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*“Retrospect is everything
It is the road ahead of you and the horizon behind you.”*

YOU ARE HERE

by DANIEL MACIVOR

Directed by Paul Hardy

Award-winning Canadian playwright and screenwriter **Daniel MacIvor** introduces us to Alison, a troubled soul struggling to untangle how she got to where she is. Did she know the right people? Make good choices? We meet her friends, lovers, and business acquaintances, and travel with them (and her) through the darkly funny contradictions and confusions of a modern life lived, to find out what it means to be happy in all this messiness.

Paul Hardy, director of Alumnae Theatre's production, describes *You Are Here* as MacIvor's love letter to Alison - he's created such a real person, flaws and all; it's a rare thing. The play is concerned with the ironies of human existence - it's set in what Hardy calls the playground of the afterlife, and addresses such questions as: What happens if we get our heart's desire? And does knowing something then negate the now?

The designs emphasize the odd; white splashing on colour. Set and lighting designer **Ed Rosing** reflects MacIvor's abstract script with a very spare, symbolic set - note the giant sandbox! The multi-hued lighting also conveys the surreal no-place setting, with painterly shadows and colours triggered by Alison. **Scott Penner's** costumes complement the abstract environment, and are rich with stark contrasts. The soundscape is filled with melodic noise and original compositions by sound designer **Angus Barlow**.

Nova Scotia-born Daniel MacIvor is one of Canada's most prolific and influential post-modern playwrights. He was a co-founder of the innovative Toronto theatre company **da da kamera**, and co-creator (with director **Daniel Brooks**) of such groundbreaking works as *House*, *Monster*, *Here Lies Henry* and *In On It*. Among his many awards, he has earned a Genie Award for the screenplay adaptation of his play *Marion Bridge* (2004), the Governor General's Award for Drama in 2006, and the prestigious Siminovitch Prize in Theatre (2008). This year, he is represented in the Toronto International Film Festival with his screenplay for (and on-screen appearance in) the **Bruce McDonald**-directed rock'n'roll film *Trigger*. (Coincidentally, there is a film in TIFF with the title *You Are Here*, but it's not MacIvor's - it was written and directed by **Daniel Cockburn**.)

Alumnae Theatre Company's production of *You Are Here* features **Jamieson Child**, **Joseph Cochrane**, **Cameron Johnston**, **Seema Lakhani**, **Will O'Hare**, **Alyssa Quart**, **Michael Vitorovich**, and **Tabitha Keast** as Alison.

The Details - *You Are Here*

Running Time: approx. 2 hrs; including intermission

Opening Night: Friday September 24, 2010

Performances: Friday September 24, 2010 - Saturday October 9, 2010

Schedule: Wednesday - Saturday 8:00pm; Sunday matinée at 2:00pm
There will be a **Talkback** with cast & director after the matinée on October 3

Tickets: Wednesday 2-for-1; Thursday, Friday & Saturday \$20; Sunday PWYC

Location: Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley Street, Toronto

Box Office: 416-364-4170 (box 1) or email reservations@alumnaetheatre.com
Box Office opens one hour prior to each performance
Please note: Box Office does not accept credit or debit cards

Production photos for *You Are Here* will be available for download on the **Media** page at www.alumnaetheatre.com by September 15.

Read cast & creative team bios on the **You Are Here** page.

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