

Thursday, March 27, 2008

Pre-Conference

8:00AM

Registration Desk Opens

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

9:00AM – 5:00PM

Network Day With International Presenters

Crystal Ballroom 2&3, L3

It is with great pleasure that the BC Touring Council invites Pacific Contact delegates to participate in a pre-conference day with distinguished international presenters from **Australia**, the **UK** and the **United States** in a day long event that is focused on bridging gaps, broadening opportunities and building relationships in International performing arts touring.

This program is made possible through the generous support of **Canadian Heritage Trade Routes** program.



Patrimoine Canadien
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2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Facility/Theatre Managers Meeting

L3

This peer networking session for theatre and arts facility managers is a regular feature at Pacific Contact. It is an opportunity to update each other on activities, share experiences, ask questions, and talk about trends and issues.

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Theatre Support Staff Networking Meeting

L3

A peer networking and get-together for facility support staff. A great opportunity to share success stories challenges and tricks of the trade all-together and in smaller breakouts.

Friday, March 28, 2008

7:30 AM –

Registration Desk Opens

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Early Bird Morning Gathering

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

Some folks are early risers and like to get a head start. Are there people or topics you'd like to connect to right away? Come to the lobby at 7:30 for coffee and see who else is there or arrange in advance to meet with people and take it from there. Meeting space will be arranged. Inquire at registration.

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Board buses to the Shadbolt Centre For The Arts

Hotel Lobby

We hit the road running this year at Pacific Contact. The conference begins with Breakfast as part of Breakfast Dances at the Shadbolt Centre. It is also the location for lunch and Friday afternoon Studio Stage showcases.

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Complimentary Breakfast at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

Coffee provided by



10:15 AM – 11:15 PM

Breakfast Dances – Link Dance

Shadbolt Centre

What does the audience see? Dynamic, provocative choreography from the acclaimed artistic director of LINK Dance Foundation, Gail Lotenberg, performed by a cast of outstanding dancers from Vancouver and Whitehorse. LINK Breakfast Dances are designed to get an audience to commit further to the creative playground that is contemporary dance. Contemporary dance, muffins, fruit . . . Why not? After all, breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Pacific Contact – **Schedule, Friday, March 28**

“When you attend a LINK Dance performance you feel as if you are part of a community who is gathering for something very special, and you are not disappointed”! Ken Coulter, Theatre Manager, Oakville Performing Arts Centre, Oakville, ON

“This was a great way to learn about the creative process and bring dance into the “real world”. I won’t miss the next one”. Jane Nielsen, audience member, 2003

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Putting More Contact In Pacific Contact

Shadbolt Centre

Success is inspiration and inspiration breeds success. So, let’s start by sharing and telling each other about our successes, at any and all levels—because we are the new peer to peer leaders. To do this, we’re asking participants to tell us about an organizational or personal success you’d be willing to share with others. This session will carry through lunch.

12:00 PM– 1:00 PM

Lunch

Shadbolt Centre

Pull out your lunch ticket. If you did not purchase a ticket, the Shadbolt Centre also has a small cafe in the facility.

11:00 PM– 4:00 PM

Exhibitor Load In – Contact Room Delegates

Crystal Ballroom 2&3, L3 – Hilton Hotel, Metrotown

1:00 PM – 4:05 PM

Studio Stage Showcase

Shadbolt Centre

Hosted by **Lorne Elliott**

Pat Braden

The Infinitus String Quartet

Don Alder

Mark Djokic – Violinist

Julia Mackey: Jake’s Gift

BREAK

MG3-Montreal Guitar Trio

Randy Rutherford: Singing at the Edge of the World

Aspen Switzer

Alan Gerber

4:05 PM – 4:15 PM
Board Buses to Hilton Hotel

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Meet Agency and Funding Partners

Waterford 1&2, L3

Join colleagues, officers from Funding agencies and Industry Associations who will be on-hand to make your acquaintance. Meet and Mingle. Come put names to faces!

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Opening Reception
Crystal Ballroom Foyer
Sponsored by



Please join Caline Artists International and meet the staff of the Magnetic North Theatre Festival, Canada's premiere showcase for English Canadian theatre, running from June 4 -14, 2008 in locations across Vancouver who will announce the Festival highlights.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner
Crystal Ballroom 1, L3

7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Board Buses to M J Fox Theatre
Hotel lobby

7:30 PM – 9:45 PM
MJFox Showcase 1
Michael J Fox Theatre

Quartango and the dancers Roxana & Fabian
Delhi 2 Dublin
Ballet Kelowna
The Fugitives
Vent Du Nord
Paramedic
Dal Richards Orchestra

9:45 PM –
Buses return to Hotel

10:00 PM– 11:30 PM
Contact Room Open
Crystal Ballroom 2&3, L3

11:30 PM– 1:00 AM
Hospitality Suite
Diamond Penthouse, 1804

BCTC is pleased to offer late-night hospitality each evening. This is a private suite for delegates of Pacific Contact. BCTC or hotel staff will key delegates to the penthouse. As a courtesy to other hotel guests BCTC asks all delegates to be aware to keep voice and noise levels to a minimum as you come and go late-night. Thank you.

Sponsored by: **theater simple**

Saturday, March 29

8:00 AM –

Registration Desk Opens

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

REAL TIME – Conversations at Pacific Contact

Crystal Ballroom 1 & Waterford 1&2, L3

Respecting your valuable time, BCTC has made a number of changes this year to Pacific Contact. Within a shorter, more intensive conference we are experimenting with a new format for delivery of professional development and networking with a new session based on a recent US conference event called The Mosh-Pit. During this 90-minute session conference delegates will have opportunities to discuss/get answers to that all-important key issue or concern you have been longing to hear/talk about. Yes, over 90 minutes and as many as 20 topics you can move around the room to learn and share new ideas, hear about innovations and ask specific questions you need to have answered.

10:30 AM– 10:45 AM

Networking Coffee Break

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

Sponsored by: **Andrew Kwan Artists Management INC.**

10:45 AM– 11:45 AM

Pitch & Perform

Baccarat Room, L2

In five minutes or less artists and agents will pitch projects and/or perform. This session will give an opportunity for contact room delegates who are not showcasing at Pacific Contact this year the short and sweet opportunity to address presenters.

NOON – 1:00 PM

Getting To Know You Lunch

Crystal Ballroom 1, L3

Mix, Mingle and get to know your neighbours. Tell your stories and get more “contact” out of Pacific Contact.

NOON – 1:00 PM

Silent Auction Open

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

Celebrate British Columbia 150 Years Young! Take away a bit of the abundance of our amazing province and help BCTC raise funds for regional development, mentoring and increasing member support year-round.

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Board Buses to M J Fox Theatre

Hotel Lobby

1:30 PM – 3:25 PM

MJFox Showcase 2

Michael J Fox Theatre

Vagabond Opera

Duo Affinité/Nadina Mackie Jackson and Guy Few

MOVE:the company

Marc Atkinson Trio

Duo Concertante

Squid Precision Drumming

3:25 PM –
Buses return to Hotel

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM
Contact Room Open
Crystal Ballroom 2&3, L3

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Silent Auction Open
Crystal Foyer, L3

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Dinner
Crystal Ballroom 1, L3

8:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Board Buses to Michael J Fox Theatre
Hotel Lobby

8:30 PM – 10:45 PM
MJFox Showcase 3
Michael J Fox Theatre

Hosted by **Lorne Elliott**

Rumba Calzada
Yadong Guan
Lori Cullen
Current Swell
Sultans of String
Dustin Bentall
Ruckus Company *Ricochet*

10:45 PM–
Buses Return to Hotel

11:00 PM– 1:00 AM
Hospitality Suite
Diamond Penthouse, 1804
Sponsored by **Ballet Jorgen Canada**

Sunday, March 30, 2008

8:00 AM –

Registration Desk Open

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

BCTC Annual General Meeting

Crystal Ballroom 1, L3

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Coffee Break

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

Sponsored by **Max Cameron Theatre**

10:00 AM–11:30 AM

People's Choice Workshop

Baccarat Room, L2

This session will be the delivery of a 90-minute workshop topic voted as People's Choice by those attending the REAL TIME Saturday morning workshop.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

It's All In The Pitch – A New Look at how to Book Theatre

Lalique Room, L2

This informative session includes a thorough presentation on basics and practical tips for pitching with Industry veteran Sherrie Johnson. A candid look at how projects pitching at the PuSh Assembly and Magnetic North Industry Series have had success in Canada and abroad.

Sherrie Johnson brings seventeen years of prolific experience producing award-winning theatre, dance and film. As the producer of *da da kamera* (1993 – 2007), her long-standing association with Daniel MacIvor has resulted in a string of acclaimed theatre productions that have toured Canada, Scotland, Ireland, United States, Australia, Norway, Israel and Western and Eastern Europe.

Sherrie was the touring liaison for The Magnetic North Theatre Festival in 2006 and 2007. She is currently the producer of the PuSh Assembly held annually during the PuSh International Performing Arts Festival in Vancouver and recently produced (with Bernard Lagace, Alain Pare and Esther Charron) *I.E.T.M. Montreal 2007* in Montreal. She is recipient of the first John Hobday Award in Arts Management given by the Canada Council.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

De-Mystifying Grant Writing

Waterford 1&2 Room, L3

Fundraising Workshop – **Lydia Marston-Blaauw** and **Helen Moats**

Using the Province's Community Presenters Assistance Program (CPA) as a working example, this hands-on workshop will combine information about CPA with a focus on how to combine clear narrative with financial information, statistics and the story of your community's needs. Learn what experienced grant writers know, get an informed head start on this year's application, and find out where the program is heading in the future.

Lydia Marston-Blaauw has over **20** years of experience in Performing Arts Management and has successfully completed many capital projects. She is currently principal of Lydia Marston-Blaauw and Associates, consulting in all areas of performing arts practice including needs assessments, culture scans and facility management. lydiamb@shaw.ca

Helen Moats is an experienced presenter from Quadra Island who has had more grantwriting experience than she every wanted. She is no longer afraid of a blank grant form and will share with you how she got to that point.

NOON – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

Crystal Ballroom 1, L3

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NOON – 1:00 PM

Silent Auction Open

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, Level 3

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Board Buses

1:30 PM – 3:25 PM

MJFox Showcase 4

Michael J Fox Theatre

Linsey Pollak: *cycology*

Anabelle Chvostek

Corpus – *A Flock of Flyers*

Angela Harris

Julie Crochetière

musica intima

3:30 PM –

Buses return to Hilton Hotel

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Contact Room

Crystal Ballroom 2,3, L3

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Final Bidding – Silent Auction

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Block Booking Meeting for BC Presenters

Waterford 1&2, L3

Sponsored by Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre Society

5:45 PM – 7:00PM

Cash Out Silent Auction

Crystal Ballroom Foyer, L3

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Strike Contact Room

Pacific Contact – Schedule, Sunday, March 30

7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

BCTC Awards Dinner / Closing Party

Crystal Ballroom 1,2,3 L3

Sponsored by:

The ACT Maple Ridge
Capilano College Performing Arts Theatre
Capitol Theatre
Centennial Theatre
Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
Cowichan Theatre
Harrison Festival Society
Kay Meek Centre

Kelowna Community Theatre
Made in BC – Dance on Tour
North Peace Cultural Centre
North Vancouver Office of Cultural Affairs
Prince Rupert Concert Society
The Royal and McPherson Theatres Society
Vancouver Civic Theatre

Closing Party! Dance the night away with **Rumba Calzada**.

11:15 PM– 1:00 AM

Hospitality Suite

Diamond Penthouse 1804