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*The Citadel*

Presents

teens@the turn  
**festival** 8

**April 17 – 27, 2008**

**The Rice Theatre, at the Citadel  
9828 101A Ave, Edmonton**

**EDMONTON, AB** – The Citadel Theatre is pleased to present the 8<sup>th</sup> annual ***Teens @ The Turn Festival***. The popular teen theatre festival takes place in the Rice Theatre April 17 – 27, 2008 and features two full length theatrical productions, staged readings of new work by teen playwrights, a musical revue and a multidisciplinary cabaret evening.

“Our festival provides unique opportunities for teens to work directly with professional theatre artists and develop and showcase their talents at a professional level,” says Citadel Theatre Artistic Director **Bob Baker**. “The quality of work produced at *Teens @ The Turn* year after year is a true testament to both the creative passion of youth in Edmonton and the sheer talent of their mentors.”

**Keri Ekberg**, *Teens @ The Turn* Festival Director, says, “*Teens @ The Turn* connects Edmonton’s next generation of theatre artists with those who inspire them, with those who are paving the way for them. The exchange of knowledge and passion, and the relationships that form, make *Teens @ The Turn* a truly exceptional experience for everyone involved.”

*Teens @ The Turn* was founded on and stays true to three principles – diversity, relevancy and mentorship.

Diversity: *Teens @ The Turn* celebrates diversity and inclusiveness. Festival participants come from all over the city of Edmonton and surrounding communities to create and communicate through theatre. *Teens @ The Turn* programming is diverse, offering a range of experiences to teens interested in theatre.

Relevancy: *Teens @ The Turn* is committed to programming that reflects and confronts the contemporary teen experience. Festival programming is mature and challenges teens artistically, intellectually, and socially.

Mentorship: The Citadel Theatre engages leading members of Edmonton’s professional theatre community to come together at *Teens @ The Turn* to support and collaborate with our city’s next generation of theatre artists.

## Teens @ The Turn 8 includes:

### ***Teens @ The Turn Fundraiser and Kick Off***

A fundraising concert in support of the Teens @ The Turn Festival, presented by CKUA.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm in the Maclab Theatre

Featuring **Samantha Schultz, Michael Rault** and **The Juice!**

Tickets \$15 at the box office

### ***ICE: beyond cool*** by John Lazarus and Judith Marcuse

A dynamic theatre-and-dance extravaganza that captures an urban teen's struggle to fight the creeping unreality of her life and the increasing attraction of suicide.

April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm – April 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – April 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

Directed by **Steve Pirot**, Choreographed by **Amber Borotsik**, Stage Managed by **A.J. Carroll** with **Jacqueline MacPherson**

***ICE: beyond cool*** is presented in partnership with The Support Network of Edmonton.

### ***Unity (1918)*** by Kevin Kerr

April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm – April 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

The tale of Unity, Saskatchewan as the Spanish Flu pandemic decimates Canadian villages at the end of the First World War. A gothic romance and a dark comedy, *Unity (1918)* won the Governor General Literary Award for Drama in 2002.

Directed by **Annette Loiselle** with **Jessica Carmichael**, Stage Managed by **Sylvia Lejeune** with **Jenn Best**

Starring students of the Citadel's Foote Theatre School Teen Acting Company.

### ***One Step Closer*** a musical revue

April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm – April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Directed by **Marie Nychka** and **Randy Mueller** with **Laura Raboud**, Stage Managed by **Sylvia Lejeune**

Starring students of the Citadel's Foote Theatre School Young Musical Company.

### ***Fourplay*** The Teens @ The Turn Playwriting Project

Staged readings of four new works by the next generation of Edmonton playwrights.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm – April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Written by **Bobbi Belsek, Casey Brettelle, Benjamin Kibblewhite** and **Madyson Smith**

Taught and Facilitated by **Conni Massing**, Directed by **Wayne Paquette**

### ***Teens @ The Turn Cabaret***

An eclectic evening of original music, dance, poetry, magic and more.

April 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Featuring The Free Will Players, Francis McAllister, Sean Sonogo, Ed Blicq, Benjamin Kibblewhite, Christopher Piat, Elle-Oh-Vee-Eee, iHuman Youth Society, Midnight Prowl, and Ky Babyn

### **And...**

Second Cup on the Square in the Rice Theatre Lobby, post-show forums and talkbacks, special events for festival participants, and more!

Festival Director **Keri Ekberg**

Festival Set and Costume Design by **Marissa Kochanski**

Festival Lighting Design by **Narda McCarroll**

***ICE: beyond cool*** Sound Design by **Cam Boyce**

***Unity (1918)*** and ***Fourplay*** Sound Design by **Dave Clarke**

## **Tickets on sale now!**

**The Citadel's Teens @ The Turn Festival runs April 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> in the Rice Theatre**  
Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for a Festival Pass (school and group bookings are available)  
citadeltheatre.com or 425-1820

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