

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all our Members and Affiliates: to read Nancy Webster's message, please **log on** to www.pact.ca and look under **Members' Documents, Communications and Publications** section.

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ELECTIONS : NO TIME TO WAIT AND SEE

On Wednesday November 19, The Honourable Stephen Harper presented his third Speech from the Throne since he was first elected Prime Minister. The Throne Speech laid out the plans and priorities of the government.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the arts community and arts supporters, there was unprecedented attention, media coverage and awareness of culture issues during the recent election campaign. For the first time...

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

REAL TIME, REAL PLACE - REALLY WORKS!



REAL TIME, REAL PLACE

Getting Streetwise in Ottawa on October 31. PACT's first workshop in the new Real Time, Real Place series on Halloween at the National Arts Centre was a complete success - the only scary bits were the NAC staff in a myriad of costumes. To read the article, please [click here.](#)

Foreground: Andrew Johnston, Village Theatre West Inc; Simon Johnston, Gateway Theatre; David Nairn, Theatre Orangeville; Shanin Sayadi, OneLight; Background: Jovanni Sy, Cahoots Theatre Projects; Rahul Varma, Teesri Duniya Theatre; Steven Schipper, MTC; Bryna Wasserman, Leonor & Alvin Segal Theatre.
Photo: PACT



2009 PACT CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATES

The 2009 PACT Conference will be held from

Thursday, May 28 to Sunday, May 31

at
Centaur Theatre in Montreal, QC.

PACT will again be holding a Masterclass for a limited number of participants on Wednesday, May 27. There will be a Board Meeting on June 1.

Updated information will regularly be posted on our web site www.pact.ca

FOUR PLAYS, FOUR WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS

This year Touchstone Theatre in Vancouver launches a historic season: four plays written by women. Adrienne Wong spoke with Artistic Director Katrina Dunn about her programming choices.

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

LABOUR RELATIONS NEGOTIATIONS

One down and one to GO!

PACT ONLY INFORMATION

To access the documents presented below, Members and Affiliates please log on to www.pact.ca and look Under Members' Documents.
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PITCH A PD SESSION

After each PACT conference/AGM, we solicit suggestions from attendees about the kinds of workshops and professional development sessions they would like to see at the upcoming conference. We always get good ideas. But this year we are going even further. We know there are experts out there so don't just suggest a topic - **propose a session and then lead it!**

To get the form, please go to the Members' Documents Professional Development section.

PACT's 2008-2009 CANADA COUNCIL RESULTS

This summer PACT has undertaken to collect data from the membership that will assist us in advocating for more funding for the Theatre Section over the course of the next year. PACT sent out a questionnaire asking all PACT Members and Affiliates for some information about your Canada Council grants. We are happy to **share the results of this research with you.**

To read the full article, please go to the Members' Documents Advocacy section.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will take place on 7 and 8 December in Ottawa, at the Great Canadian Theatre Company. The meeting is organised jointly with the performing arts national arts service organisations [Canadian Dance Assembly](#), [Opera.ca](#) and [Orchestras Canada](#). Each organisation will hold its own Board meeting followed by joint meetings.

The winter Board meeting will be hosted by the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton on Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2009.

Negotiations with PGC were completed amicably on October 10. A ratification package will be sent to theatres prior to the conference in Montreal where the PACT negotiation team will be on hand to answer your questions. The ratification vote will take place during the AGM sessions.

Negotiations with CAEA will begin in the new year - don't forget to get your questionnaires completed and returned. Email nan@pact.ca or log on to our web site and look under *Member's Documents Labour Relations* section if you have lost your copy!

Welcome to our new Affiliate Members

[Alberta Opera Musical Theatre](#)

Edmonton, AB

[Caravan Farm Theatre](#)

Armstrong, BC

[Lost and Found Theatre](#)

Kitchener, ON

[Story Theatre](#)

Vancouver, BC

Call for volunteers

PACT is looking for **volunteers** to join the following Committees:
Finance, Membership, Professional Development



The Theatre Listing Fall 2008

available soon at www.pact.ca

Update your free listing! All theatre companies and arts organisations have now been sent their listing renewal for this new edition. Please return the renewal form to ensure your company will be listed - Don't be left out!

As announced last year, The Theatre Listing will soon be available on our web site as a **free, searchable and printable pdf**. The Theatre Listing electronic version will still include all the features you rely on.

The Theatre Listing is **PACT's annual directory for the professional theatre community** and includes comprehensive information on theatre companies, performance facilities and related arts organizations across Canada.

Since its inception in 1988, this one-of-a-kind directory has become an essential reference for producers, playwrights, actors, designers and other theatre professionals across the country, as well as for students, agents, government and arts service organizations and more.

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Please call the office at 416.595.6455 to express your interest or to know more about these Committees.

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

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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 list.

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