



COMPASS POINTS FOR STUDENTS & EMERGING ARTISTS CHARTING NEW THEATRICAL TERRITORY

Join us in Calgary June 16-21, 2012 for Compass Points for Students & Emerging Artists

Be part of the most exciting gathering of theatre students & young artists in Canada

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After another amazingly successful and inspirational year, Compass Points returns stronger than ever. The fourth annual Compass Points Program for Students & Emerging Artists will take place in **Calgary, Alberta, June 16-21, 2012**. Come and be inspired by performances from across the country, engage in workshops and discussions, and meet future colleagues and co-conspirators.

Held during the Magnetic North Theatre Festival, Compass Points is a gathering of post-secondary students and emerging artists from across the country which helps them navigate the Festival and offers a firsthand introduction to the professional theatre industry. Organized in consultation with students from the University of Calgary and emerging artists from across the nation, the week-long event consists of **workshops, panel discussions, and social events** designed to inspire participants to chart their own course in Canadian theatre.

Compass Points builds on the festival experience – performances, Magnetic Encounters and the Industry Series – with the student perspective in mind. Past topics include touring in Canadian theatre, theatre creation and criticism in the age of blogging, union do's and don'ts, grant writing for emerging artists, new play development, self-production and workshops led by some of Canada's most prominent theatre artists. Topics and events vary from year to year to complement festival programming and address current concerns and questions. In addition to panel discussions with professional artists and theatre practitioners.

Some of our past panelists and workshop leaders include: Pat Bradley, Robert Chafe, Denise Clarke, David Ferry, Erika Hennebury, Peter Hinton, Brooke Johnson, Denyse Karn, James Long, Julia Mackey, Mump & Smoot, Darren O'Donnell, Matthew Payne, Richard Rose, Kim Selody, Joey Tremblay, Ian Watson, Why Not Theatre, and Zuppa Theatre. This year we are pleased to announce **Mary Vingoe** as our keynote speaker.

MAGNETIC NORTH THEATRE FESTIVAL

The Magnetic North Theatre Festival is the premiere festival of new Canadian theatre in English. Like the magnetic north pole itself, the festival moves around the country, treating all Canadians to excellence in English theatre from across Canada. Magnetic North gives us the opportunity to share our stories, to interpret our history and our times, and to explore how we see the world. Among artists and theatre professionals, the festival acts as an annual gathering place where long-lasting relationships are made and as a catalyst to promote Canadian theatre touring throughout the country and internationally.

The next edition of the Magnetic North Theatre Festival will be held June 13 to 23, 2012 in Calgary Alberta. The Festival has always welcomed students and emerging artists by presenting student performances, receiving contingents of students from training institutions from across the country, and hosting student forums. The Compass Points Program is a natural outgrowth of this work, and enriches the student experience at the festival.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Compass Points strives to be truly pan-Canadian; bringing together theatre students and emerging artists from all across the country. However, it cannot happen without your participation.

If you would like to be part of Compass Points fill out an **application form** available on our website and email it back to us. To provide the best experience for each and every participant *space at Compass Points is limited, so apply early!* Applications are reviewed on a per case basis until all positions are filled.

For more information or to download an application check out our website at: www.magneticnorthfestival.ca
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