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Magnetic North Theatre Festival

Celebrates its 10th anniversary in Calgary

Listing of Festival Media Calls

WHO

Magnetic North Theatre Festival

WHAT

Capture footage and stills of the productions making-up the 10th annual Magnetic North Theatre Festival

WHY

The 10th annual **Magnetic North Theatre Festival**, *Canada's National Festival of Contemporary Canadian Theatre in English* premieres **June 13 to 23, 2012** at **nine venues** throughout Calgary, and will feature an extraordinary collection of some of the boldest and brightest theatre artists from across the country. Alongside eight mainstage plays, festival-goers will enjoy ancillary events including *Magnetic Encounters*, *Compass Points* and the *Industry Series*. Tickets for the festival are on sale now from Host Partner, **EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts** box office in person, online at www.magneticnorthfestival.ca, www.epcorcentre.org or by phoning **403-294-9494**.

WHEN

The Media Call schedule of **Mainstage Productions** is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

1:00 pm

Oil & Water – Artistic Fraud (St. John's, Newfoundland)

Opening the festival is *Oil & Water*, by Newfoundland's award-winning **Artistic Fraud**. *Oil & Water* is the theatrical retelling of the incredible true story of Lanier Phillips. Shipwrecked aboard the US Truxton in 1942, Mr. Phillips was the only African-American survivor. What happened to this son of the racially segregated south at the hands of the residents of the nearby town of St. Lawrence, NL forever altered his world. Featuring an a cappella score blending Newfoundland folk tradition with African-American gospel.

Vertigo Playhouse

115-9th Avenue SE (Base of Calgary Tower)

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

1:30 pm

Ignorance – The Old Trout Puppet Workshop (Calgary, Alberta) -

A favourite of the Magnetic North Festival is Calgary's **Old Trout Puppet Workshop** with their newest creation, *Ignorance*, a puppet documentary about the evolution of happiness. Happiness - where did it come from and where did it go? As a current society, we've got microwaves, airplanes, and a nagging sense of dissatisfaction – but our prehistoric ancestors, stamping their grubby feet by firelight in triumph over the corpse of a mastodon, might just have felt more at home in the world. With much grunting and gnawing on bones, the **Old Trouts** explain where we went wrong, and how we might find our way once again.

Martha Cohen Theatre

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THURSDAY, JUNE 14 CONTINUED

2:30 PM **Blue Box – Nightswimming (Toronto, Ontario) in association with Newworld Theatre (Vancouver, British Columbia)**
Vancouver based **Carmen Aguirre**, winner of this year's CBC's Canada Reads, brings her one-woman show to the festival. **Blue Box** investigates Aguirre's remarkable life as an underground revolutionary in Chile. It's a story of terror, romance, and abandon that takes us from the dangerous mountain passes of Chile to the perilous roller coasters of Hollywood; from an ardent love affair with a TV star, to a passionate love for a revolution that strove to change an entire nation.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 19

2:00 pm **Paper Series – Cahoots Theatre Company (Toronto, Ontario)**
Toronto's **Cahoots Theatre Company** brings **paper SERIES** to the festival. A piece of paper can shape your life. It can record your history or build something new. **Paper SERIES** is a collection of six short plays exploring how we use paper to create, amuse, define and communicate. It is, at times, quiet and reflective, raucous and violent...changing tone with every fold.
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2:30 pm **Night – Human Cargo (Toronto, Ontario)**
In **Night**, the lives of Daniella, a Toronto anthropologist and Piuyuq, a 16-year-old Inuk girl intersect powerfully during 24 hours of darkness in Pond Inlet, Nunavut. A cross-cultural theatre creation by **Human Cargo**, **Night** is a poetic and dramatic exploration of the clash between Inuit and colonial culture. As the two cross paths, their lives are changed forever. **Night** is presented in Inuktitut and English, with English subtitles, likely the first time both languages have been used so extensively in a professional play.
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3:30 pm **Hamlet (Solo) – Hope and Hell Theatre Company (Toronto, Ontario)**
Since its premiere in 2006, **Hamlet (Solo)** has toured internationally to critical acclaim. This exciting one-man version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, performed by accomplished and award-winning performer **Raoul Bhaneja**, has him playing seventeen characters. This thrilling adaptation focuses on the three most essential elements of theatre: The Actor, The Text and The Audience. This production is "bare bones" in its presentation, but complex in its telling.
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The **Magnetic North Theatre Festival** is an annual Canadian cultural theatre event, showcasing works by Canadian theatre artists from across the country. Magnetic North features some of the most exciting productions of theatre performed in English to tour Canada, and promotes the diversity and quality of Canadian theatre to Canadians. Established in 2002, the Magnetic North Theatre Festival alternates between Ottawa and a different Canadian city each year. In addition to live theatre, the festival is a forum for Canadian theatre professionals to market their work to national and international presenters and touring venues. To date, the festival has travelled to Edmonton, St. John's, Vancouver and Kitchener-Waterloo.

Magnetic North Theatre Festival is produced by the Canadian Theatre Festival Society and co-presented by the National Arts Centre English Theatre.

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