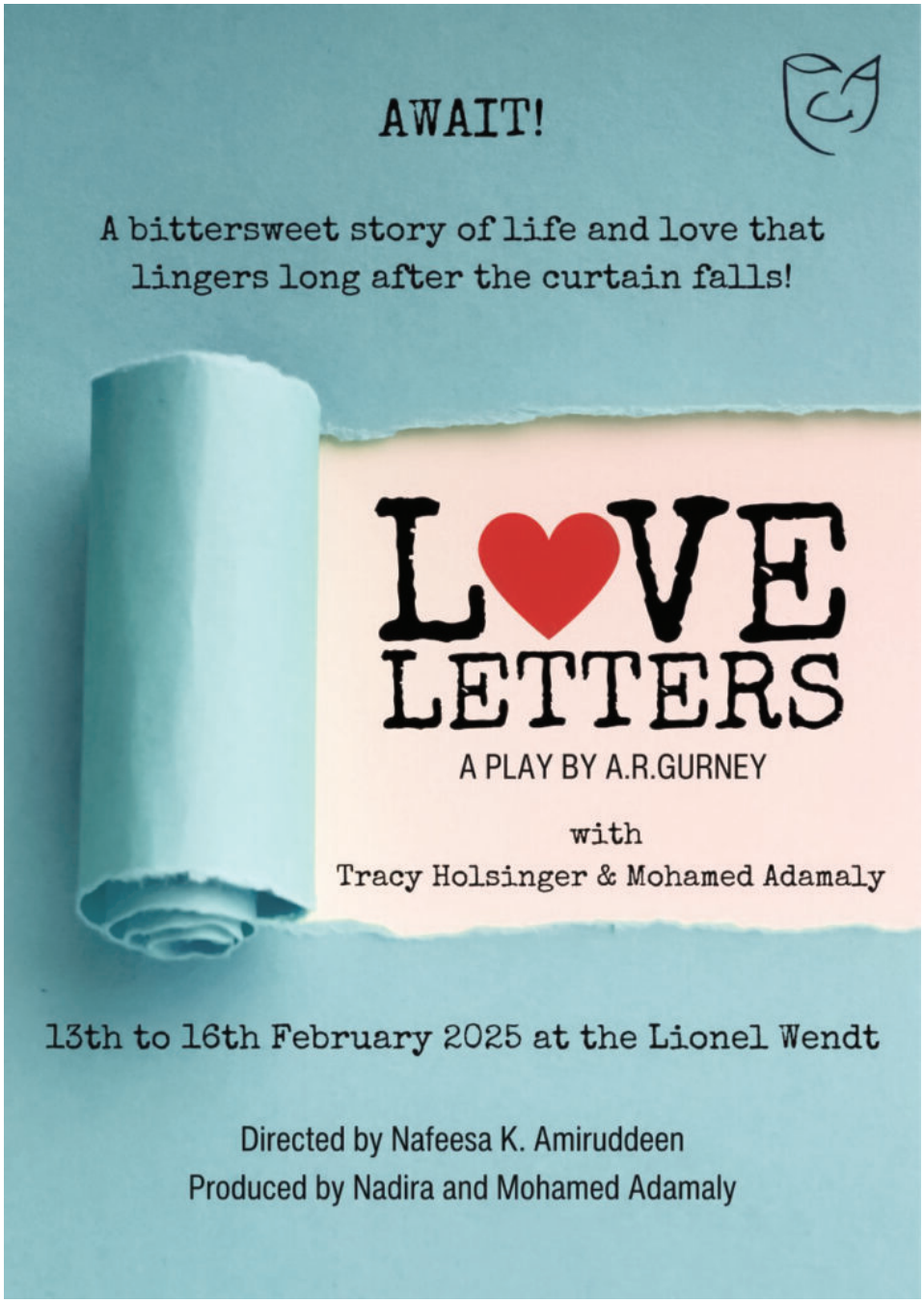
Love Letters: A Valentine’s Celebration

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A.R. Gurney’s Pulitzer Prize-nominated play “Love Letters” is set to take the stage at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, perfectly timed for the Valentine’s Day spirit, from February 13 to 16, 2025.



At first glance, “Love Letters” may appear simple, but beneath its surface lies a profound and touching love story that resonates deeply with audiences.

This remarkable production features actors Mohamed (Adam) Adamaly as Andy and Tracy Holsinger as Melissa, under the skilled direction of Nafeesa K. Amiruddeen. It

is produced by Nadira and Mohamed Adamaly, brought to life by the Performing Arts Company (PAC).

The plot centers on Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, childhood friends whose enduring friendship spans nearly six decades of letters, notes, and messages exchanged between them. From joyous childhood birthday parties to the tumultuous teenage years, their friendship evolves, faces challenges, yet ultimately survives. Melissa and Andrew are soulmates—interconnected and always honest with each other. Their relationship is further complicated by their various, often unsuccessful attempts to date and their marriages to others, as well as the divergent paths their lives take. The audience will undoubtedly relate to their experiences, seeing reflections of their own lives in the characters’ journeys.

Through their correspondence, Melissa and Andrew invite us to embark on an emotional journey harking back to a time when heartfelt letters were the norm, and eagerly awaiting a reply was part of the thrill. “Love Letters” transports us to an era when friendships were celebrated through the art of letter writing.

Additionally, the play powerfully reminds us of the human desire to connect with at least one person with whom we can truly be ourselves—without pretense or disguise. This is the essence of Melissa and Andy’s friendship, characterized by honesty and understanding. Their letters encompass humor, poignancy, and deep emotion, leaving the audience yearning for such a friendship in their own lives.

“Love Letters” offers an enriching evening of theater that highlights one of our most vital human traits: the power of communication.

February 13 – 16

Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7.

Time: 7.30pm. Tickets: Rs.5,500, Rs,4,000, Rs,3,000, Rs.2,000 and Rs.1,200



Mohamed Adamaly as Andy.



Tracy Holsinger as Melissa.



Love Letters is a poignant tale of love and life.