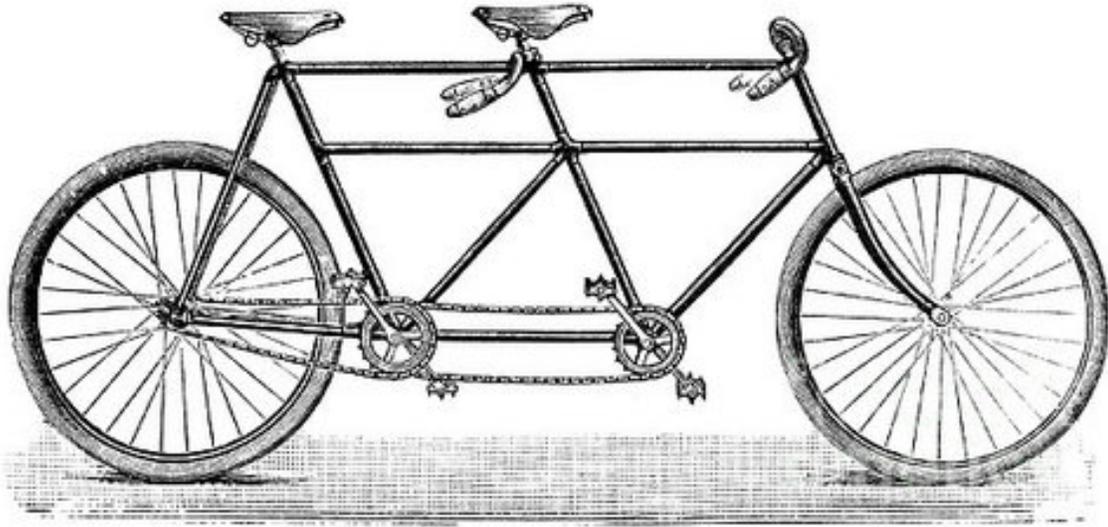


# THEATRE OF THE BEAT

PROUDLY PRESENTS

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## A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO

WRITTEN BY  
JOHNNY WIDEMAN

DIRECTED BY  
REBECCA STEINER

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*A Playful Reflection on Marriage*

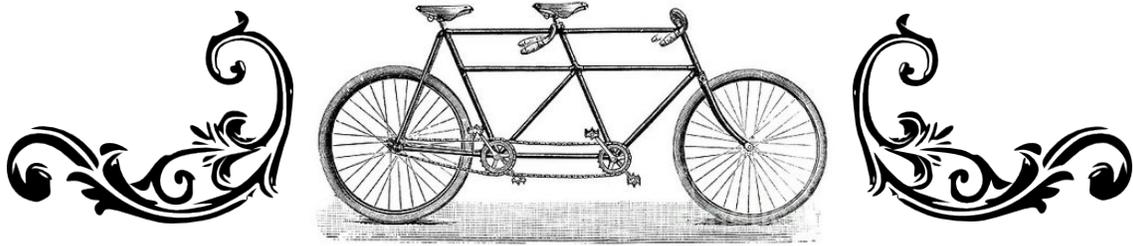
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What, in the blue blazes is...

# A BICYCLE BUILT

# FOR TWO? Great question!

Well, aside from an awesome metaphor for marriage, "A Bicycle Built for Two" is the title of our newest play - a hard-hitting comedy that takes a PLAYful (see what we did there?) look at relationships, commitment, and divorce.

It follows three couples:

- 1) -Will & Sarah-  
A couple of bright-eyed, bushy-tailed youngins, engaged & just beginning their marriage.
- 2) -Arnold & Janet (Will's parents)-  
An aging pair of empty nesters trying to rediscover their marriage after some-odd 30 years.
- 3) -Jim & Nancy (Arnold & Janet's friends)-  
A dueling duo that has reached the end of their marriage.



The result: 75 minutes of hilarious, thought-provoking theatre that will bring **YOUR COMMUNITY** together to examine the foundations of marriage & the cracks that can go unattended.

And then, as always with Theatre of the Beat, the show wraps up with a "Talk Back" - Act 2! This is when the audience, the actors, and Shalom Counselling Services professionals get together to process & discuss the content of the play. This is where the REAL community building happens.

YOU CAN FIND EVEN MORE TOTB RELATED INFO ON THE INTERWEB:



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# BICYCLE MAINTENANCE

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Dear Host, in order to have a successful show, all we need is:

## Some Space:

Nothing fancy. Just a space/stage about 20" x 20" without anything in the way (pews, pulpit, small children)

## Some Technology:

A sound system: CD player or 35mm (headphone jack) AUX input, mixing board, & microphones for the "Talk Back".

## Some Promo:

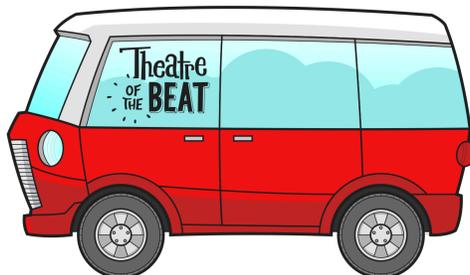
- 1) Print off the cover of this document (it doubles as a poster)
- 2) Write the show info under **SHOW INFO** // & make photocopies
- 3) Plaster it around town: local businesses, churches, etc
- 4) Put the following write-up in your & local church bulletins:

On (Insert Date Here), critically acclaimed drama troupe, **Theatre of the Beat** will be presenting "A Bicycle Built for Two" at (Name of the location). Join us for a fun and thought-provoking evening as they present a hilarious and insightful comedy about the ups and downs of marriage. It's sure to be filled with laughter, discussion, and the occasional tandem bicycle. Admission is (List price/donation). Hope to see you there!

- 5) Play this teaser for your congregation ([www.vimeo.com/91819836](http://www.vimeo.com/91819836))
- 6) Send the press release to your local newspaper/community events

## Some Place to Crash:

We ask that every community finds billets for our Company members. That way we can get to know you folks & keep costs low.



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***COMEDY EXAMINES THE "MOANS" OF MATRIMONY,  
WIDEMAN'S "A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO" GETS PERSONAL.***

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Founded in 2011, Theatre of the Beat (TOTB) has quickly gained a reputation as a socially-relevant, group of road warriors, that don't shy away from the tough topics.

The newest addition to the troupe's growing repertoire is entitled *A Bicycle Built For Two*. It's a thought-provoking comedy which follows three couples at various stages in their relationships: engagement, the empty-nest, and separation. The result: a light-hearted crack at the realities of human relationships, the institution of marriage and the nebulous art of relationship maintenance.

"Relationships begin, relationships grow, and sometimes relationships end," says director Rebecca Steiner. "This is a play about relationship - and being the relational creatures that we are, it's about how we interact with each other - which is inherently comical. "

"Over the past ten years, relationship issues between couples have been the second most frequent reason people seek counselling," says Waterloo's Shalom Counselling Services executive director, Wanda Wagler-Martin. "We decided it was time to do some health promotion and education." With a reputation for challenging theatre, Shalom Counselling decided to commission playwright Johnny Wideman to create a fun piece that would act as a catalyst for discussion. "It had to be a comedy," says Wideman. "Laughter disarms. It allows you to raise the questions people are too afraid to ask."

★★★★

"Uplifting...a warmly comic play that never loses sight of how complex marriage is."  
-*Stage-Door, Toronto*

"An honest, insightful reflection."  
-*NOW Magazine, Toronto*

They may only be in their 20s...but [Theatre of the Beat is] providing audiences with a fresh take on marriage.  
-*The Herald, Winnipeg*

"Sweet and Charming...You may have just found your soul mate in *A Bicycle Built for Two*."  
- *Mooney on Theatre*

"An hour-and-a-half of laughter [and] tears...Theatre of the Beat provided the audience with entertainment and much meat to take home and chew on."  
-*The Canadian Mennonite*

For more info, contact Johnny Wideman, or visit [www.theatreofthebeat.com](http://www.theatreofthebeat.com).



# the Hosting Guide

**Who we are:** Since 2011, Theatre of the Beat has been touring theatres, festivals, churches, high-schools, and even a number of prisons across North America, trying our darnedest to challenge & inspire whatever communities we find ourselves in. Our aim is not just to provide professional, original theatre, but to bring communities together, to unpack tough issues, laugh, and hopefully enjoy a Nanaimo bar or two.

## What it costs:

Options	Cost	Admission	Profits	Breakdown
Half Price	You only pay \$750 & the travel costs. Price includes: the show & "talk back"	Admission by donation	We receive <u>100%</u> of the donations	- \$750* (the performance) - KMS x 25¢ = Your cost
50/50 split	You pay \$1000 & the travel costs. Price includes: the show & "talk back"	Admission by donation	You get 50% of the donations	-\$1000* (the performance) - KMS x 25¢ + <u>50% of donations</u> = Your cost
Partnership	You, and whatever partners, split \$1500 & the travel costs. Price includes: the show & "talk back"	Admission can be whatever you'd like: free, set ticket price, or donations	You and your partners split <u>100%</u> of the profits	- \$1500* (the performance) - KMS x 25¢ + 100% of profits ÷ <u>Number of partners</u> = Your profit
Pay in Full	You pay \$1500 & the travel costs. Price includes: the show & "talk back"	Admission can be whatever you'd like: free, set ticket price, or donations	You receive <u>100%</u> of the profits	- \$1500* (the performance) - KMS x 25¢ + <u>100% of profits</u> = Your profit
Shalom Counselling Services	Shalom has offered to provide up to 2 Counsellors to facilitate the "Talk Back" after the show.		The cost is \$150 per Counsellor.	* Plus applicable taxes