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ONDAATJE'S DIVISADERO HITS THE STAGE

Toronto, October 30, 2009 – Necessary Angel's Artistic Director **Daniel Brooks** directs *When My Name Was Anna*, the highly anticipated theatrical adaptation of acclaimed novelist **Michael Ondaatje**'s most recent novel *Divisadero*. The public will be given a special opportunity to sit in on three work-in-progress presentations of Necessary Angel's production of *When My Name Was Anna*, produced in association with The Film Farm, from **November 6-8, 2009** at **Theatre Passe Muraille's Mainspace**.

Brooks and Ondaatje are joined by some of Canada's finest artists: actors **Liane Balaban, Maggie Huculak, Tom McCamus** and **Amy Rutherford**; designers **Andrea Lundy, Alexander MacSween** and **John Thompson**; and Juno-nominated musician **Justin Rutledge**, who has written original songs for the project which he will perform live.

A full production is planned for 2010/2011, with subsequent touring.

When My Name Was Anna is a violent and passionate narrative, exploring themes of memory, identity, love and the grip of the past on the present. The play will be an exploration of the intimate relationship between the speaker and the listener and of language's ability to weave a magical spell.

For more information, visit the Necessary Angel website at www.necessaryangel.com.

Necessary Angel produces, in association with the Film Farm, a work-in-progress adaptation of **Michael Ondaatje's *Divisadero***

When My Name Was Anna

Directed by **Daniel Brooks**

Starring **Liane Balaban, Maggie Huculak, Tom McCamus** and **Amy Rutherford**

and featuring songs written and performed by **Justin Rutledge**

Lighting Design by **Andrea Lundy**

Set and Costume Design by **John Thompson**

Music and Sound Design by **Alexander MacSween**

Stage Managed by **Matthew Byrne**

Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 at 8pm and Sunday, November 8 at 2pm

at **Theatre Passe Muraille Mainspace**, 16 Ryerson Avenue, Toronto,

Tickets \$13. Call 416-504-7529 or visit www.necessaryangel.com/anna