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Youtheatre premieres a new work and brings back a revamped classic!

ABOUT YOUTHEATRE

Founded in November 1968 by Wayne and Doreen Fines, Youtheatre is one of Canada's oldest companies producing theatre for young audiences. Over the past 40 years, Youtheatre's productions have been performed to over two million young people throughout Quebec and Canada.

2010-11 SEASON IS COMPRISED OF THREE PRODUCTIONS...

Youtheatre has commissioned a new work for children by puppeteer Clea Minaker (recipient of the 2009 Siminovitch (protogé) Prize as chosen by Ronnie Burkett). Developed in association with fellow puppeteers Karine Sauvé and Sean Frye, **Beauty** weaves live video projection, object-manipulation and shadow puppetry through three short stories exploring ecological themes. Accompanied by original music composed by local pop group Esmerine, the production asks audiences to reflect on how humans fit into their natural and fabricated landscapes. **Beauty** tours Quebec elementary schools November 22 until December 17, 2010.

Youtheatre is re-working **The Pencil Project**, a production that premiered last season in elementary schools, in order to present it at Théâtre Calixa-Lavallée from October 25 - 29, 2010. Devised by Montreal composers Martin Messier and Jacques Poulin-Denis, **The Pencil Project** is a unique initiative that introduces children to an electroacoustic performance. On stage, two performers create a symphonic universe by manipulating the live sounds created by everyday objects found in a classroom. A public performance is scheduled for families on October 28, 2010 at 7PM.

Youtheatre is excited to bring back a revamped version of its signature piece for teens, **Bang Boy, Bang!** by Ed Roy. Touring Canada since its premiere in 1995, the production's story remains relevant (drunk at a party, sixteen year old Rod Clark rapes a girl that he likes). The multi-media technology will be updated for the current iPhone generation, including new video images by Montreal video design company, fournalade. **Bang!** will be presented at Théâtre Calixa-Lavallée from March 7-11, 2011 followed by a two-week high school tour until March 25th, 2011.

... AND ONE WORK IN CREATION

Working with three of Montreal's hottest playwrights has not been easy (try getting them in the same room at the same), but the result will no doubt be exciting! Youtheatre has commissioned Emanuel Schwartz, Simon Boulerice and Sara Berthiaume to write a bilingual production for teens exploring the issue of pornography. Entitled **P@ndora**, the story will follow one girl as she navigates the tempting, but dangerous world of cyber porn. The production is scheduled to premiere in March 2012, but will be performed in a "workshop" version to audiences at Théâtre Calixa-Lavallée on December 2-3, 2010.

OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Youtheatre's **"Buy-a-Bus Campaign"** is still going strong! Now in its fourth season, supporters of Youtheatre are encouraged to buy a bus to help transport Montreal-area elementary students to the theatre. For \$200, donors can send up to 96 students to see **The Pencil Project** at Théâtre Calixa-Lavallée. Visit www.canadahelps.org to make a donation.

