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Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People unleashes story about
schoolyard politics and science told through Hip Hop/Tap

TORONTO, ON (Monday, January 15, 2007) – LKTYP is proud to close its 41st season with the world premiere of **Florence Gibson** and **Shawn Byfield**'s outstanding new play ***i think i can***. The riveting story about bullying and aggression, choreographed by one of Canada's pre-eminent dancer/choreographers, will be presented on the Mainstage April 9 to May 13, 2007.

i think i can explores how friendships can be negotiated in the unlikeliest of places, as Toronto's hottest young dancers portray a group of diverse kids attempting to win first prize at the science fair.

Told entirely through kinetic tap, high-energy hip-hop, and red-hot rhythmic dance, this unique production is set in the often turbulent world of classroom cliques and schoolyard politics. With the grand prize at the science fair hanging in the balance, friends, enemies, and classmates vie for power and dominance, making the most of their abilities – and disabilities.

Eight exceptional young dancers perform this high-octane, innovative new show about the laws of motion, energy, conflict and cooperation. *"Dance is very popular among kids today and this show offers a chance to see it in a new expressive way. I couldn't be more excited about its possibilities",* says LKTYP Artistic Director **Allen MacInnis**.

Directed by **Conrad Alexandrowicz** and choreographed by **Shawn Byfield**, ***i think i can*** features **David Cox, Everett Smith, Matt Brown, Kyle Brown, Allison Bradley, Karla Jang, Tangara Jones, Tammy Nera** and **Melody Johnson** as the Teacher.

Set/Costume Design: **Julia Tribe**; Sound Design: **Cathy Nosaty**; Lighting Design: **Rebecca Picherack**;
Stage Manager **Issac Thomas**.

"Florence Gibson is a writer we ought to cherish." - CBC Radio

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MAINSTAGE | WORLD PREMIERE

Conceived by Florence Gibson and Shawn Byfield

April 9 to May 13, 2007

Previews: Apr 9, 10, 11 | **Opens:** Apr 12, running until May 13 | **Recommended for ages 8 and up**

Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 kids (18 & under); **Previews:** \$10; all prices incl. GST | 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.

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