

Event Schedule for Magnetic North Theatre Festival's Industry Series

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

Relax already! It's a day to arrive, to get your feet on the ground and to get your lungs adjusted to the higher altitude (seriously). Have a drink at the Festival bar at our Cinq à Sept. Take in the opening events of the Encounters Series (check out that schedule for performances and events). Oh, and there are also some great shows to catch: Oil & Water at 2:00 and 7:00, Ignorance at 7:00, Blue Box at 4:00 or One/Un at 9:00.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

1:00PM-4:00PM | A BITE ON THE BOW | SIMMONS PLAZA AND RIVER WALK

A 'welcome to the city' picnic on the banks of the Bow River. It's an opportunity for Industry Series delegates to meet each other and to engage in informal discussion groups. Calgary's recently-reformed 'street meat' bylaws mean that catering will be provided by a selection of the city's best new mobile restaurants.

5PM – 7PM | 5 À 7 | PRESENTERS' PITCHES | FESTIVAL BAR

Enjoy a drink as we turn the tables and let the presenters do the pitching. Presenters from across the country and around the world will have a chance to tell you a little bit about their company and what kind of work they like. Find out who's who!

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

10AM-12PM | Pitch Sessions | Big Secret Theatre

Eight Canadian companies get a chance to pitch their project to a room full of prospective presenters, professionals and potential collaborators. Ten minutes is all they've got to tell you why their show should conquer the world. A short question and answer period will follow each pitch. Projects being pitched include:

Mobile

Le Pontbridge, Montreal, Quebec

Contact: Eve Montpetit: pbridge@pontbridge.com

Not a Bird, Not a Plane...

The Only Animal, Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact: Kendra Fanconi: kendra@theonlyanimal.com

Prisoner of Tehran

Contrary Company, Toronto, Ontario

Contacts: Maja Ardal & Kim Blackwell: blackwellcommunications@gmail.com

Project X (Faust)

Leaky Heaven Circus, Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact: Steven Hill: stevenhill@gmail.com

When That I Was

Uncle Will Productions, Calgary, Alberta

Contact: Christopher Hunt: chunty@shaw.ca

Seeds

Porte Parole, Montreal, Quebec

Contact: Annabel Soutar: asoutar@porteparole.org

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The God That Comes

2b theatre company, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Contacts: Christian Barry & Anthony Black: info@2btheatre.com

Re:Union

Horseshoes & Hand Grenades Theatre, Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact: Sean Devine: sean@horseshoesandhandgrenades.ca

Seating is limited; priority will be given to Industry Series presenters. Please reserve your place at the Pitch Sessions when you book your Industry Pass by contacting Noree Claerhout at (403) 294-7598 or by email at tickets@magneticnorthfestival.ca.

1PM-3PM | SPEED DATING | BIG SECRET THEATRE

Fast and furious one-on-one meetings between creating artists and presenters! Scared of commitment? No worries. Each 'date' lasts ten minutes--what happens after that is up to you! This event is by invitation only.

2PM-4PM | ARTS MARKETPLACE | CENTRE COURT (OUTSIDE THE BIG SECRET THEATRE)

Business cards rather than credit cards are the currency in this open-access marketplace, featuring dozens of theatre artists showing off their wares. Learn about a breadth of Canadian companies and their work. A unique environment for the vibrant exchange of information--it's cultural window-shopping at its best. For additional information, please contact Lee Cookson at cookson@ghostrivertheatre.com.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012

11AM-12:30PM | EPCOR CENTRE TOUR | THE EPCOR CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Calgary's EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts is the unique home of an important experiment in cooperation between cultural organizations. Four Calgary theatre companies call the building their home, which they share with numerous other partners, including the Calgary Philharmonic, CKUA Radio and the Calgary International Children's Festival. EPCOR CENTRE President and CEO Johann Zietsmann leads a personal tour through this inspiring example of the power of collaboration.

3PM-5PM | DETERMINING MAGNETIC NORTH | BIG SECRET THEATRE

On the tenth anniversary of the Magnetic North Festival, we're taking a look back at our history and envisioning our future. A public discussion about the Festival featuring current Artistic Director Brenda Leadlay and former Festival Artistic Directors Mary Vingoe and Ken Cameron, facilitated by outgoing artistic director of English Theatre at the National Arts Centre, Peter Hinton.

5PM-7PM | 5 À 7 | BUY ME A DRINK, JOE? | FESTIVAL BAR

Cocktail hour with a twist: a drink with a stranger. Participants will be matched up with someone they don't know for an encounter that lasts for only one drink. When the glasses are empty, only one criterion decides who pays: who got the most out of the conversation? No arm-wrestling, please.

10PM-Late | CALGARY AFTER DARK | Meet at the FESTIVAL BAR

It wouldn't be a visit to Calgary without a late night crawl through the city's watering holes. Led by local Calgary actors and playwrights, join your colleagues on an adventure through the Cowtown you don't know. Don't worry, Nenshi doesn't speak until 1pm the next day, so let 'er rip.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

1PM-2:30PM | KEYNOTE SPEECH: NAHEED NENSHI | THE MARTHA COHEN THEATRE

We are very honoured to have as our keynote speaker a political visionary and dedicated theatre nerd, Calgary's mayor Naheed Nenshi. He'll be speaking about civic and cultural life in dialogue with the outgoing artistic director of English Theatre at the National Arts Centre, Peter Hinton.

3PM-5PM | DEBATE SESSION: COURTING CONTROVERSY | BIG SECRET THEATRE

Ghost River Theatre Co-Artistic Director Eric Rose puts his attention-deficit disorder to good use facilitating a new hi-octane, rapid-fire debate format that covers a range of topics important to contemporary theatre-making. Participants include a who's who of contemporary Canadian theatre practice and you, the audience member. This is not your parents' panel discussion—it'll be more like Canadian theatre's version of professional wrestling.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

2PM-10PM | TRIP TO BANFF

Set in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in the heart of Banff National Park, The Banff Centre invites exceptional artists and leaders from around the world to create and perform new works of art; share skills and knowledge in an interdisciplinary environment; and explore ideas and develop solutions in the arts and leadership.

Presenters attending the Magnetic North Theatre Festival are invited to travel to The Banff Centre – a short 90-minute bus ride from Calgary. You'll have the opportunity to take part in Canada's National Aboriginal Day activities, attend a showing of Ajax and Little Iliad (by Evan Webber and Frank Cox-O'Connell), take part in a tour of the Banff Centre, or simply take a leisurely stroll into the town of Banff to do some shopping. Before leaving, you'll have dinner at The Banff Centre and then settle in for the ride back to Calgary.

Please note we have 2 prices for the Banff trip:

- 1) \$70 Banff trip with Ajax & Iliad performance (4 pm TBC) - limited to 25 persons. Return transportation to Banff, Banff Centre Galleries, Dinner at the Banff Centre
- 2) \$55 Banff trip w/out play (31 persons). Return transportation to Banff, Banff Centre Galleries, Short day Hike or Town Shopping, Dinner at the Banff Centre.

Pick up in front of EPCOR Centre - Stephen Avenue Mall, 205- 8th Avenue SE at 2:00 pm sharp. Return to Westin Hotel & EPCOR Centre around 10:30 pm. You can't beat that! If you'd like to take the bus to Banff, contact Noree Claerhout at tickets@magneticnorthfestival.ca.

Purchase your Industry Series Passes before May 25, 2012 and save!

Industry Series passes are available including 4 show passes (\$170 before May 25, 2012 or \$195 after) or 8 show passes (\$275 before May 25, 2012 or \$315 after). To purchase Industry Series passes, please call Noree at (403) 294-7598 or visit: http://www.magneticnorthfestival.ca/pages/whatson/industry_series.html to download the order form and send it by fax (403-264-3230). You may also reach Noree via email at tickets@magneticnorthfestival.ca. (*Please note that the Industry Series show passes do not include the evening with Rick Mercer. Tickets for that event may be purchased separately.)