



**Manitoba Arts Council
Conseil des arts du Manitoba**

**2011 MAJOR ARTS GRANT
RICK CHAFE
PLAYWRIGHT**



photographer: Tim Leyes

Rick Chafe's plays, including *Shakespeare's Dog*, *Strike! The Musical*, co-written with Danny Schur, and *The Odyssey* (Best Production, Nova Scotia Theatre Awards), have been produced across Canada. Chafe will have two more premieres this year: *Beowulf* at Two Planks and a Passion, Nova Scotia, and *The Secret Mask* at PTE.

PROJECT: Chafe will be writing a full length play for two actors and a jazz trio, titled NOLA. They're brother and sister -- he a Winnipeg jazz player who's cashed out for a job, mortgage, and pension; she a working mother moved to New Orleans, turned rabid jazz fan. He flies down to bail her from jail. She thanks him by arranging a gig with her jazz buddies, who play way over his head. Disasters, accusations, mis-guided love, the shared myth of living the passionate life, and gorgeous jazz ensue.