

Sarasvati Productions Launches a Break-Through Season!

Winnipeg, August 12, 2015 – Today Sarasvati Productions held its annual season launch aptly titled *Breaking Through*. Over 40 members of the community attended the event in order to get an exclusive sneak-peek at their exciting and ambitious 2015/16 theatre season. The launch took place at the Albert Street Cocktail Company Ltd, and featured excerpts of the work as well as community speakers.

Highlights of Sarasvati Productions' 2015/16 theatrical season include:

- **FemFest 2015: *Hear Her Roar*** - FemFest continues to be Canada's primary festival for female playwrights. FemFest takes place from **September 12-19, 2015** at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (University of Winnipeg, 400 Colony Street). Highlights from the festival include the world premiere of *The Dance-Off of Conscious Uncoupling* by Frances Koncan, last year's Bake-Off winner, and touring productions from Canada's top female artists as well as international guest Monirah Hashemi. The festival will include work that is inspiring, empowering and entertaining – even two plays that take place in elevators!
- ***So You Think You Can Act* – February 17, 2016** at the Gas Station Arts Centre will see the 5th anniversary of this wildly popular fundraiser that pairs local celebrities with Winnipeg actors. To celebrate, we will be bringing back past winners and favourites for the All-Star Edition. Full evening line-up and event details to be released in December.
- **International Women's Week Cabaret of Monologues** will run again from **March 6-12, 2016** with the theme *Stolen Sisters*, exploring the issue of missing women from multiple perspectives. A national call has gone out for monologues and they will be performed in various community venues.
- ***Mental Health is Everyone's Health*** – this new community-based project will see Sarasvati's artists teaming up with Artists in Health Care, Red Threads Playback Theatre and the Selkirk Mental Health Centre as well as working with multiple community organizations such as the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society. Workshops and research will occur in the fall, followed by the development of a play script and culminating in presentations from **May 19 to May 29, 2016**.

Sarasvati Productions would like to thank Cake-ology and Albert Street Cocktail Company for their generous support of the launch.

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 place where artists can develop, showcase their skills and celebrate their creativity.*