

A MESSAGE FROM ERIC COATES



Soon after returning home from our AGM in Montreal, I realized that my daily e-mail exchanges would increase exponentially during the days ahead. This is a double-edged sword: on one hand, I am grateful to belong to such an active organization. On the other hand, this presidency business is going to chew up a lot of time.

But, as I stated before the membership while in Montreal, **when one joins a member-driven organization, one makes a tacit agreement to participate. I am, indeed, honored to serve PACT in this capacity and I sincerely hope to represent our members with compassion and critical thought in equal measure.**

During the recent AGM, I relished the opportunity to listen to the various voices of our membership. Large companies, small companies, repertory, summer stock, outdoor, and TYA - we are a diverse group, facing diverse challenges and tackling our problems with a wide variety of strategies. But we all share a simple commitment to put the play first. Despite challenges past, present and future, we will continue to serve the art.

Again, I am honored to serve as PACT's president. Thank you for trusting me with something that I see both as responsibility and opportunity. I look forward to serving Canada's professional theatre community.

Eric Coates, PACT President

HOW PACT SURVIVED OUR AGM

by Lucy White, Executive Director
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My calendar tells me it's only been twenty-one days since the opening night party of our 2009 AGM and Conference. But I believe that PACT has travelled far in the last three weeks...

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



Delegates at the 2009 PACT AGM, Centaur Theatre, Montreal.

2009 PACT CONFERENCE & AGM IN MONTREAL

It was a success!

2,136 cups of coffee served

181 delegates

93 PACT companies represented

14.5 hours of AGM

2 ratification votes

1 new President



Delegates at the Embassy Suites Bar

THANK YOU

to all our Members, Affiliates, delegates and numerous volunteers for a rich, lively and fruitful Conference!

2009 CONFERENCE & AGM MATERIALS

To access reports, photos and download the Conference speakers' presentations, simply go to www.pact.ca

PACT TRAVEL SUBSIDIES - MEA CULPA!

by Lucy White, Executive Director
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Each year, PACT distributes approximately \$10,000 in travel subsidies to PACT theatre companies that would otherwise not be able to attend our AGM and Conference. These monies are donated by other PACT theatres.

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

A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS

by Sandy Crawley, Labour Relations and Professional Development Manager
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Our third day-long experiential workshop took place in Montreal on May 27 immediately preceding the PACT Conference and AGM. It was led by arts consultant and erstwhile executive director of Opera.ca Micheline McKay who...

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PACT ONLY INFORMATION

PACT 2009 AGM.. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

AND

SUMMARY OF OPENING POSITIONS CAEA & PACT

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CTA TEAM

To access the AGM report and the two CTA-related documents, please log on to www.pact.ca and look under **Members' Documents, Labour Relations** section.

Category & Region Reports

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2009 CONFERENCE SPONSORS!



Keynote Speaker Diane Ragsdale

If you have photos that you are willing to share, please contact us at cleliaf@pact.ca

2010 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED....

Next year' PACT Conference & AGM will take place at **Cow Head, Newfoundland, in the heart of beautiful Gros Morne National Park**, and hosted by our Member company [Theatre Newfoundland Labrador](#).

Exact dates are not set yet but will include the week-end of **Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30**.

We hope to see you there!

TESTIMONIALS...

"It was really wonderful to feel part of a larger community and connect with people across the country, many of whom I only know by telephone - it's nice to have a face to go with the voice!"

- Heather Cant, Tour Coordinator, Axis Theatre Company, BC -

"At the conference I was blown away by the ideas and insight from the Keynote right through to all of the plenary sessions, especially the ones with Jerry Yoshitomi and the reports from



Conference Host: Centaur Theatre

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the Saidye

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you, my wonderful colleagues. I have returned home with so many new ideas, invigorated and inspired."

- Anonymous -

"To all those who donated to the travel subsidy, thank you! Without it Boca del Lupo would not have been able to attend the conference this year and would have missed being a part of what I hope will be remembered as a defining moment in the history of Canadian theatre."

- Jay Dodge, Artistic Producer, Boca del Lupo, BC -

"This AGM was one of the best ever held in terms of the entertainment elements and the camaraderie that was demonstrated by everyone."

- Anonymous -



TARRAGON THEATRE

2009 Mallory Gilbert Leadership Award

presented to
Heather Redfern
and protégé Kris Nelson

Welcome to our new Affiliates

[Lyndesfarne Theatre Projects](#)

St. Catherines, ON

[New West Theatre](#)

Lethbridge, AB

Congratulations

... to Hugh Neilson (*Theatre Passe Muraille*) for winning a \$50 gift certificate to TheatreBooks. Hugh's completed Communications Check-In questionnaire was selected in a draw at the final AGM session by Nancy Webster.

JOIN OUR MEMBERS' MAILING LIST

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 Members' mailing



Toronto, June 2, 2009 - The PACT Communications Centre (PCC) and Toronto's Tarragon Theatre are proud to present the third Mallory Gilbert Leadership Award to Heather Redfern, Executive Director of The Vancouver East Cultural Centre. [Read more...](#)

list.

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