

GATHERING TOGETHER: VANCOUVER 2008

Dear friends,

It was truly fitting that this year's conference theme was "together at last". More than 152 PACT delegates convened at the Arts Club Theatre on beautiful Granville Island this year.

Although it was a novelty to hold the PACT Conference and Magnetic North Theatre Festival concurrently, the true togetherness as always was a result of the people in attendance.

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To read the Executive Director's article, [click here](#).

PARTY TIME !

After the move, the conference. Conference over, here starts the summer. Summer time is party time... We closed the circle and launched a vivid after-conference-summer-office-warming party !

On June 26, Members, partners, colleagues and many friends discovered our new suite (number 555) while sipping the specially made PACT punch.

DOWN CENTRE

LEARNING TOGETHER - PACT & MAGNETIC NORTH

The professional Development sessions at the PACT conference were enriched by our participation in the Magnetic North Theatre Festival Industry Series produced with élan this year by Naomi Campbell.



Our Keynote speaker was Richard Laermer, a marketing guru from New York. PACT contributions included...

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Photo: PACT

Interview from Mark von Eschen, Shakespeare in Saskatchewan Festival.

Our active PACT Summer caucus recently launched their own newsletter. The first issue included a fascinating interview of the Artistic & Executive Director of the Shakespeare in Saskatchewan Festival. We are happy to share with you the words of Mark von Eschen.

To read the interview, [click here](#).

WE ATTENDED THE ASSITEJ WORLD CONGRESS IN AUSTRALIA

Our policy intern, Jasmine Spei, whose two-year term with PACT recently ended, reports on a wonderful trip to Adelaide in Australia to attend the Assitej World Congress.

Assitej is the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people, and Jasmine's recent work with the PACT Theatre for Young Audience Caucus has included forging new ties with Assitej.

WELCOME TO OUR
NEW ASSOCIATE
MEMBER

[Touchmark Theatre](#)

To read the article [click here](#).

PACT ONLY INFORMATION

To access the documents presented below, Members and Affiliates please log on to www.pact.ca and look Under Members' Documents. Forgotten your login and password? Simply contact cleliaf@pact.ca.

NOT ALL CONTRACTS ARE EQUAL ! THE CORRECT USE OF THE PGC CONTRACT FORMS

A lot of attention has been paid to developing the PGC contract forms to ensure that the terms are in agreement with what has been negotiated on PACT theatres' behalf. However PACT has recently received contracts varying from the standard forms.

To read the full article, please go to the Members' Documents *Labour Relations* section.

THE STORIES FROM THE REGIONS AND CAUCUSES

The reports from our regions and caucuses cover the last months of the season and will give you insight into our Members' stories, concerns and good news.

To read the reports, please go to the Members' Documents Communication/Documentation section.

in Stratford, ON.

LABOUR RELATIONS

practical info

Members are reminded to **submit the PGC questionnaire** as soon as possible. If a copy is needed please contact Nan at nan@pact.ca or 416.595.6455 x14

Members - a reminder: **please file one copy of all fully executed contracts with PACT** (ADC, APASQ, CTA and PGC). Filing contracts is essential to our Labour Relations service to you.

SUPPORT US

Make a donation to the PACT Communications Centre. PCC promotes the recognition and development of theatre in Canada. For more information on PCC, please go to www.pact.ca.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

EXPANDING OUR CONTACTS

Working for a PACT Member company and not receiving *impact!* yet? Let us know at cleliaf@pact.ca and we will add you to our mailing list.

OUR FUNDERS

PACT acknowledges with thanks the following funders for their support



Mallory Gilbert Leadership Award

proudly presented to

CHERRY KARPYSHIN
General Manager
Prairie Theatre Exchange

**by the PACT Communications
Centre and Toronto's Tarragon
Theatre**

This award, named in honour of Mallory Gilbert - Tarragon Theatre's General Manager for 34 years and one of the founders and Past President of PACT - celebrates and recognizes significant and valuable leadership within the Canadian Theatre community.

Hailed by those who have worked with her as a true optimist and tireless advocate of the arts, Cherry Karpyshin has, in addition to her over twenty-five years working behind the scenes at the [Prairie Theatre Exchange](#), been a respected member and leader in numerous cultural organizations throughout Manitoba and Canada, and a mentor to emerging arts administrators across the country.

The \$5000 award includes a \$1000 portion presented to a protégé chosen by the Award winner. The protégé selected by Cherry is **Madonna Van Vonderen**, the Administrator at [Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre in Nova Scotia](#).