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WORD UP!!! Returns to YPT for Second Year
Where Spoken Word Meets Theatre

TORONTO – Young People’s Theatre (YPT) is pleased to present the second edition of **WORD UP!!!** on **Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 2:30pm and 7pm**. This year, **WORD UP!!!** explores writing as a tool for catharsis with **Why I Write**, a poetic, theatrical journey that will tackle hard-hitting issues like racism, stereotypes, body image and mental health, as well as taking an amusing look at life’s experiences.

Under the guidance of YPT Resident Artist-Educator **Anne-Marie Woods**, young people aged 15 to 27 were challenged to tackle their issues, individually and collaboratively, by creating spoken word pieces using movement, vocal work and improvisation. **Why I Write** explores writing as a form of expression and healing for young people, weaving the personal experiences of the young artists involved into a poetic and theatrical tapestry. These young artists each come from different cultural backgrounds with different life experiences but when it comes to their writing and creativity, they are all on the same page.

“Once again I have been amazed by the focus, dedication, honesty and poetic skills of the youth involved in WORD UP!!! I have been blessed to have the support of Allen MacInnis and YPT and, to me, WORD UP!!! is not a program, it is a life-altering experience.” - Anne-Marie Woods, Director

Join eight amazing young people from different parts of the GTA who will take you on a theatrical journey that comes straight from their poetic journals. You will be challenged, uplifted and touched by the honesty and wisdom of their words.

Directed by **Anne-Marie Woods**; featuring: **Aisha Farah, Samantha Goncalves, Marcus Lomboy, Noelle Nedrick, Shoolie, Crystal J. Grant-Stuart, Jesse Tyrell & Celeste M. Young**.

WORD UP!!! Why I Write is supported by YPT’s **Resident Artist-Educator Program**, funded by **Gary & Donna Slaight and Family**.

WORD UP!!! Why I Write

STUDIO | Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 2:30pm & 7pm

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 13 & up

Young People’s Theatre | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$5 INCL. HST; NO SERVICE CHARGES APPLY

Box Office: 416.862.2222 | For tickets or more information visit youngpeopleastheatre.ca

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