

CROW'S THEATRE

10/11 SEASON

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I, CLAUDIA RETURNS TO TORONTO

KRISTEN THOMSON REPRISSES HER DORA AWARD-WINNING ROLE FOR TWO FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCES AT THE THEATRE CENTRE, JULY 28 & 29

I, Claudia

By Kristen Thomson
August 5 – August 30
Edinburgh Fringe Festival

September 24 – October 16
Theatre North West

Eternal Hydra

By Anton Piatigorsky
January 22 – February 13
Factory Theatre

Instructions to any future socialist government wishing to abolish Christmas

By Michael Mackenzie
March 1 – April 3
Centaur Theatre

Out the Window

By Liza Balkan
April/May 2011
Theatre Centre

In Development

Breath in Between

By Anton Piatigorsky

Someone Else

By Kristen Thomson

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TORONTO – In August 2010, Crow's Theatre's critically-acclaimed production of Kristen Thomson's *I, Claudia* will visit the 2010 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, produced in association with Brian Robertson and presented by UK's Theatre Tours International.

To celebrate this important milestone for Canada's favourite "official pre-teen", Crow's Theatre is presenting two fundraising performances for Toronto audiences at The Theatre Centre.

Celebrated actress and playwright Kristen Thomson will reprise her original Dora Award winning performance July 28 & 29 in Toronto, before a run at the Assembly Room's prestigious Edinburgh Suite August 5 - 30.

Tickets are only \$60 (\$35 dollar tax receipt will be issued) and available at The Theatre Centre Box Office – (416) 538-0988. Less than 300 seats available for this exclusive engagement.

One of the greatest and most celebrated theatrical creations ever to come out of Canada, this extraordinary one-woman show maps the raw but beautiful interior life of a misfit adolescent. Claudia, aged twelve-and-three-quarters, finds herself suffering from the triple afflictions of puberty, unpopularity and her parents' divorce. Using four astonishingly expressive masks, the performer evokes the anguished Claudia, her grandfather, her dad's new girlfriend and the school janitor. Alternatively heartbreakingly sad and wrenchingly funny *I, Claudia* casts a spell of rare power in the theatre.

I, Claudia first premiered with a sold-out run at Toronto's Tarragon Theatre in 2001, winning Dora Mavor Moore Awards for Best New Play and Best Performance. *I, Claudia* has since become an award-winning film (starring Kristen Thomson and directed by Chris Abraham), which received two Gemini Awards, an ACTRA award, two Canadian Comedy Awards, and was named by the Toronto International Film Festival Group as "one of the 10 best films of 2004."

Now in its fourth consecutive year of touring, the Crow's Theatre production is directed by Chris Abraham and features set and costumes by Julie Fox; the Edinburgh Fringe Festival production will also feature lighting design by Beth Kates. Critics have hailed the production as "*A Masterful Accomplishment! Brilliant, charming and heartbreaking.*" (National Post); "*A tour-de-force performance*" (Ottawa Sun); and "*enchanting, enthralling and completely captivating.*" (Calgary Sun). In 2009, the show returned to Toronto where it was nominated for 5 Dora Mavor Moore Awards, including Outstanding Direction and Best Production, and was named one of the "*best shows of the decade*" by the National Post.

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Since 1983, Crow's Theatre has grown from a small artist-run company to an industry-leading producer, known across Canada for its innovation and artistic rigour. Crow's Theatre has developed and toured some of the Canada's most memorable works for the stage. Into its third decade, now under the Artistic Direction of Chris Abraham, Crow's Theatre continues to be a leading voice in the development, production and touring of Canadian theatre as well as a producer of bold contemporary works from the international canon.

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I, Claudia

Written & Performed by Kristen Thomson

Directed by Chris Abraham

A Crow's Theatre Fundraiser

DATES: July 28 & 29, 2010

TIMES: Wed-Thurs 8pm

PRICE: \$60

VENUE: The Theatre Centre. 1087 Queen St W, Toronto ON. M6J 1H3

TICKETS: (416) 538-0988

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