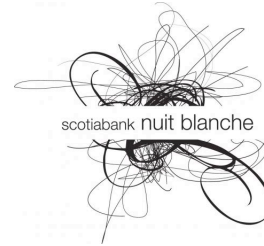


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THEATRE LOCAL CREATES INVENTIVE SOCIAL SCULPTURE TO RUN ALL NIGHT FOR LUCKY GROUPS OF NUIT BLANCHE REVELERS

WYCHWOOD BARNES, TORONTO, ON –**Theatre Local** will present **SMALL AUDIENCES** as part of **Scotiabank Nuit Blanche**, September 29th, 2012. **SMALL AUDIENCES** consists of live performances inside “**Canada’s Smallest Theatre**”*: Late night 'Truth or Dare', storytelling, Shakespeare, sound art, puppetry, snacks, film and TV stars, opera, & more. Audiences are invited to be a part of a social sculpture they will never forget. Seating limited.

Every hour, a twelve person audiences will experience a ten to twenty minute performance. Toronto’s top performing talent and a contingent of artists from the **Wychwood Artists Colony** have been chosen for this 12-hour season of performance, film, short words and sound art.

Running once an hour is **50 MONOLOGUES** – a remix of Shakespeare’s monologues for women, performed by Rebecca Singh, who admittedly, is wrong for most of the parts in their original context. Directed by Jonathan Heppner and designed by Kimberly Purtell, this live performance offers an invigorating take on many of Shakespeare’s ‘greatest hits’.

SMALL AUDIENCES is from the artists who created “Tell YOUR Story” -**Voted #1 “must-see”** in its zone by the Torontoist for Scotiabank Nuit Blanche in 2011.

Theatre Local is a conceptual artwork and producing project, which serves the city of Toronto and wider performing arts networks. **SMALL AUDIENCES** is the second Scotiabank Nuit Blanche social sculpture presented in “**Canada’s Smallest Theatre**”* and proffers traditional performer/spectator experiences within the intimacy of a small group setting.

Good things come in small packages...

SMALL AUDIENCES SET LIST/ SCHEDULE

7 PM- **Leslie McCue** and **Lindy Kinoshameg** present traditional Indigenous stories through shadow puppetry, a real treat for all ages.

7:30 PM- **Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner** and **Kimberly Purtell** explore Shakespeare’s voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: “War”

8 PM- **Elva Mai Hoover**, “The Emperor of Echolalia”, a personal tour through the world of autism.

8:30 PM- **Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner** and **Kimberly Purtell** explore Shakespeare’s voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: “Letters”

9 PM- “*Sonic Spectrum*” Opera singer **Neema Bickersteth** paints the colour spectrum with her voice.

9:30 PM- **Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner** and **Kimberly Purtell** explore Shakespeare’s voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: “Gossip”

10 PM- **Gail Nyoka** presents traditional oral storytelling in “Stories Untold.” “There is no agony like bearing an untold story inside you.” - Zora Neale Hurston.

10:30 PM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: "Gender Bender"

11 PM- "Fallback Position" Ruth Tait presenting her process of illustration using projection and film.

11:30 PM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: "Revenge"

Midnight- Norman Yeung, with **Cara Gee** asks big questions and uses media to strip bare his relationship with the small audience.

12:30 AM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: "Ghosts"

2 AM- Émilie Gauvin, plays late-nite "truth or dare" with the audience.

2:30 AM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: "Unrequited Love"

3 AM- "far-here-apart-together" The Pocketology Collective Rachel Ellison and Coleen MacPherson challenge each other across international borders to find and share pocket stories!

3:30 AM- Lizzie Violet Poetry

4 AM- "Bat Projections" Darren Copeland presents a sound art performance using unbelievable speaker technology.

4:30 AM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: "Extreme Heat"

5 AM- "Dim Sum Lose Some" Marjorie Chan with **Colin Doyle, Derek Kwan, Jasmine Chen** and **Neha Ross**. Join three friends as they come together for dim sum in the early dawn. (Snacks included).

5:30 AM- Rebecca Singh, Jonathan Heppner and Kimberly Purtell explore Shakespeare's voice through 50 Monologues. Set Theme: Selected Readings

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****INFO IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**** please visit <http://theatrelocal.org/showtimes/>

Theatre Local Principal Artist Rebecca Singh invites the City of Toronto inside her studio for **SMALL AUDIENCES** a one of a kind social sculpture running all night as a part of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche.

Saturday September 29, 2012

Location #4- "Canada's Smallest Theatre", Artscape Wychwood Barns 601 Christie St (look for the signs in Barn 2)

7 PM ongoing to 7 AM

SNB project page http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/project.html?project_id=1031

Setlist: <http://theatrelocal.org/showtimes/>

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Theatre Local is the producing project of Rebecca Singh, a resident artist at the Wychwood Barns. The Wychwood Artists Colony are some of the professional artists who live and work at the Artscape Wychwood Barns, many of whom took part in Theatre Local's 2011 festival edition offering, "Tell YOUR Story". **Theatre Local** thanks **VideoCabaret** developmental partner of **50 MONOLOGUES**.

* **"Canada's Smallest Theatre"** is an installation inside Rebecca Singh's live/work studio at the Artscape Wychwood Barns. She lives inside the studio.

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