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TOP CANADIAN PLAYWRIGHTS ACCEPT DAUNTING CHALLENGE: FINISH WHAT TOM STOPPARD STARTED

TORONTO, December 11, 2007 – Precious few artists have had the opportunity to finish a work started by an internationally acclaimed master of their medium. But three of Canada's most highly respected playwrights—**Morwyn Brebner**, **Claudia Dey**, and Governor General's award-winner **Daniel MacIvor**—will undertake to do just that early next year when they put pen to paper to complete three plays using an opening line written by Academy Award-winning British playwright and screenwriter **Sir Tom Stoppard**.

As if the task were not daunting enough, these playwrights, together with many of Canada's best directors, designers and actors, have agreed to finish what Stoppard started with one heart-stopping caveat. They will have only twelve hours to create and mount the works: 4 hours for writing, and 8 hours in the hands of three separate creative teams for rehearsal and production. The work will then be presented in front of a live audience expected to include a who's who of Canada's top theatre patrons.

This hallmark gala event, **one day: three plays**, will be held **Monday March 3rd, 2008** at Toronto's newly-renovated **Capitol Event Theatre**.

one day: three plays is part of the annual fundraising efforts of **Necessary Angel Theatre Company**, one of Canada's premiere creation and touring organizations, which has been developing and supporting the original creations of Canadian writers, directors, designers and performers for almost thirty years.

Overseen by Necessary Angel's award-winning Artistic Director, **Daniel Brooks**, and hosted by award-winning actor and entertainer **Rick Miller** (star of *Bigger Than Jesus* and host of *Just for Laughs* on ABC), **one day: three plays** promises to be an evening of sumptuous food and wine, and entertaining, edge-of-your-seat theatre.

The evening includes a three-course dinner with a selection of fine wines. The menu has been assembled by gastronomic guru **Lucy Waverman**, *Globe and Mail* food writer and food editor of *Food & Drink Magazine*. Tables of ten cost \$3500 and individual tickets cost \$350. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for the maximum allowable amount. **one day: three plays** is generously sponsored by **BMO Financial**. The media sponsor is **The Globe and Mail**. **Searchlight Canada** is the host sponsor.

Great theatre cannot be made in a day, but one day can make a huge difference to the future of Canadian theatre.

To purchase tickets or for information regarding sponsorship opportunities please contact Daniel Nyman, Associate Producer with Necessary Angel, at 416-703-0406 x201 or daniel.nyman@necessaryangel.com.

Necessary Angel Theatre Company Gala: one day: three plays.

Morwyn Brebner, Claudia Dey, Daniel MacIvor, and the acting ensemble finish what Tom Stoppard started **Monday, March 3, 2008**, starting with cocktails at **6pm** at **Capitol Event Theatre** - 2492 Yonge Street, Toronto

Tickets are \$350; Tables of ten are \$3500.

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