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## LKTYP Closes Hugely Successful Season with Ground-breaking Production from the Drama School Ensemble

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People is delighted to close its ambitious 2007|08 season with *converse*, a unique presentation by LKTYP's **Drama School Ensemble**, playing on the Mainstage beginning May 8th. LKTYP continues to celebrate artistic and financial success, with a 30% increase in ticket sales over the last three years and, with ticket revenues for the current season far surpassing target.

Directed by **Nina Lee Aquino** (2008 winner of the Canada Council for the Arts John Hirsch Prize for Emerging Director), *converse* is one-of-a-kind theatrical event that will premiere new work from six of Canada's top playwrights: **Marjorie Chan, Darrell Dennis, Anita Majumdar, Michael Miller, Sonja Mills** and **Judith Thompson**.

Each playwright has written a short piece especially for *The Ensemble*. Working closely with the writers and *Ensemble* members, Nina Lee Aquino has artfully assembled these cutting-edge scenes into a collection of vignettes exploring such varied themes as teen violence, bullying, consumerism and global environmentalism.

LKTYP's Drama School Ensemble began in 2006 and, in addition to providing a fertile training ground for young actors, has grown to include apprenticeships in production and stage management. After two highly successful years, this intensive, professional-style programme for high school students now moves from the smaller Studio Theatre to LKTYP's Mainstage!

Ensemble 08 features: **Thadea Berezny, Jeba Bowers Murphy, Michael Brown, Claire Brassard, Lauren Feeney, James Gagné, Riel Hishon, Katie Macdonald, Allie Marinucci, Krystal Nausbaum, Allysha Shea Porter, Saritte Perlman, Katie Peterson, Kelly Pinack, Alyssa Robinson, Aaron Sinukoff, Blair Slater** and **Nathan Sosiak**.

*converse* is directed by **Nina Lee Aquino** with set and costume design by **Camellia Koo**, lighting design by **Kimberly Purtell**, sound design by **Lyon Smith**, choreography by **Clare Preuss** and stage management by **Samareh Jones**.

LKTYP's Ensemble programme is generously supported by  **Scotiabank Group**

### *converse*

MAINSTAGE | May 8 to 11, 2008 | recommended for ages 13 & up

Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People, 165 Front St. E., Toronto

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids (under 18) and Grandparents (Seniors 65+)

Box Office: 416 862-2222 | Schedule and online tickets: [www.lktyp.ca](http://www.lktyp.ca)

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