

Coming-out Drama Comes Back to LKTYP

TORONTO, ON (Thursday, September 22, 2005) – Originally premiered in 1997 by LKTYP and Youtheatre, **Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People** is proud to bring back the award-winning play, *The Other Side of The Closet* by Canadian playwright Ed Roy, seven time Dora Award Nominee and Chalmers Canadian Play Award Finalist. Produced by **Youtheatre** and directed by **Michel Lefebvre**, *The Other Side of The Closet* will run in The Studio October 24 to November 6, 2005 with only one public performance on Sunday, October 30.

Premiered in 1997 by LKTYP and Youtheatre, *The Other Side of The Closet* tells the story of Carl, a gay teenager who confronts his sexuality, and the subsequent homophobic reaction of his peers. Fast-paced, intense and compelling, this extraordinary production tackles issues of identity, conformity, self-respect, bullying and tolerance, while fostering an understanding of those who are different.

The show reflects the realities of stories and testimonials from gay and lesbian teenagers who have experienced discrimination, harassment, abuse and hate-motivated violence in our schools because of their sexual orientation. Realistic, direct and thought-provoking *The Other Side of The Closet* remains a socially significant play – perhaps now more than ever.

Featuring **Aaron Forward** as Carl, **Michael Longstaff** as Rick, **Amber Godfrey** as Paulette, **James Allport** as Justin & Antony and **Pip Dwyer** as Tara & Rachel. Production Design by **Simon Guilbault**; Sound Design by **Nicolas Basque**; Lighting by **Caroline Ross**.

Recommended for ages 12 and up

Supported by **Standard Broadcasting**

ONE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE ONLY: Sunday, October 30 at 2:30 pm PWYC

The Other Side of The Closet runs October 24 to November 6, 2005

Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 kids (18 & under)

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About LKTYP: Celebrating 40 Years of Young People's Theatre!

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 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 evening and weekend performances for family audiences, integrated school programs weekdays for students, workshops for teachers and a year-round Drama School.

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