

Sarasvati Productions Launches Its 18th Season - *Reimagining!*

Winnipeg, August 3, 2018 – On August 3rd Sarasvati Productions held its annual season launch aptly titled *Reimagining...* Over 60 members of the community attended the event in order to get an exclusive sneak-peek at the exciting and ambitious 2018/19 theatre season. The launch took place at The Saddlery on Market and featured excerpts of the upcoming season.

Highlights of Sarasvati Productions' 2018/19 theatrical season include:

- **FemFest 2018: *Staging Resistance*** - FemFest celebrates 16 years with a focus on life-changing theatre for everyone. FemFest takes place from **September 15-22, 2018**. The launch featured an introduction of *The Game*, a collaboration between Sarasvati Productions and Manohar Performing Arts of Canada, as well as a preview of some of the amazing array of talent to be featured at the Opening Cabaret. The festival will also include workshops and lectures by Norah Paton and Donna-Michelle St. Bernard along with presentations of their work. Full details at www.femfest.ca .
- **International Women's Week Cabaret of Monologues** will run from **March 3-10, 2019**. Stay tuned for more information on this year's theme. A national call has gone out for monologues and performance pieces, which will be performed in various community venues.
- **Home 2.0** - This year's interactive touring show will be presented at high schools throughout Manitoba from **October 15-December 7, 2018**. The production centres around the experiences of newcomer youth in Canada, and was developed after extensive interviews with community members.
- **Women's Comedy Night** - We are pleased to again offer an early and a late show for this year's fundraiser on **November 14, 2018**. This year we welcome WOKE Comedy's Elissa Kixen as producer of the event, and we are excited to be able to hold it at the more accessible Club 200.
- **Reconciliation project** - Work will begin this year on an upcoming project about reconciliation in Canada. Stay tuned for more information as the project progresses and a work-in-progress showcase in May 2019.
- **Workshop Series** - We will continue to offer ongoing skill-development workshops to emerging artists and youth. This year, our popular informal mentorship meet-ups *Coffee with a Pro* will continue as well as sessions on devised theatre, movement, and mental health in theatre. After several successful projects in the North End, we will continue to offer mentorship opportunities to serve youth in our North End neighbourhood.

This season we are reimagining the possibilities for the future of our communities!

About Sarasvati Productions: Sarasvati Dramatic Theatre Productions and Repertory Inc. (founded in Winnipeg in 2000) is experimental and transformative theatre that presents significant social issues; engages in community collaboration; and supports emerging artists.