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LKTYP presents lush, multi-media, dance production by Judith Marcuse Projects

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People is pleased to announce that the most recent production in **Judith Marcuse**'s trilogy of dance-theatre works for young people, ***EARTH=home***, will be presented on the Mainstage from March 31 to April 9.

Based on three years of workshops with young people from diverse communities, ***EARTH=home*** explores the state of the earth – where we are taking it and each other – by examining global warming, diminishing resources, environmental sustainability and social justice. This high-energy, multi-discipline production incorporates original music, dance, theatre, humour and video to tell the tale of a group of young people who are forced to confront their very survival when they are trapped by a cataclysmic storm.

"At a time when climate change and other serious environmental issues face us with great urgency, it becomes critical that we all engage in positive action. Young people face a rapidly changing world but we rarely hear their perspectives – their thoughts and feelings about the world they are inheriting... I recommend this show to you; it is an important vehicle for insight and dialogue. I am delighted that you, your family and young audiences across Canada will have the opportunity to see it." - DAVID SUZUKI, PHD; FOUNDER: DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION

The production premiered at Vancouver's World Urban Festival in 2006 to enthusiastic audience response and critical acclaim. The updated production features nine professional performers, drawn from Canada's most engaging and versatile young artists, including Montreal-based **Joe Danny Aurélien**; Ontario-based **David Cox, Molly Johnson, Lina Jimenez Nykwist** and **Marvin Vergara**; and Vancouver-based **Jennifer Cole, Kathryn Crawford, Alexei Geronimo, Meredith Kalaman** and **Kara Nolte**.

Earth=home was conceived and choreographed by **Judith Marcuse**, music by **Hal Foxton Beckett** , set and photographic design by **Diego Samper**, videography by **Jamie Griffiths** and lighting design by **Jonathan Ryder**.

"[Marcuse's] choreography is pure delight...." – THE GEORGIA STRAIGHT
"...the dancing is terrific." – THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE

Judith Marcuse Projects (JMP), established in 1979, has a rich history of creation and performance in Canada and abroad. The two earlier works in the youth-oriented trilogy that concludes with EARTH=home, were ICE: beyond cool (1997), which explored teen suicide and FIRE...where there's smoke (2001), which confronted the impact of violence in the lives of young people. JMP has recently entered into a partnership with Vancouver's Simon Fraser University to create the International Centre of Art for Social Change (ICASC). This new centre will be an international hub for communication, training and research in this quickly-developing field.

EARTH=home
Produced by **Judith Marcuse Projects**
Choreographed and Directed by **Judith Marcuse**
Music by **Hal Beckett**
Recommended for ages 12 & up
Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People | 165 Front St. E., Toronto | MAINSTAGE | Mar. 31 to Apr. 9, 2009
MEDIA OPENING: **Wednesday, April 1st at 10:15 AM and 1:00 PM**
Tickets: $20 Adults, $15 Kids (under 18) and Grandparents (Seniors 65+) | All prices include GST
BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | Schedule and online tickets: lktyp.ca

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