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May 17-27, 2007

***Celebrating and supporting Edmonton and area teenagers
in their development as theatre artists and socially conscious citizens.***

EDMONTON, AB – The Citadel Theatre is proud to present the seventh annual ***Teens @ The Turn Festival***, May 17 to 27. ***Teens @ The Turn 2007*** features the work of 125 Edmonton and area teens who have been hard at work for many months planning and preparing for this year's festivities.

Teens @ The Turn provides a forum for teen actors, playwrights, directors, stage managers, designers and artists to create, collaborate and present their work under the guidance and mentorship of leading members of Edmonton's professional theatre community. The 2007 festival features 10 days of programming with four mainstage productions, an eclectic cabaret performance event, presentations of new works by Multi-Youth Productions and Nextfest's High School Mentorship Program, discussion forums, special events for festival participants and more.

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

Diversity: ***Teens @ The Turn*** participants represent all facets of diversity in our city/society. They share one purpose: to create and communicate through theatre. ***Teens @ The Turn*** programming is diverse, offering a range of experiences and opportunities to teens interested in theatre.

Relevancy: ***Teens @ The Turn*** is committed to programming that reflects and challenges the teen experience in the 21st century. ***Teens @ The Turn*** does not shy away from controversial issues that affect teens.

Mentorship: ***Teens @ The Turn*** participants work closely with members of Edmonton's professional theatre community who come together at the Citadel Theatre to support and collaborate with our city's next generation of theatre artists. The ***Teens @ The Turn*** Mentorship Program is proudly supported by the Joseph H. Shoctor Fund.

2007 Festival Lineup

SubUrbia

By Eric Bogosian

“There's a world outside this tar pit of stupidity.”

May 17 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 19 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 23 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 26 @ 2:00 p.m.

Directed by **Kevin Sutley**, Co-Artistic Director of Kill Your Television.

Teen Assistant Directors **Deanna Mazur** and **Ben Janko**.

Stage Managed by **Dawn Friesen**, University of Alberta BFA Stage Management student.

Teen Assistant Stage Manager **Katrusia Lahola**.

Into the Woods

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by James Lapine

A classic and beloved musical that blends familiar fairy tales with unfamiliar consequences.

May 18 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 19 @ 2:00 p.m. / May 25 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

Performed by the **Foote Theatre School's Young Musical Company**.

Taught by **Marie Nychka**, freelance choreographer and theatre artist, **Randy Mueller**, freelance musical director and composer, and **Laura Raboud**, actor and Grant MacEwan College student.

Stage Managed by **Sylvia Lejeune**, freelance stage manager and full-time mom.

Teen Assistant Stage Manager **Jean Linsky**.

Vinegar Tom

By Caryl Churchill

“A play about witches with no witches in it; a play not about evil, hysteria and possession by the Devil, but about poverty, humiliation and prejudice.” – Churchill

May 20 @ 8:30 p.m. / May 22 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 24 @ 8:30 p.m. / May 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

Performed by the **Foote Theatre School's Teen Acting Company**.

Taught by **Annette Loiselle**, actor and Artistic Associate with Free Will Players' River City Shakespeare Festival.

Musical Direction by **Binaifer Kapadia**, Edmonton-based composer, instructor and pianist.

Stage Managed by **Sylvia Lejeune**, freelance stage manager and full-time mom.

Teen Assistant Stage Manager **Jean Linsky**.

Are We Safe Yet?

A Collective Creation on (Teen) Violence in Edmonton

A new work created and performed by a group of eight Edmonton teens who have something to say about violence in our community.

May 20 @ 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. / May 24 @ 7:00 p.m. / May 27 @ 3:30 p.m.

Directed by **Mieko Ouchi**, Co-Artistic Director of Concrete Theatre, playwright and filmmaker.

Stage Managed by **Beth Dart**, University of Alberta BFA Stage Management graduate.

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Teens @ The Turn Cabaret

An eclectic evening of original music, dance, magic, theatre and more!

May 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by **Sheldon Elter**, Edmonton actor and comedian.

Featuring folk/rock band **elle-oh-vee-eee**, juggler **Tyler Dawson**, dancer **Quinn Dooley**, vocalist **Mhairi Berg**, hip-hop artists from the **iHuman Youth Society**, vocalist/dancer **Sarah Bryn Mallandaine**, guitarist **Christopher Piat**, classic rock band **The Spades**, magician **Francis McAllister**, dancer **Bevin Dooley**, folk/blues singer-songwriter **Samantha Schultz** and **White Buffalo Dancers and Drummers Society** (lineup subject to change).

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

Festival Lighting Design by **Narda McCarroll**

Festival Sound Design by **Dave Clarke**

Teen Assistant Designer **Rowan Flaherty**

Plus ...

***The Sound of Stars Reflecting* by Janis Craft**

A sneak preview/workshop performance by Nextfest's High School Mentorship Program.

May 20 following the 2:00 p.m. performance of *Are We Safe Yet?*

Wasted Angels

An original, collectively-created musical by Stony Plain's Multi-Youth Productions about the devastating effects of Crystal Meth.

May 22 following the 7:00 p.m. performance of *Vinegar Tom*.

Teens @ The Turn Forums

Discussions, talkbacks, rants and raves with festival participants, audience and community members about hot topics and important issues affecting teens following the evening performances on May 18, 19, 24 and 25.

Second Cup on the Square in the Rice Theatre Lobby throughout the festival.

Tickets Now On Sale

\$10 for single event tickets or \$25 for a festival pass

Call 780.425.1820 or purchase online at citadeltheatre.com

Subject to availability. Prices subject to change.

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