

Life-Changing Theatre Season Announced!

Winnipeg, July 20, 2012 – Sarasvati Productions will blow you away with its 13th theatrical season in Winnipeg exploring the theme of Revelation & Revolution! Join us August 20th at 10am for a special season launch, *Revelation & Revolution*, which will include a sneak peek of the unique and exciting performances that Sarasvati Productions will undertake for the 2013-2014 theatre season. The launch will be followed by a reception with the Sarasvati Productions' team

“We are excited to be offering our first subscription package to patrons,” says Artistic Director Hope McIntyre, “After twelve years of producing work in Winnipeg we are finally able to mark our lucky 13th year with a full season package and a ground-breaking line-up!”

This year Sarasvati Productions will present a variety of works that will both reveal new perspectives and inspire action. The season will tackle the reality for youth in foster care, parenting a child with autism, mental health issues and stories of women breaking free from social constraints. FemFest will start off the season in its traditional September slot but the season will continue with our cabaret of monologues and another mainstage production in the spring of 2014!

***Revelation & Revolution* season launch takes place on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the University of Winnipeg Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (400 Colony Street) at 10am. Reception refreshments generously donated by Cake-ology.**

In its thirteen years in Winnipeg, Sarasvati Productions has established itself as a mainstay in the independent theatre scene with its unique approach to transformative art. With its mandate to use theatre to increase human understanding the company has had a profound impact on its audiences. Last year the company produced its 10th FemFest to record breaking attendance. The company also hosted its second annual So You Think You Can Act fundraiser with local celebrity Kerri Salki walking away with the trophy. Our International Women's Week Cabaret traveled to women's shelters and community centres. The 2012-2013 season wrapped up with the world premiere of *Jail Baby*, created in partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba, in order to share stories of incarcerated women and women in and out of the justice system. It was the culmination of three years of drama workshops in correctional institutions, as well as research and discussions with those on both sides of the justice question.

About Sarasvati Productions: *Sarasvati Dramatic Theatre Productions and Repertory Inc. (founded in Winnipeg in 2000) seeks to inspire artists and audiences through the use of theatre and to provide a space where artists can develop, showcase their skills and celebrate their creativity.*