

LKTYP explores issues of homelessness and poverty in re-mount of
Roseneath Theatre's hit: *DANNY, KING OF THE BASEMENT*

TORONTO, ON (Friday, November 17, 2006) – Originally presented in The Studio in 2001, LKTYP is proud to welcome back **Roseneath Theatre** and their award-winning play *Danny, King of the Basement*, this time to our Mainstage. Winner of the 2002 Dora Award for Outstanding Production (TYA) and Performance (TYA) and the Canada Council's 'Theatre for Young Audience Prize', the play has had a remarkable five-year run of over 700 performances including productions in England, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. In 2004 the play was nominated for the German Children's Theatre Prize – the first Canadian play so honoured. *Danny, King of The Basement* runs from February 4 to 25, 2007.

In every new neighbourhood he and his underemployed Mom move to, Danny Carter astounds everyone with his brilliant capacity for making new friends, spinning fantasy games and turning adversity into opportunity. There's only one problem – Danny's charisma has been hiding a big secret... he can't read. An award-winning production about homelessness and poverty, and the remarkable resilience of youth.

According to the 2005 Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada, 1.2 million Canadian children live in poverty – almost 1 in every 6 children are living in unaffordable housing.

"Danny, King of the Basement is everything you want a show for young audiences to be!" ~ Richard Ouzounian, Toronto Star

The stellar cast features **Jacklyn Francis, Yanna McIntosh, Jordan Pettle** and **Cliff Saunders**.

The superb creative team includes Director **Richard Greenblatt**, Set/Costume Designer **Andjelija Djuric**, Sound Designer **Rick Sacks**, Lighting Designer **Glenn Davidson**.

DANNY, KING OF THE BASEMENT

Written by **David S. Craig** | Produced by **Roseneath Theatre**

Supported by **97.3 FM EZ Rock**

Feb. 4 to 25, 2007 | Recommended for ages 7 & up

Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 kids (18 & under); all prices incl. GST | School/Group rates available

BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | **Schedule & ONLINE TICKETS at www.lktyp.ca**

About LKTYP: *Committed to the development of young people through professional theatre since 1966.* Since 1966, LKTYP has been using live performance to validate the common experiences young people encounter as they grow up in an increasingly complex world. LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today and to offer a platform for addressing these challenges in an entertaining way. LKTYP is the largest non-profit theatre company for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works, and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP offers weekend performances for family audiences, weekday school programs for students, quarterly workshops for teachers, and a year-round Drama School.

About Roseneath Theatre: Roseneath Theatre has been committed to the production of original, Canadian theatre for young audiences and their families for over twenty years! They are now the largest touring theatre in Ontario, annually performing to over 100,000 young people and their families.

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