

## ***Sarasvati Productions 'Reimagining' with Launch of 18<sup>th</sup> Season!***

**Winnipeg, July 13, 2018** - Sarasvati Productions 18<sup>th</sup> theatrical season in Winnipeg will bring to the stage resistance, resettlement and reconciliation. A launch will be held to celebrate and to announce all the exciting details of programming that falls under the theme *Reimagining...*! The public is invited to attend on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at The Saddlery on Market (114 Market Ave). The event is being held as part of First Fridays in the Exchange and people are encouraged to pop in or stay for the whole event. The night will include sneak peeks of the unique and exciting events patrons can look forward to in the upcoming season.

This year Sarasvati Productions will present life-changing theatre for everyone, as part of their vision to transform society through theatre. The season theme of *Reimagining...* kicks off with FemFest 2018: Staging Resistance. The festival includes performers from Toronto to Morocco, plus a new walking art tour. Experience a show that powerfully blends Indian dance and theatre, hear from DIY theatre-maker Norah Paton, and take in award-winning performer Donna-Michelle St. Bernard as she speaks truth to power using spoken word, storytelling and hip-hop. The season will continue with our interactive high school touring production, a cabaret of monologues and the launch of a new community-based collaboration in the spring of 2019!

In its eighteen 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. During its 2017/18 season, Sarasvati produced its 15<sup>th</sup> FemFest, hosted their Women's Comedy Night Fundraiser, showcasing some of Winnipeg's funniest women. In March of 2018, they produced a cabaret of monologues to celebrate International Women's Week, offering a diverse line-up of performances that honour women by telling their stories. Sarasvati also brought to the stage *New Beginnings*, a community collaboration exploring the themes of displacement and resettlement through the use of dance, music, visual art, and storytelling. It truly has been a sensational season.

**The *Reimagining...* season launch will take place on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at The Saddlery on Market (114 Market Ave) at 7:00 pm. Free admission. Refreshments have been generously donated by Cake-ology!**

*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.*