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Welcome!



On the night of January 10, we kick off the 2007 PuSh Festival with Quizoola! from England's Forced Entertainment, a ground-breaking company whose creative process and body of work defies categorization. This six-hour durational piece carries on from 6pm to 12am in the repair shop of Ocean Construction (Cement) on Granville Island, adjacent to the Emily Carr

Institute of Art and Design. Drop in anytime throughout the evening. Admission is free.

In a short space of time, PuSh has become one of Vancouver's signature events—a multi-disciplined platform for theatre, dance, music and various hybrid forms of performance. The core of our mission is straightforward: each January we present the very best in contemporary performance with work that is visionary, genre-bending, multi-disciplined, startling and original.

This year's Festival promises to push all the right buttons. A number of pieces suggest the theme of *life into art*. They draw on popular culture, reflect upon contemporary issues, use personal and public history as their source, and blur the boundaries between fact and fiction, reality and mythology. Others defy the limits of our corporeal existence, challenge complacency, embrace social activism as an artistic credo and lay bare the brutal realities of individual and societal alienation. All are delivered with heart-stopping theatricality, breath-taking artistry, compelling humanity and sly wit.

The 2007 PuSh Festival has a remarkable lineup. There are world premieres, several PuSh commissioned pieces, one-of-a-kind music, film and video collaborations, site-specific work in unconventional venues and presentations of acclaimed productions from Ghent, Brighton, Brussels, Halifax, Montreal, New York and Cardiff. For the first time, we present work in languages other than English. Vancouver's Theatre Replacement brings us a multilingual exploration of new Canadians' experiences. From Quebec, a French language translation of a celebrated Irish play is presented in collaboration with Théâtre la Seizième, accompanied by English surtitles.

Post-performance talkbacks, workshops and artist talks offer face-to-face encounters for you to share your passions and curiosity with the creators. In the Festival's final week, we host a Canada Council International Touring Workshop and convene the annual PuSh Assembly. The Assembly brings together local, national and international artists, presenters and producers for exchange, debate and stimulating conversation. Highlights include a keynote address from renowned international festival programmer Robyn Archer. Join us at the Granville Island Hotel's Dockside Lounge and the Granville Island Keg—our designated bars for 2007—to hook up with visitors from across Canada and around the world and get to know a fantastic group of artists.

International performing arts festivals have a significant and dynamic role to play. As Hugo de Greef of the European Festivals Association recently affirmed in a speech at the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Centre, "...the most important and striving challenge that art festivals nowadays face is being international and fighting for innovation!" On both accounts, PuSh has taken the dare.

Join us in 2007. Push yourself, push your boundaries, or simply PuSh.

Norman Armour

Executive Director

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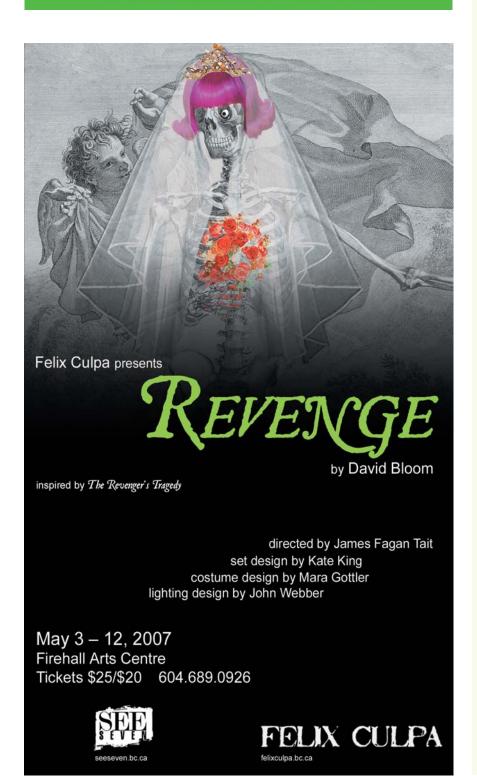
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Welcome to the 2007 PuSh International Performing Arts Festival.

Since its inception. this avant-garde midwinter festival has

enriched Vancouver's arts scene. The home-grown and international contemporary performances at this event give audiences an opportunity to discover experimental forms of expression that highlight innovation and daring. This is a festival that expands our horizons and contributes significantly to the region's cultural vitality.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women, I would like to thank the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Society, the festival performers, and the volunteers, who give so much of their time and energy to creating this unique cultural event.

Best wishes for a successful season!



Beverley J. Oda Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women



The PuSh International Performing Arts Festival is an exciting opportunity to experience the best of the arts in theatre.

dance, music and multi-disciplinary performance.

Canada's artists and arts organizations have much to be proud of. They are recognized around the world as innovators in exploring the creative possibilities of their disciplines. To sustain this level of creativity, they need venues where they can share, experiment and explore. To reach new audiences they need avenues of communication and marketing.

The Canada Council for the Arts is proud to provide support to PuSh in order to showcase and promote Canadian artists and their work.

I extend a warm welcome to all participants in this festival and wish you a stimulating and productive encounter. Congratulations to all the artists, administrators and volunteers who have worked so hard to make this event a growing success.

Robert Sirman Director Canada Council for the Arts



On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, welcome to the 2007 PuSh International Performing Arts Festival.

Now in its third successful year, the PuSh Festival has distinguished itself as a world-class festival, drawing performers and delegates from all parts of the globe. The 2007 festival will feature more than 100 performances, including first-time presentations from Ghent, Brighton, Brussels, Halifax, Montreal, New York and Cardiff.

The PuSh International Performing Arts Festival is one in a growing list of festivals and events that is expanding Vancouver's reputation as an arts and cultural hub. The Province of British Columbia is a proud sponsor of this unique celebration of innovation, contemporary performance and the creative spirit that is alive and well here in Vancouver, and around the world.

Enjoy the festival!



Honourable Stan Hagen Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts



On behalf of the British Columbia Arts Council, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 2007 PuSh International Performing Arts

Festival. With more than 100 events taking place throughout Vancouver, PuSh reflects the work of contemporary artists taking risks. Presenting exciting work from BC, across Canada and abroad, the festival continues to push artists and audiences alike.

The Council is pleased to support the outstanding programming offered each winter in Vancouver. At the heart of the festival, however, is a group of dedicated artists, organizers and volunteers who make this wonderful event possible each year. I send my congratulations and gracious thanks to you all.

Donald Shumka

British Columbia Arts Council



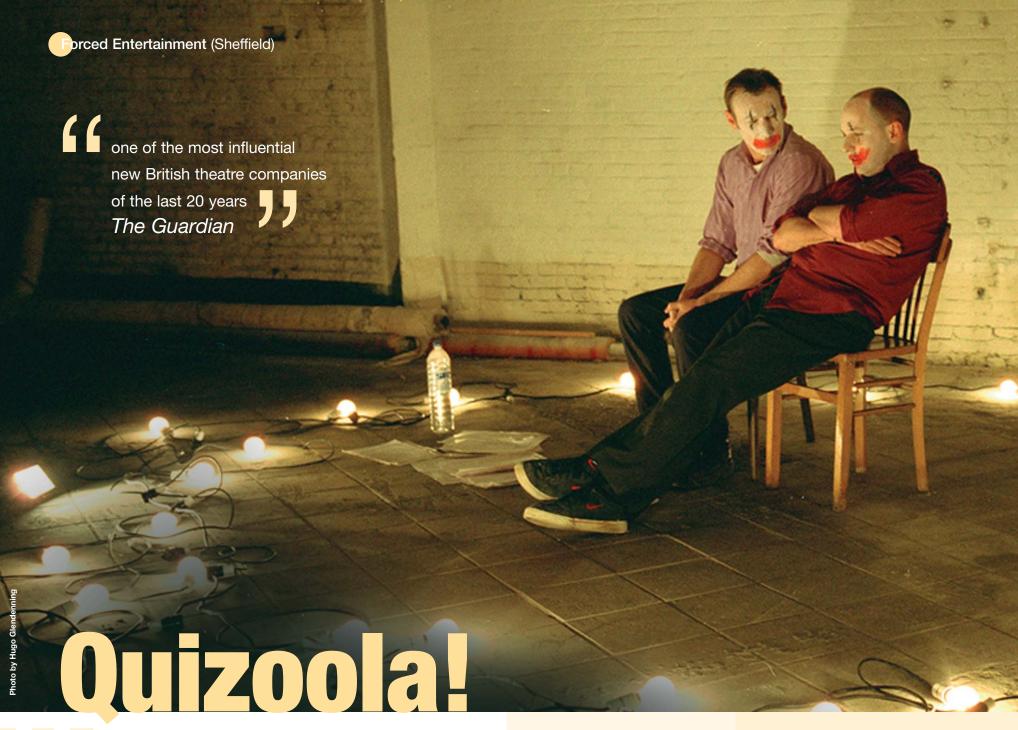
On behalf of my colleagues on Vancouver City Council, I want to congratulate the organizers,

audiences of the 2007 PuSh International Performing Arts Festival.

It is the unique character of our city that all our citizens can enjoy and participate in a large, diverse selection of cultural entertainment events. With over 100 performances and 14 venues, this festival promises to have something for everyone.

Congratulations on a fabulous event and enjoy all the festivities.

Yours truly,



Written by Tim Etchells • OPENING GALA

What is the capital city of Spain? Why are people afraid to die? What is a tree? Was John Wayne really brave? Are you a natural blonde?

Quizoola! is a durational performance based on a text of 2000 questions by Tim Etchells. The piece lasts six hours and-as in other durational works by the company—the public are free to arrive, depart and return at any point.

Performed by a team of three performers in smeared clown makeup, Quizoola! is about the need for knowledge, certainty and definition through language. The players/performers take turns choosing questions and improvising answers, lending the piece its sense of immediacy. The shape and content of each Quizoola! performance hangs in the balance, negotiated live between players and the public. As new questions are chosen and new answers are given, the mood shifts from low comedy to personal scrutiny to harsh interrogation and intellectual hairsplitting.

Quizoola! has been staged in a series of evocative and sinister environments, ranging from cellars and basements to changing rooms of abandoned gymnasia, scenery building workshops and railway arches. Here in Vancouver, the repair shop of Ocean Construction provides the perfect site to introduce the work of a theatre company whose home is at the heart of England's industrial past.

The Emily Carr Institute will host an opening reception called "New Medium" throughout the evening. With interactive works by students and faculty, including video installations, sculpture and computer-based pieces, as well as a live feed of Quizoola!, the exhibit addresses ideas of integration, public participation and virtuality.

"extraordinary, near-unclassifiable production"

Irish Times

Described by The Guardian newspaper as "Britain's most brilliant experimental theatre company," Forced Entertainment is an ensemble of six artists formed in 1984 making original work for diverse art forms from their base in Sheffield, UK. Originally focused on making and touring theatre performances, their work now spans theatre, durational performance/live art, gallery installation, video and digital media. The work grows from project to project, using text, technology, soundtracks and other elements to varying degrees. The group's work has been presented throughout the UK and Europe as well as further afield. www.forcedentertainment.com

Commissioned by Lois Keidan and Catherine Ugwu at ICA Live Arts & National Review of Live Art

Direction Tim Etchells

Performers Forced Entertainment

Forced Entertainment Robin Arthur, Tim Etchells (artistic director), Richard Lowdon (designer), Claire Marshall, Cathy Naden and Terry O'Connor

Developed as a text by Tim Etchells, Quizoola! was originally co-commissioned by the NRLA and ICA Live Arts in 1996.

Forced Entertainment is regularly funded by Arts Council England and Sheffield City Council.

January 10, 6pm-midnight

Ocean Construction (Cement) Repair Shop, Granville Island

Free admission







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A man and a woman tell stories of ordinary and not-so-ordinary heartbreak, each story accompanied by a single iconic image. A red telephone on a hotel bed. A subway station. The view from a window. A green Mercedes.

The woman repeatedly recounts the story of the end of an affair; each time remembering it differently, adding and subtracting details, finding new ways to both remember and forget what happened. The man tells stories collected from different people; each a snapshot of sorrow, big or small, that takes its place in a growing catalogue of suffering, breakups, humiliations, deaths, bad dentistry and love letters that never arrive.

"the best group of stage actors in Britain"

Financial Times

Based on a project by the renowned French conceptual artist Sophie Calle, *Exquisite Pain* marks the first time that Forced Entertainment has worked from a text–in this case not a play from the theatrical canon but rather words and images from an artist whose extraordinary work has striven to blur the boundaries between visual art, performance and real life itself.

"The marriage of Calle's text with Tim Etchells' minimalist, utterly uncompromising production is heaven-sent... I cannot recommend it strongly enough."

The Guardian

In this intimate and deceptively simple performance, Forced Entertainment explores how language, memory and forgetting move to contain, preserve or erase events; how people come to terms with trauma. *Exquisite Pain* is about love, loss and the stories we tell ourselves when things have gone wrong.

Performers Forced Entertainment

Direction Tim Etchells

Text and Images Sophie Calle

Design Richard Lowdon

Lighting Design Nigel Edwards

Forced Entertainment Robin Arthur, Tim Etchells (artistic director), Richard Lowdon (designer), Claire Marshall, Cathy Naden and Terry O'Connor

Exquisite Pain was co-produced by Theater der Welt 2005 (Stuttgart), BIT Teatergarasjen (Bergen), The National Museum of Art, Design and Architecture (Oslo), Kaaitheater (Brussels), La Filature, scène nationale de Mulhouse, and Tanzquartier Wien.

Forced Entertainment is regularly funded by Arts Council England and Sheffield City Council.

January 11–13, 8pm Performance Works

ECI Artist Talk
Friday, January 12, 5pm

grunt gallery Roundtable Saturday, January 13, 2pm

Tickets \$26/20



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Co-presented with the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC

New York's Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) is an innovative composer, performer, violinist, and bandleader who seamlessly combines funk, rock, hiphop and classical music into a new and critically-acclaimed sonic vision. His dramatic soul-inspiring pieces range from orchestral scores and energetic chamber works to rock songs and electronica, all embracing modern musical genres woven with a multicoloured spectrum of popular music. DBR has collaborated with music giants including Philip Glass, Ryuichi Sakamoto and Cassandra Wilson, and composed a musical portrait of the work of Maya Angelou. He is also an educator, frequently leading music and writing workshops at inner-city schools. A longtime collaborator with DBR and a seasoned MC, producer, engineer and laptopist in his own right, DJ Scientific lends his signature style and technical prowess to create startlingly original new sounds. As a duo, DBR and DJ Scientific are set to revolutionize contemporary music, performing their groundbreaking hybrid of electronica, hip-hop and classical music.

"As someone who can speak any number of musical languages, Roumain renders the classical gestures and parts of his works in a spirited way that maintains their historical authority. Yet his manner of playing the violin-moving about the stage, tapping accompanying rhythms with his bow on the bridge, vocalizing as he forcefully draws a chord—makes the audience feel his urge for wider musical latitude."

Nashville Scene

Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) and DJ Scientific have been collaborating extensively since 2003, along with their nine-piece ensemble, DBR & The Mission. Founded by DBR, the band, composed of young musicians from diverse cultural and musical backgrounds, features DJ Scientific on turntables, laptop and beatbox, an amplified string quartet, drum kit and keyboards. As a duo, DBR and DJ Scientific perform a hybrid mix of electronica, hip-hop and classical music and have been hailed by classical and pop critics alike. www.dbrmusic.com

January 11, 8pm Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC

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Co-presented with The Dance Centre

A collaboration between acclaimed dancer-choreographer **Karine Ponties** and comic book artist **Thierry Van Hasselt**, *Brutalis* immerses us in an intimate and organic world, where a lone body conjures up the accelerated evolution of the human race. In *Brutalis*, the body is at once hunter and prey, as individual identity is subsumed into a picture of the species in its raw form. Drawing meets dance, ink meets body. Timeless bodily states follow, sharing the stage with other presences, music and echoes, light and dark. From this emerges a woman and her multiple inner selves: insectoid, grotesque, divine, combative, broken, fragile. *Brutalis* won the Choreographic Prize from the Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques (SACD).

"Karine Ponties, who keeps surprising us time and again...takes pleasure in parodies of formal poses that she pushes toward the grotesque."

L'Humanité

Dame de Pic was founded in 1996 under the artistic direction of choreographer and dancer Karine Ponties. As a dancer, Ponties has performed the choreography of Frédéric Flamand, Steven Petronio, Adriana Boriello, Lucinda Childs, Merce Cunningham, and many others. Her choreographic works have been performed throughout Europe and North America. Ponties also regularly teaches workshops to dancers and also to painters, architects and designers. www.damedepic.be

Choreography and performance Karine Ponties

Lighting Design Florence Richard

Scenography Eric Domeneghtty, Wilfrid Roche, Thierry Van Hasselt

Music score Jan Kuijken and Dominique Pauwels

Recorded with

Dirk Descheemaeker (clarinet),

George Van Dam (violins),

Kristof Rosseuw (double bass),

Thanks to Laurence de Jonge, Jean-Luc Goossens, Marco Leone, Valérie Martino

Jan Kuijken (piano and cello)

A Dame de Pic asbl – Cie Karine Ponties production. In co-production with Les Brigittines – Brussels, Charleroi/Danses – Centre chorégraphique de la Communauté française Wallonie-Bruxelles, Het muziek Lod. With the support of the Communauté française Wallonie-Bruxelles and of the Ministère de la Communauté française – Service de la danse, and a residency at the Centre Chorégraphique National de Rennes (France).

January 16–17, 8pm Scotiabank Dance Centre

Post-show Talkback
Tuesday, January 16

Tickets \$26/20







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"There are only two or three human stories, and they go on repeating themselves as fiercely as if they had never happened before. Just like the larks in this country that have been singing the same five notes over for thousands of years."-Willa Cather

A man and an audience sit around a large wooden table in a theatre. The man weaves a town from the fabric of his memory. He conjures characters from the town, as he revisits his life, his love and his loss in a search for a deeper meaning. The table serves both as the stage and as a shared space of communion where the audience and performer meet in their imaginations. It invites connection and evokes community.

Revisited was inspired by the works of great early American authors, including Willa Cather, Walt Whitman, Edgar Lee Masters and Sherwood Anderson, to name a few. This story of love, loss, and all the details in between is an exploration of the divinity inherent in the trivial, and the eternity inherent in communion.

"The skilled artists told the story, gorgeously elegant in its simplicity, with the lightness and luminescence of a soap bubble."

Now Magazine

2b theatre company creates works for the regional, national and international stages that are distinguished by innovation in staging, polish in design and virtuosity in performance. The company works in a director-driven collaborative creation model, forging new works in a laboratory environment with directors, writers, designers and performers, seeking immediate and striking ways to activate, arouse and implicate the imaginations of its audiences. The themes in the company's work range from economics to neuroscience to death and the immortal soul, all at the service of exploring life and what it means to be. www.2btheatre.com

Concept and Direction **Christian Barry**

Creation Christian Barry, Steven McCarthy and Michelle Monteith

Featuring Steven McCarthy and Michelle Monteith

Lighting Design Christian Barry

Sound Design Richard Feren

January 17-20, 8pm Performance Works

Matinees January 19-21, 4pm

Post-show Talkback

Thursday, January 18

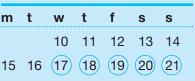
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Co-presented with CABINET, Turning Point Ensemble, Vancouver Art Gallery and Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre • WORLD PREMIERE

Music meets video in this evening of interdisciplinary collaboration. Surprising, arresting and oftentimes downright witty, Projections marries the work of six provocative artists from near and far.

Mary Lou is a hypnotic nine-monitor video work by late Vancouver artist and Western Front co-founder Kate Craig. The piece is given added dimension when set to an original CABINET/PuSh-commissioned score by leading New York City-based composer/improviser George Lewis, a longtime colleague and friend to Craig.

(The Rest is Missing) brings together visual artists Hadley+Maxwell and composer Stefan Smulovitz in a newly commissioned work that plays with the conventions of orchestral and video performance.

Déserts is world-renowned video artist Bill Viola's breathtaking visual accompaniment to Edgar Varèse's pioneering 1954 composition of the same title. Considered the first significant work of electronic music, the composition was initially described as "the opening gun in the battle for the liberation of sound."

Under the direction of conductor Owen Underhill, Turning Point Ensemble performs live, within and against stunning video installations, for what promise to be an unforgettable pairing of music and visual art.

CABINET: Interdisciplinary Collaborations is a new collective of four individuals committed to the creation and public presentation of works that draw upon different artistic media. Their projects unite local, national and international artists to present existing contemporary and newly commissioned works that facilitate interdisciplinary conversations at the highest level.

Turning Point Ensemble was formed in 2002 to present rarely heard concert music for large chamber ensemble. The innovative group, which includes many of Vancouver's finest players, has earned a stellar reputation for outstanding programming, musicianship and efforts to increase the appreciation of music composed during the past 100 years. www.turningpointensemble.ca

Stage Director Martin Kinch

Music Director Owen Underhill

January 18–19, 8pm Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre

Tickets \$30/20





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Co-presented with The Dance Centre

Scarface is a dance/theatre/multi-media show based on Brian de Palma's classic 1983 film. Welsh performer Eddie Ladd stands in for the film's lead, Al Pacino, and relocates the action from Cuba/America to Wales/England. Her performance takes place in front of a blue screen; her movements supply the material for the finished performance, which is created on the white projection screen. There, the performer, the setting and the soundtrack are finally locked together through video and sound mixing.

Scarface is about film and film acting. It features action sequences and stuntwork, attempting almost unperformable passages based on rapid filmediting. In contrast to these wide shot set-pieces, there is also tight shot, detailed and intimate work close to camera. The show is a tribute to the film's lead actor, Al Pacino, with Ladd emulating the Hollywood icon through physical imitation, lip-syncing and vocal pitch-shifting.

The text is in Welsh, dialect Welsh and bad English and, in keeping with the original, is riddled with expletives. It is a tribute to the original film's trash aesthetic, excess and method acting.

"Pacino's smouldering, intense, emotionally laden stares are replaced by the witty, elfin features of Ladd, whose quick sharp precise movements convey the same messages but this time with humour (albeit an ironic humour)."

Western Mail

Eddie Ladd is one of Wales' most innovative performers. She mixes subject matter through movement, text, site and video. Her works include *Unglucklicherweise*, a selected biography of Leni Riefenstahl set in six tonnes of corn; *Lla'th*, performed in a farmyard; and *Blodeuwedd*, a rock opera based on a Welsh legend and set to covers of songs from the '60s to the '90s. Her work has toured internationally. **www.eddieladd.com**

Original Production Credits

Music Y Tystion

Film and Editing Guy Passmore

Lighting Dan Young

Video Mixing Robert Pleasance and Lee Canning

Choreography Athina Vahla, Clive Williams, Eddie Ladd

Design and Text Eddie Ladd

Vancouver Production

Performer Eddie Ladd

Video Mixer Tim Bromage

Technician Ceri Nicholls

January 19–20, 8pm Scotiabank Dance Centre

Matinee

Saturday, January 20, 4pm

ECI Artist Talk

Thursday, January 18, 5pm

Post-show Talkback Friday, January 19

Tickets \$26/20









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Stefan Smulovitz leads the brilliant **Eye of Newt** ensemble with an original score to Jean Cocteau's 1946 cinematic masterpiece. The breadth of Cocteau's artistic achievements—in literature, visual arts and performance—eclipses that of his surrealist contemporaries, and this, his first feature film, has been described as one of the most gorgeous movies ever made. Its haunting, surreal visuals and sensitive portrayal of the Beast by Jean Marais, one of the greatest French film actors of the 20th century, imbue the familiar fairy tale with an indelible, mythical power—decades before Disney got their hands on it.

For this one-night-only event, **Eye of Newt** draws upon preeminent musicians from Vancouver's internationally acknowledged improvisational music scene. Joining them is jazz legend **Wayne Horvitz**, a composer, pianist and electronic musician known for his collaborations with such diverse musicians as Bill Frisell, Butch Morris, John Zorn, Robin Holcomb, Fred Frith, Julian Priester, Philip Wilson, Michael Shrieve and Carla Bley; and leader of Zony Mash, Pigpen, The Four plus One Ensemble; and co-founder of the New York Composers Orchestra.

Eye of Newt (known for their *Silent Summer Nights* evenings of film and music) specializes in playing instant compositions to film. Inspired by the power of celluloid, each and every one of the ensemble's unique shows brings spontaneous audio life to the great films of cinema.

Eye of Newt with guest Wayne Horvitz

Piano Wayne Horvitz
Viola/kenaxis Stefan Smulovitz
Clarinet Francois Houle
Voice Viviane Houle
Violin Jesse Zubot

January 23, 8pm Vancouver East Cultural Centre

Tickets \$16
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Crouch uses the power of suggestion to create a gloriously improbable yet terribly believable piece about how the boy with his arm in the air transforms the world around him. A small gem.

Evening Standard

an oak tree

Written by Tim Crouch

an oak tree is the story of two men brought together by loss: a father whose daughter has been killed by a car, and the driver of that car, a provincial stage hypnotist. For the first time since the accident, these two men meet, when the father volunteers for the hypnotist's act.

In a gripping performance of controlled virtuosity, theatrical alchemist Tim Crouch plays the Hypnotist. The Father is played by a different professional guest actor—male or female—for every performance. They walk on stage having neither seen nor read a word of the play they're in... until they're in it. The result is a breathtaking projection: from one actor to another, from hypnotist to subject, from audience to person. Fresh from its New York run, guest actors in an oak tree have included Frances McDormand, F. Murray Abraham and Joan Allen.

News From Nowhere is based in Brighton, UK. The aim is to produce the work of Tim Crouch and to explore the borders between theatre, education and visual art. Tim Crouch won Best Male Actor for his performance in *an oak tree* at the Brighton Festival 2006. The BBC Radio 3 production of *my arm* (directed by Toby Swift with sound by Chris Dorley Brown and performed by Tim Crouch and Owen Crouch) has won a coveted Prix Italia for Best Adaptation in the Radio Drama category. **www.newsfromnowhere.com**

Direction Tim Crouch, Karl James and a smith

January 24–27, 7pm Scotiabank Dance Centre

Tickets \$26/20



Written by Tim Crouch

"At the age of 10, for want of anything more meaningful to do, I put my arm above my head and kept it there. Now, thirty years on, I'm so full of meaning it's killing me."

my arm is the story of an empty gesture. It's the confession of a man who has lived for 30 years by the courage of his lack of conviction. In that process he's become a celebrated medical specimen and an icon of the New York art scene.

His story is told through a combination of live performance, digital film and the animation of everyday objects supplied by the audience before each performance. Above all, *my arm* is an extraordinary piece of theatre about modern art, bloody-mindedness and how the things we do when we're ten stick with us for life.

"Nobody does it quite like Tim Crouch. He's an experimental theatre maker unto himself: exceptionally intelligent, quiet and deadpan, barely acting, weirdly gripping."

Independent on Sunday

my arm opened to universal acclaim at the Traverse Theatre during the Edinburgh Festival 2003. It has since toured the world.

Direction Tim Crouch, Karl James and Hettie Macdonald

Film sequences Chris Dorley-Brown

January 24–27, 9pm Scotiabank Dance Centre

Post-show Talkback
Thursday, January 25

Tickets \$26/20

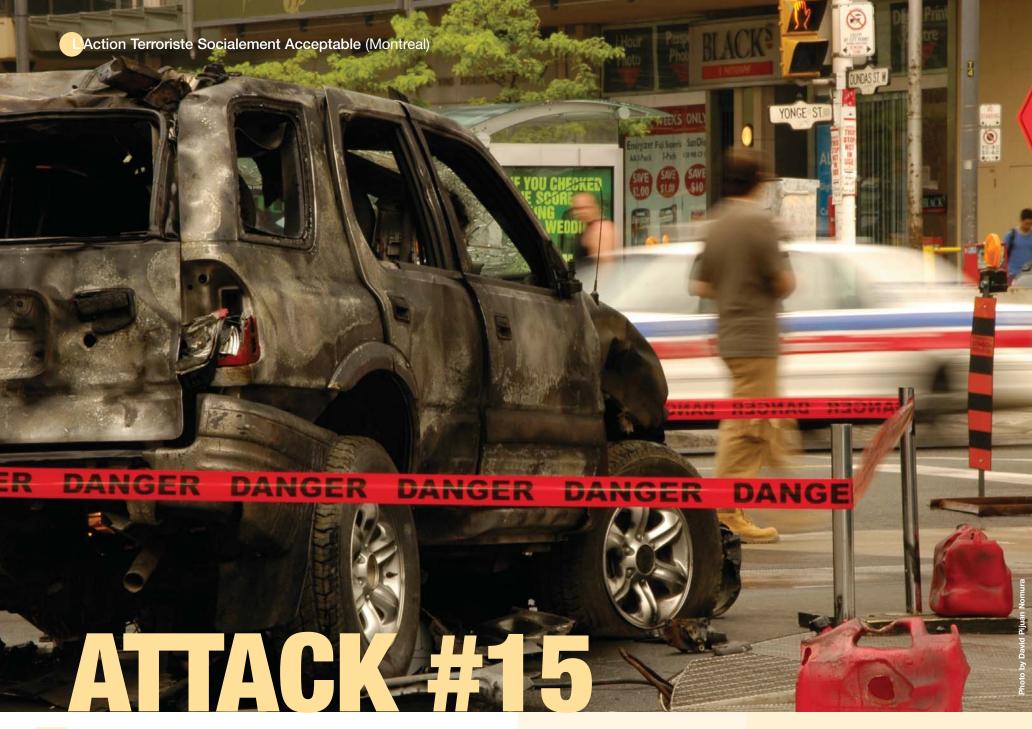






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Special offer: See *an oak tree* at 7pm and stay for *my arm* at 9pm. Double bill price (both shows same night only): \$35.



Co-presented with grunt gallery

A sport utility vehicle is still furning after having exploded. This hyper-realistic scene depicts a terrorist attack simultaneously incriminating the automobile industry, rampant consumerism and governments. This intervention will heighten the public's awareness of the perverse effects of these gas-guzzling, power-hungry vehicles.

ATTACK #15 gives us pause to reflect on our political and environmental position as Canadians. Where do we stand on Kyoto? We are being asked to follow through on our Kyoto Protocol commitments and to reflect on the damaging consequences of our dependency on black gold and its link to the state of peace in the world, notably in Iraq.

After fourteen high-impact performances in Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto, Calgary and Ottawa, ATTACK #15 will take place in Vancouver. The public is invited to come to the scene of the crime 24 hours a day to discuss, film or photograph the exhibit, or to meet the artists between 10am and 10pm. Many products stemming from the intervention will be available on the spot: a DVD of the manifesto, miniature replicas of ATTACK, stickers, and the Citizen's Statement of Offence.

Since 1997, L'Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable, or ATSA, founded by artists Annie Roy and Pierre Allard, has been creating "urban interventions" which question society and its values. ATSA events rattle the urban landscape and open it up to societal debates. The company's very name is an aberration and is intended as a reflection of the themes motivating the pair's creations. www.atsa.qc.ca

grunt is an artist-run centre formed in 1984 in Vancouver. The grunt programs exhibitions, performances, artist talks, publications and special projects by contemporary Canadian and international artists. www.grunt.bc.ca

ATSA offers special thanks to all volunteers involved in this project.

Special thanks to the Vancouver Art Gallery

On Friday, January 26, as part of the VAG's FUSE event, ATSA will present an exhibit about Attack #10-a wall of some of the 10,000 statements of offence that were given out in August 2005 in Montreal to condemn huge vehicles and bad ecological attitudes around cars. This wall will be the screen for a video projection of the Attack series which has taken place from 2003 to the present. The Artists will explain the social and political impact their work and distribute a Vancouver statement of offence to everyone who would like to become a patroller.

ATSA will also present a workshop at the VAG January 28, 2-5pm, room 302. Contact the VAG to register.

January 25-28 Vancouver Art Gallery, outside

Free admission

ECI Artist Talk Wednesday, January 24, 5pm

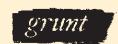








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BIOBOXES: Artifacting Human Experience is a collection of short one-person shows for one-person audiences that take place in a very intimate theatre: a box worn on the actor's shoulders. Through an interview process with firstgeneration Canadians, six artists have created tiny shows which are performed in both English and another language.

BIOBOXES is a new form of documentary performance. Part museum, part photo album, part performance, BIOBOXES seeks to artifact the human experience through language and object and the stories that fill our lives. BIOBOXES explores a heightened relationship between audience and performer, redefining the idea of the face-to-face encounter. Lives are seen and experienced in a completely new way, as if looking at them through a microscope.

"James Long and Maiko Bae Yamamoto are two of the most talented young theatre artists in the city... in the forefront of Vancouver's theatrical renaissance."

Vancouver Plays

Theatre Replacement builds, produces and tours unique, small-scale chamber works. The company is dedicated to continuing the evolution of collaborative theatre-making and ensemble training. Artistic directors James Long and Maiko Bae Yamamoto have been developing new work through creative collaborations between artists of different disciplines and approaches for over 10 years, redefining the performance experience. The company's past successes include Farther and Farther On, The Empty Orchestra, Broiler, Sexual Practices of the Japanese and Box Theatre.

Co-producers Theatre Replacement and High **Performance Rodeo**

Creation and performance Anita Rochon, Marco Soriano, Paul Ternes, Cindy Mochizuki, Donna Soares and Una Memisevic

Direction Maiko Bae Yamamoto and James Long

Set construction Kofu Yamamoto

Video design Candelario Andrade

Dramaturgy Kris Nelson

January 25-28 February 1-4, 4-7pm Video In

Tickets \$26/20 for all six shows, or see individual boxes for \$5 each Call Theatre Replacement at **604.764.6135** to reserve performance times and tickets. Limited seating, reserve early.

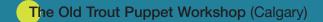




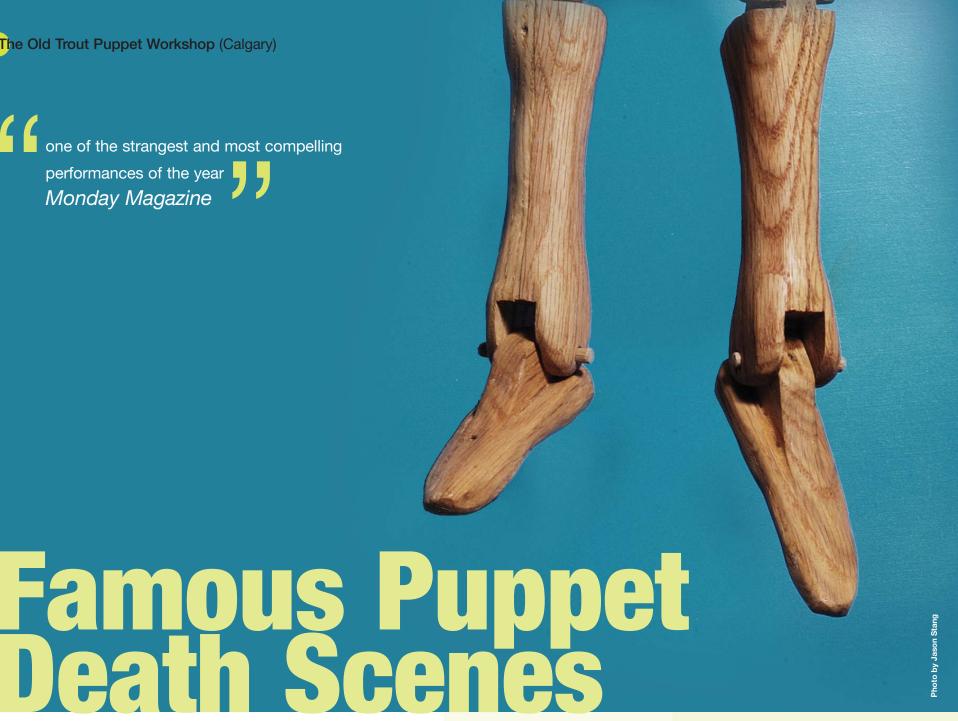
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one of the strangest and most compelling performances of the year Monday Magazine



Conceived, created, constructed and performed by The Old Trout Puppet Workshop

They're back! An audience favourite from last year's PuSh Festival, Famous Puppet Death Scenes will challenge everything you thought you knew about mortality-and about puppets. The Old Trouts and their consistently inventive approach to puppetry promise nothing less than a cure for your fear of death. No more anxiety about difficult choices, no more dreading birthdays, no more desperate pleas for immortality through fame, art, or progeny. Through a collection of famous scenes culled from the absolute best puppet shows in history, The Old Trouts will deconstruct your traumatized psyche and reconstruct you so that death means nothing to you anymore. Famous Puppet Death Scenes premiered in 2006 and has toured to rave reviews throughout western Canada.

"the breathtaking inventiveness and playfulness of the Trouts' imaginations take the sting out of death. Who knew mortality could be so easy to laugh at?"

Georgia Straight

The Old Trouts launch forth to explore the outer edges of the puppet medium, and to create original, unique, and exuberant art. An Old Trout show strives for delightful allegory, joyful tragedy, and purity of spirit. They have performed to rave reviews at festivals across the country. www.theoldtrouts.org

Direction Tim Sutherland

Set Design The Old Trouts

Costume Design Jen Gareau

Lighting Design Cimmeron Meyer

The Old Trouts Peter Balkwill, Bobby Hall, Pityu Kenderes, Judd Palmer with Mitch Craib January 25-27, 8pm

Vancouver East Cultural Centre

Saturday, January 27, 4pm

Post-show Talkback

Friday, January 26

Tickets \$26/20 ticketmaster.ca

604.280.3311







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WORLD PREMIERE

PuSh has commissioned beloved Vancouver neo-folk/art songmistress Veda Hille to write a new set of songs to premiere at this year's festival. Hille describes them as "a series of reinvented hymns, a scattering of ecstatic noises about the natural world and a set of songs for my family." Following their live premiere with Hille's Swell Band, the songs will be recorded for an album release later in the year. "Writing these songs was vital to my existence this year," Hille says, "and right now, I am living in them and for them."

Hille will also present a special reworked version of her song cycle, *Field Study*. Commissioned by the Yukon Arts Centre, *Field Study* is a collection of songs about the natural world that premiered in Vancouver in 2001 accompanied by a commissioned video by Shawn Chappelle. *Field Study* has since toured North America and Europe, with shows in San Francisco, Cardiff, and St. Petersburg, and was released as an album in 2001.

"Hille is one of the most acclaimed artists in the country—visceral, luminescent, fierce, haunting, and with talent to burn... seeing her live is like discovering that the giant talking wizard's head actually is a giant talking wizard's head."

The Coast, Halifax

Veda Hille is one of the west coast's most treasured singer-songwriters. She studied sculpture, film and performance art before beginning to write songs in 1990. She has been regularly touring Canada, the US, and Germany for the past decade. Veda has been a frequent collaborator with dance and theatre artists, and is the in-house composer for Vancouver's Theatre Replacement. She is the member of two new bands: Duplex! (rock music for kids) and The Fits (vaudeville duets). She continues to make her own records, and does so in cahoots with Ape Records, run by XTC's Andy Partridge. Veda plays piano and tenor guitar, dabbles in banjo, accordion, and protocols, and has a new love affair going on with a nord electro keyboard and a handful of casios. She writes about the natural world, the trickiness of love, the constant threat of tragedy, and anything else that amazes her. **www.vedahille.com**

Veda Hille's Swell Band Bass Martin Walton Drums Skye Brooks Cello Peggy Lee Clarinet A-K Coope Vocals Patsy Klein Violin Jesse Zubot January 28, 8pm Vancouver East Cultural Centre

Tickets \$26/20 ticketmaster.ca 604.280.3311



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What would you risk to live out your dreams?

A clear blue sky. From far above, the distant sound of a receding airplane. Two men, a house-bound agoraphobe desperate for change and his brother, the lead singer for an '80s cover band begging for recognition, tumble at terminal velocity in the midst of a skydiving adventure gone terribly wrong.

In the terrifying 30 seconds of freefall before impact, the men struggle to untangle the threads of their dysfunctional relationship, long-abandoned dreams, and the Jungian interpretations of Madonna, Van Halen and Corey Hart.

Written by Governor General's Award-winning playwright **Kevin Kerr**, *Skydive* is an action-adventure-comedy that pushes our limits of perception to the breaking point. Defying gravity in theatre by using **Sven Johansson**'s ES Dance Instruments, *Skydive* literally raises the bar and makes a quadriplegic fly. This PuSh-commissioned premiere production will be followed by an extended run at Victoria's Belfry Theatre Festival.

Realwheels is a new progressive theatre company with a strong social agenda, engaging artists with disabilities to create, develop and produce high-octane shows. Committed to the ideals of access and inclusion, Realwheels hopes to serve as a catalyst for tangible social change through its unique, non-issue based approach to the representation of disability. *Skydive* will be the foundation for future programming from Realwheels that educates, entertains and reaches out to new audiences with the creation of bold new works. www.realwheels.ca

Featuring Bob Frazer & James Sanders

Direction Roy Surette & Stephen Drover

Aerial Choreography
Sven Johansson

ES Dance Instrument Operation James Dahl, Christopher Frary, Ken Kantymir, Lee Vincent

Set Design Yvan Morissette

Lighting Design Adrian Muir

Costume Design Keith A. Parent

Sound Design

Alessandro Juliani & Meg Roe

Production Management

James Pollard

Stage Management Angela Beaulieu & Jethelo E. Cabilete

January 25–February 3, 7pm

Roundhouse Community
Arts and Recreation Centre

Preview

Thursday, January 25, 7pm Tickets \$15

Matinees

January 28 and **February 4, 4pm** (no evening performances)

Post-show Talkbacks
Sunday, January 28 (matinee),
Tuesday, January 30 and
Thursday, February 1

Tickets \$26/20



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REALWHEELS









Written by Mark O'Rowe • Co-presented with Théâtre la Seizième

Théâtre la Seizième presents an acclaimed French Canadian production of a much-lauded Irish play. Structured as a pair of energetic one-act monologues, *Howie le Rookie* is a haunting, bitter tale that effortlessly scoops you into the dirty dives of Dublin to reveal a feud of honour between Howie Lee and Rookie Lee. This is an explosively funny, electrifying play about betrayal and redemption.

Playwright Mark O'Rowe has been hailed as the most original voice in Irish theatre since Samuel Beckett, and *Howie the Rookie* has won countless awards, including the George Devine Award, the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature and an Irish Times/ESB Irish Theatre Award for Best New Play. Translator Olivier Choinière brilliantly captures the blistering grittiness of O'Rowe's Irish vernacular, and Maxime Denommée won the best actor award at the Soirée des Masques in 2003 for his portrayal of Rookie Lee.

"Maxime Denommée and Claude Despins burn up the stage with back-to-back monologues in *Howie le Rookie...* The French version of Irish playwright Mark O'Rowe's work preserves the power of his poetic slang."

Montreal Gazette

Théâtre de la Manufacture is recognized as one of Québec's most important theatrical creation centres. The Montreal-based company was founded in 1976 by, among others, current Artistic Director Jean-Denis Leduc. Their productions include new works by Québecois authors, by French-Canadian authors from across Canada, as well as translations of contemporary theatre from around the world. www.theatrelalicorne.com

Théâtre la Seizième, the only francophone professional theatre company in British Columbia, puts on contemporary plays for theatregoers of all ages. The company is a dynamic creative centre that commissions new works but also presents theatre companies from across Canada. Recipient of several Jessie Awards, as well as the 2005 Masque for best French-Canadian production, Théâtre la Seizième is now one of Vancouver's most exciting presenting and production companies. **www.seizieme.ca**

French translation by Olivier Choinière

Direction Fernand Rainville

Featuring Maxime Denommée and Claude Despins

Set Design Patricia Ruel

Costume Design Maryse Bienvenu

Lighting Design André Rioux

Original Music Larsen Lupin

January 30–February 3, 8pm

Studio 16

In French with English surtitles

Contains coarse language. Intended for mature audiences.

Tickets \$23/20
Théâtre la Seizième Box Office:
604.736.2616

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Winner—Best Production
Winner—Best New Script
Jessie Richardson Awards, 2005



Written by Michele Riml • Co-presented with Green Thumb Theatre

A teacher/student confrontation flies out of control. What has pushed them to this point? Do we blame the student's parents or the school system? How much fault rests with a society desensitized to violence? In this riveting work, playwright Michele Riml brings us into a school counsellor's office—an intimate space where ideas are exchanged, threats are made and no solution seems the easy way out. *RAGE* challenges all of us to confront our notions of what makes a radical and what makes a pacifist. In a life or death situation, how would you react?

"A couple of sensational performances and a provocative script make this a definite winner."

Vancouver Plays

Green Thumb Theatre's production of *RAGE* won the Sydney Risk Award for Outstanding New Play for playwright Michele Riml and the Jessie Richardson Award for Outstanding Production (Large Theatre) in 2005.

"intelligent, provocative, and well-realized"

Georgia Straight

Green Thumb Theatre was founded in 1975 to develop original Canadian plays for young audiences. Since that time, Green Thumb has emerged as one of Canada's leading theatre companies for young people, producing excellent material for audiences and artists, and contributing to the growing body of work evolving in this field. After more than 30 years, Green Thumb Theatre is still at the forefront of the Theatre in Education movement, using the emotional impact of live performance to educate and empower young people. **www.greenthumb.bc.ca**

Direction Patrick McDonald

Set Design Craig Hall

Lighting Design Jonathan Ryder

Featuring Leslie Jones and David Beazely

January 30-February 11, 8pm

Waterfront Theatre

Matinees

February 3-4 and 10-11, 4pm

Tickets \$26/20



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In 1999, in the tiny Belgian town of Aalst, a couple murdered their children. Their trial forms the basis for *Aalst*, faction theatre (fact/fiction) of the purest sort. It is a story based on reality in which statements and interviews are reproduced exactly but to which new and fictional elements are added.

"They had found each other. Their lives had drifted together, become entwined, interwoven, knotted, soldered, burnt, beaten and hammered together, and it was clear that only a hard hand would be able to sever this tie. They remind us of an African poem about two absolute lovers who fit together in the way only a matching salt cellar and pepper pot fit together; two receptacles that look exactly alike, identical except for the holes." – from *Aalst*

Aalst opened in early 2005 to critical acclaim and considerable notoriety, as one of the convicted killers unsuccessfully sought an injunction to have the play banned. The play has been touring internationally for two years.

"Anyone who heard the news would have simply thought, 'What monsters!' That was the safe response. Victoria shows us that they are in fact human beings."

De Morgen

Victoria is an adventurous and polyvalent production platform for the performing arts based in Ghent. Its keywords are synergy, discovery, fragility and guts. It is a place where artists can grow and experiment, a hotbed of new theatrical developments, a crossroads of international trends, a meeting place for artists, and a residence for homeless artists. It caters to all generations and is active in a wide range of disciplines. Victoria is also a building, a house, a small theatre and the home of artistic director Dirk Pauwels and his committed team. **www.victoria.be**

Concept, direction and design Pol Heyvaert

Text Pol Heyvaert and Dimitri Verhulst

Featuring Lies Pauwels and Jeroen Perceval

Technical director Piet Depoortere

Voice Jackie Dewaele

Soundtrack Reinhard van Bergen, Bent van Looy and Niek Meul (DAS POP)

Drawings Larsen Bervoets

February 1–3, 9pm Scotiabank Dance Centre

Matinee

February 4, 4pm (No evening performance)

Post-show Talkback Friday, February 2

Tickets \$26/20



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Satellite Shows

The PuSh Festival's Satellite programming developed as a way to reach out to our local community of creators, producers and presenters. Satellite presentations represent a unique opportunity for the Festival to enrich its curatorial vision, share audiences, celebrate contemporary practices and explore common interests. Through partnerships with like-minded individuals and organizations, PuSh acts as a promotional umbrella for creative growth and audience development, while fostering a spirit of collaboration that is at the heart of PuSh's mission. We invite your sense of adventure. Enjoy!



Rubicon Collective (Vancouver)

Killing Caesar

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar rudely adapted by Charles Marowitz

A brutal pre-emptive strike plummets the civilized world into the chaos of war. In Killing Caesar, renegade bardologist Charles Marowitz and iconoclastic director Katrina Dunn bend Shakespeare's tale of intrigue and assassination into unprecedented positions. A dynamite group of artists have assembled to people a Rome fraught with political rivalries, and moral ambiguities. A conspiracy is hatched, a tyrant is killed, wars are fought and ghosts appear-all in just over an hour.

"a knockout... you'll want to see it twice" - Georgia Straight

"...pure directorial and design team brilliance" - The Vancouver Courier

Rubicon Collective scored a hit with Killing Caesar at the 2004 Fringe Festival. This remount features original cast members Lesley Ewen, Kevin Loring, John Murphy, Linda Quibell, Joshua Reynolds, Lenard Stanga, Lee Vincent, Peter Wilson, and Adrienne Wong with the exciting additions of Eileen Barrett, Scott Bellis and Simon Hayama. Designers are Itai Erdal (lighting) and Paul Moniz de Sá (sound).

Vancouver Symphony (Vancouver)

Symphony at the Roundhouse: All the World's a Stage

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra presents dynamic new music for chamber orchestra, curated and hosted by the VSO's Composer-In-Residence Jeffrey Ryan. All The World's A Stage explores the intersection of music, art, theatre and text. The words of Samuel Beckett, the theatre of daily life, Wagner's Siegfried, a speaking percussionist, and the voices of the Mona Lisa and Picasso's Goat are just a few elements in this wide-ranging program, featuring music by Canadians Rose Bolton and Michelle Boudreau, Australia's Matthew Hindson, and American Stephen Paulus. Nationally renowned guest conductor Alain Trudel leads the

Led by current Music Director Bramwell Tovey, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is in the top echelon of Canadian orchestras, featuring more than 50 guest artists each season in more than 140 concerts. The 2006/07 VSO season features performances from a stellar line up of soloists including Renée Fleming, Yundi Li, Marc-André Hamelin, Stephen Hough, Jean-Yves Thibaudet and James Ehnes. www.vancouversymphony.ca

ticketmaster.ca 604.280.3311

January 20, 8pm

Recreation Centre

Tickets \$20-\$27

Jeffrey Ryan photo by Chick Rice



January 23-24, 8pm The Legion on the Drive

Commercial Drive at 6th Ave

Doors open at 7pm Tickets \$15 at the door, cash only 19+ Admitted Info at **604.731.6856**

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MovEnt (Vancouver)

Dances for a Small Stage™ 15

The stage has gotten bigger since Dances for a Small Stage moved from a downtown cocktail bar to the Legion on Commercial Drive, but it's still the hottest dance series in town. Dances for a Small Stage, opens the doors on a fresh, inventive approach to live dance theatre. With drinks in hand, sit back, relax and enjoy contemporary dance in an exhilarating, hip and creatively contained environment. This is new dance, made to measure.

"Day Helesic and Julie-anne Saroyan have a hit on their hands in Dances for a Small Stage." -Vancouver Sun

MovEnt is a non-profit dance production/creation company devoted to developing the contemporary dance audience in Vancouver, BC and Canada. Relentlessly searching out a physicality of strength, style and integrity, MovEnt aspires to fashion and produce new dance that encourages high expectations and discovers engaging art. www.movent.ca

January 16-20, 8pm Waterfront Theatre Matinee January 20, 4pm

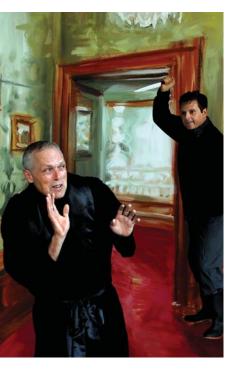
Tickets \$15/12



John Murphy and Linda Quibell photo by

Roundhouse Community Arts &

VSO Box Office: **604.876.3434**



Wild Excursions Performance (Vancouver)

Beggars Would Ride

Written and directed by Conrad Alexandrowicz

Beggars Would Ride is a twisted musical satire in the tradition of Brecht/Weill about power, class, greed and lust, and a rebellion that goes wrong. Revolution (with sexual overtones) is afoot on an estate in a fantastic Otherworld where there are only two classes of people, owners and servants, whose language is a strange hybrid of Shakespeare, A Clockwork Orange and Dr. Seuss. Designed by Itai Erdal (lighting), Bryan Pollock (set), Barbara Clayden (costumes) and Patrick Pennefather (sound/composition).

Wild Excursions Performance is a physical theatre company whose artistic purpose is to research, develop and present, both locally and on tour, performance works in which movement and original or adapted text are meaningfully inter-related. The company aims to startle, surprise, challenge and delight audiences, and to ignite in their imaginations a renewed sense of the theatre's possibilities. www.wildexcursions.ca

January 24-27, 8pm Waterfront Theatre, Granville Island Preview January 23, 8pm Matinees January 27 and 28, 4pm

Tickets \$22/18



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Allan Morgan, Damon Calderwood photo by Chris Randle; background painting courtesy Val Nelson/Bau-Xi gallery







The Only Animal (Vancouver)

dog eat dog

true stories of savagery and grace

Written by Kendra Fanconi and Eric Rhys Miller

The creative team that brought you Other Freds leaps from parallel worlds to the real world, with five true stories inspired by recent news reports. The Only Animal is on the hunt for survival tactics: tracking a refugee from Hurricane Katrina, a Sasquatch stalker, an escape artist, a feral grocery clerk, and a competitive eater who discovers Jesus in a fishstick. Find out what it means to stay human in a world gone to the dogs.

"spectacularly theatrical expression" - Georgia Straight

"one more feather in the cap for Fanconi and another big boost for our lovely city's crazy creativity" - Vancouver Sun

The Only Animal is born from the wilderness of our terror, our bafflement at beauty, and all things extreme in human beings. It creates original works that are poetical, physical and farreaching. It practices theatre to assert our humanity: to thrill the blood, stir the soul and revitalize the role of theatre in society. Its artists are the recipients of 22 Jessie nominations and 7 awards. www.theonlyanimal.com

Western Front (Vancouver/New York/Oakland)

Occupation 1: The Molecules / Michael Vincent

Western Front New Music kicks off its 2006-07 Occupation series with American post-punk group The Molecules, legendary for their "hyper-brid" style of music that combines free improvised tantrums with complex, tightly arranged, angular songs. New York-based leader Ron Anderson is joined by Oakland, California-based band members Thomas Scandura and John Shiurba. The evening opens with the politically charged speech melody works of Michael Vincent, hailed as one of Canada's youngest and most audacious new composers, performed by Ensemble Symposium.

The Western Front is one of Canada's first artist-run centres. For over 30 years, it has developed an international reputation as a centre for experimental art practice and performance. Five programs focus on the production and presentation of exhibitions, performance art, new music, media art, and an arts magazine. This season's Occupation series explores escalating issues around consumerism, imperialism, territory and tribalism. www.front.bc.ca

January 26-February 3, 8pm Performance Works, Granville Island Preview Thursday, January 25, mq8

Matinees Sunday, January 28 and February 4, 4pm

Tickets: \$24/20



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February 2 8pm

Western Front

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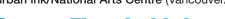


Copper Thunderbird

Written by Marie Clements

in which the artist boldly defines his work are the colours he experiences in his Ojibwa cosmology, his life on the street, and his spiritual and philosophical transformations to become The Father of Native Contemporary Art and a Grand Shaman. Directed by Peter Hinton, with dramaturgy by Paula Danckert. Featuring Herbie Barnes, Jonathan Fisher,

Clements. The company creates, develops and produces aboriginal and multicultural works of theatre, writing and film, which celebrate and bring together different cultural and artistic perspectives and inter-racial experiences. www.urbanink.ca





A staged reading of a new work by acclaimed playwright Marie Clements, Copper Thunderbird dives into the life of Canadian painter Norval Morrisseau. Inside the power-lines Margo Kane, Bill Merasty and Michelle St. John.

urban ink productions is a First Nations theatre company founded in 2001 by Marie

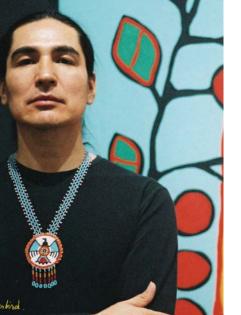
February 4, 4pm

Arts Club Granville Island Stage

Admission by donation

A National Arts Centre/urban ink co-production in collaboration with Playwrights Workshop Montreal and The Banff Centre, Copper Thunderbird will premiere in May 2007 in Ottawa. This workshop supported by the Arts Club Theatre Company and the PuSh Festival.

Billy Merasty, Actor, Copper Thunderbird in front of Norval Morrisseau's Observations of the Astral World, by permission. Photo by Laird Mackintosh.



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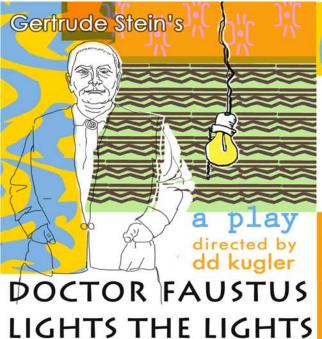
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- 2 Studio 16 1545 West 7th Avenue

Granville Island

- Granville Island Hotel1253 Johnston Street, Granville Island
- 4 Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design 1399 Johnston Street, Granville Island
- Ocean Cement Repair Shop Johnston Street, at Anderson and Old Bridge Streets
- Performance Works1218 Cartwright Street, Granville Island
- 7 PTC Studio at Festival House 3rd floor-1398 Cartwright Street, Granville Island
- 8 Waterfront Theatre 1412 Cartwright Street, Granville Island

Downtown

- The Scotiabank Dance Centre 677 Davie Street
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- Wancouver East Cultural Centre 1895 Venables Street
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Theatre Drugs

The 2nd annual PuSh Cabaret

Co-presented with Western Theatre Conspiracy (Vancouver)

Friday, January 26 WISE Hall

Doors at 9pm, Show at 10pm

The altered state, the surreal, the psychedelic—theatre as a drug is the theme of Western Theatre Conspiracy's second annual PuSh Artists Cabaret. Theatre artists, comedians and musicians take the stage for a mind-expanding bash. Drop by, tune in, turn on.

Tickets: \$10 at the door

For more information call 604.878.8668

www.conspiracy.ca

ECI Artist Talks

Emily Carr Institute

1399 Johnston Street, Granville Island 5pm

Learn more about PuSh Artists at these free talks. Featured artists include:

Friday, January 12 Forced Entertainment (pages 5 & 6)

Thursday, January 18 Eddie Ladd (page 11)

Wednesday, January 24 ATSA (page 14)

Admission is free.

Roundtable

grunt gallery (116-350 East 1st Ave.)Saturday, January 13, 2pm Forced Entertainment



Artist Talkbacks

Stay for a free post-show discussion with the cast and creators.

Tuesday, January 16 **Karine Ponties** Brutalis (page 8) Thursday, January 18 2b theatre Revisited (page 9) **Eddie Ladd** Friday, January 19 Scarface (page 11) Thursday, January 25 **Tim Crouch** an oak tree/my arm (page 13) **Old Trouts** Famous Puppet Death Scenes Friday, January 26 (page 16)

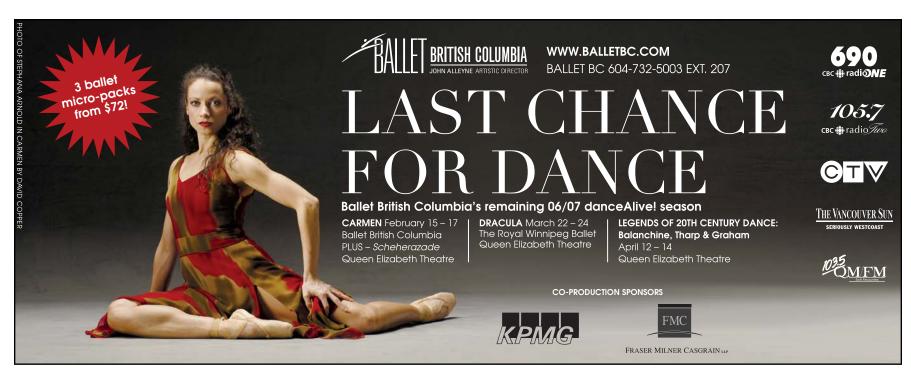
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The PuSh Assembly

February 2 – 4 Granville Island Cost: \$50

The Assembly is the PuSh Festival's annual networking event. The Assembly brings together an eclectic mix of local, national, and international artists, presenters, agents, producers and artistic directors for a weekend where structured events and informal gatherings combine to provide participants with unique opportunities to exchange ideas, network, develop new relationships and attend performances.

This year, the Assembly will fill several locations on Vancouver's picturesque Granville Island. With a setting built for conversation, easy access to several festival venues and this year's designated festival bars, the Dockside Brewing Company and Granville Island Keg, the PuSh Assembly is an ideal place to connect with friends and colleagues.

Visit **www.pushfestival.ca** to download the Assembly schedule, register, learn about hotel discounts for visiting delegates and access more event information.

Friday, February 2

Waterfront Theatre, 4pm
Keynote Address: Robyn Archer

The theme for this year's Assembly is *life into art*. We kick off the weekend with a keynote address from international festival programmer **Robyn Archer** (Melbourne).

Saturday, February 3

Arts Club Theatre Revue Stage 10am – 3pm

10am – 12pm Presenter Profile

A lively and candid session on the art of curation featuring presenters **Mark Russell** of PICA and Under the Radar (Portland/New York) and **Elizabeth Walsh** of Ten Days on the Island (Tasmania).

12pm – 1pm Brownbag lunch

A discussion of the Informal European Theatre Meeting (IETM) coming up in Montreal.

1pm – 3pm

Creative Pitch Sessions

A fabulous opportunity for artists to make ideas reality. For more information on how to pitch at this year's PuSh Assembly check out our website at

www.pushfestival.ca/assembly for guidelines and registration.

Sunday, February 4

10am – 3pm Revue Stage

10am – 12pm Life into art salon

Join this interactive forum on social acupuncture, biography performance, tribunal plays and interview-based and verbatim theatre.

1pm – 3pm Presenter Profil

Presenter Profile

An intimate dialogue with **Gavin Stride** of Farnham Maltings
(Farnham, UK) and **Ian Forsyth** of the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
(Burnaby) on how regional presenter networks support company residencies, tours and commissions in Canada and abroad.

Assembly Extras

January 29 – 31, 9am – 5pm

On The Road

A touring workshop for the performing arts

Quarterdeck Room,
Granville Island Hotel

Coordinated and sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts in conjunction with the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival.

An intensive workshop with a focus on international touring for artists that are already actively touring, but want to develop new market potential in the international arena, in particular Asia and the U.S. The workshop will be held over three days featuring guest instructors who will share their perspectives, expertise and experiences.

registration, please contact

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koba.johnson@canadacouncil.ca

or visit

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Special Session for Emerging Artists, Producers and Practitioners Saturday, February 3, 10am – 12pm PTC Studio at Festival House \$15

If you are a current or recent theatre grad from a post-secondary institution or an emerging practitioner looking to build skills and hear stories from the trenches, this workshop is for you. During this session leading industry professionals give a series of how-to workshops on networking, building relationships and planning your first tour. Participants will take away documents and templates as examples for their own projects.

Thursday, February 1, 10am – 12pm Speed Dating

This curated, interactive session hosted by Assembly Associate Producer **Sherrie Johnson**, brings together 12 Canadian artists and 12 leading national and international presenters. Over the course of two hours, each participant will have ten minutes to network in an intimate face-to-face encounter with some of the most innovative and inspiring industry professionals. For more information on how to participate, please contact Assembly Producer, **Kris Nelson** at **kris@pushfestival.ca**.







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Projections Roundhouse	8pm	8pm	
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RAGE Waterfront Theatre			
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Scarface Scotiabank Dance Centre		8pm	4 pm & 8pm
Skydive Roundhouse			
Sonata for Violin and Turntables <i>Chan Centre</i> 8pm			
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Satellite Shows			
Beggars Would Ride Waterfront Theatre			
Copper Thunderbird Arts Club GI Stage			
Dances for a Small Stage 15™ <i>Legion on the Drive</i>			
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an oak tree*

my arm* Skydive

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*Special offer: See an oak tree at 7pm and stay for my arm at 9pm. Double bill price (both shows same night only): \$35.

Individual tickets for

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La belle et la bête

Famous Puppet Death Scenes

Veda Hille

Available at ticketmaster.ca or 604.280.3311

Tickets for BIOBOXES

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Théâtre la Seizième Box Office: 604.736.2616

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For further information about the PuSh Festival, contact us info@pushfestival.ca.

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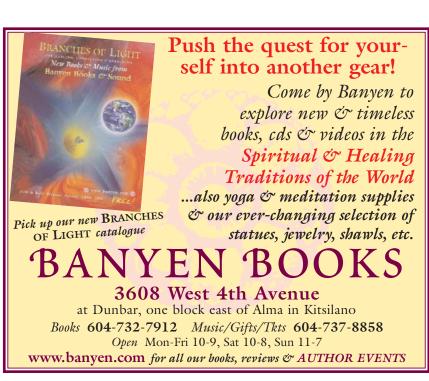


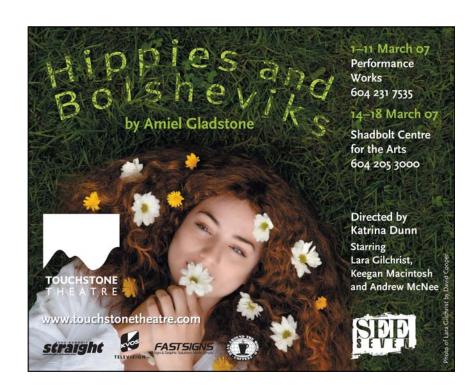


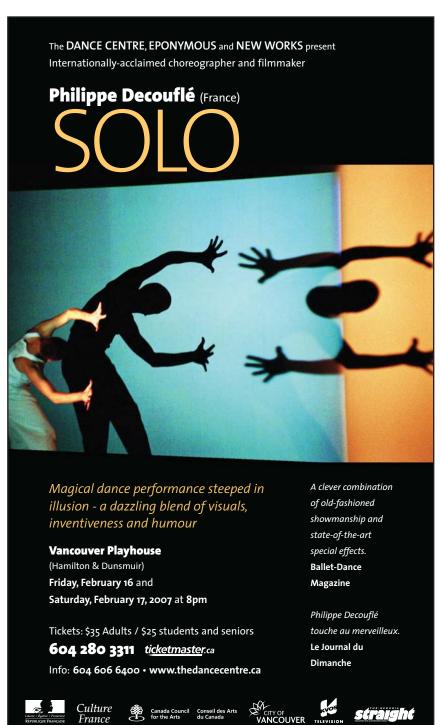












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