

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People

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LKTYP Offers FREE DRAMA CLASSES to Accommodate Students Displaced by G20 School Closings

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People (LKTYP) announced today that it will be holding its own G20 gathering, offering **FREE DRAMA CLASSES on Friday, June 25** to twenty students in Grades 3 to 6 affected by school closings in the downtown core resulting from the G20 Summit.

"With the announcement of the school closings, parents have been frantically scrambling to make other arrangements and we wanted to support those efforts by providing a fun, creative and educational alternative -- free of charge. LKTYP has been a vital member of the downtown community for 45 years and our Drama School just celebrated its 40th anniversary. With our location being a few blocks east of the G20 security zone, we felt it was important to provide assistance to our young people and parents during this trying time."

– **Allen MacInnis**, Artistic Director

Parents and caregivers are invited to call 416.862.2222 to reserve space for children in Grades 3 to 6 only, on a first come, first served basis. The first twenty young people registered will take part in a full day of activities, including voice, movement and acting. Students will also explore improvisation and story creation. Participants can be dropped-off at LKTYP between 8:30 am and 9:00 am on Friday, June 25th and classes will run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm that day. A parent or guardian will be asked to sign a participants' release form.

Now in its 41st year, the Drama School features only professionally-trained instructors and runs continuously throughout the year with three locations: North York, Etobicoke and downtown Toronto. The Summer Session (downtown only) begins July 5, running through July and August, with some spaces still available in a variety of two-week classes for Grades 1 to 12.

"There is a phenomenal theatre company in Toronto called the Young Peoples Theatre (now called the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People), and I went and fooled around there, and [acting] was just something I ended up falling in love with." – **Kiefer Sutherland** (The Globe and Mail, Feb/06)

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People – Drama School

Location: 165 Front Street East (2 blocks east of Jarvis Street, near Sherbourne)

Contact Information: 416.862.2222 | lktyp.ca

Box Office Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday

LORRAINE KIMS THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (formerly Young Peoples Theatre) is the largest Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) company in Canada and a significant institution in the Canadian professional theatre community. Over our 45-year history LKTYP has produced many of the most important works that now form the canon of plays for young audiences in this country. Learning is at the centre of everything we do and LKTYP is renowned as the showplace for presenting important TYA work developed elsewhere. In addition to being a producer and presenter of theatre, LKTYP has also been home to a year-round Drama School for youth since 1969. At the centre of LKTYP's artistic policy is a desire to have a positive and lasting impact on the emotional, social, and intellectual development of young people in order for them to grow into the unique and wonderful people they were born to be. At LKTYP we also believe that the more challenging, the more hostile, the more 'isolated within-the-crowd' our world becomes, the more we need art to help us interpret the universe, connect with each other, and imagine a better future. If adults need this, kids need it more.

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