



# Drumbeat



## Teesri Duniya Theatre's Periodic Newsletter

Pa-ra-pa-pum-pum – Drumroll please.....Breaking News from Teesri Duniya Theatre This Winter Season!!!!

**Hello friends of Teesri Duniya Theatre;** well, we're into yet another busy season with much to report! After a long wait, issue 3.2 of Teesri Duniya Theatre's magazine **alt:theatre** is finally here!

We hope you'll be able to join us for some of the upcoming events and activities that we'll be holding in the days and weeks to come, the first of which is a staged public reading of **Lita Tresierra's Love Letters** to be held this coming Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at Casa del Popolo (4873 Blvd St. Laurent – just below St. Joseph). *Love Letters* tells the story of Argentina's Dirty War through its' effects on the lives of a mother and daughter. The script for *Love Letters* has been developed through our Untold Stories project and this reading will be held in recognition of **The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. We hope to see you there!

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Disaster – Events and Activities

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of what is considered the worst industrial disaster in history; the explosion of the Union Carbide chemical plant in Bhopal, India. 27 tons of the lethal gas methyl isocyanate (MIC) leaked from the plant, causing the death of 8,000 people within the following days, and leaving over 500,000 innocent children and adults poisoned. To date, the Bhopal Disaster has taken the lives of 20,000 people and left 150,000 with permanent disabilities.



Teesri Duniya Theatre, in collaboration with groups such as CERAS and STUDENTS FOR BHOPAL are organizing and coordinating several events as part of the global effort to raise awareness and help campaign for the victims of Bhopal.

### BHOPAL COMMEMORATION EVENTS:

#### **Film Screening:**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

**Bhopal: The Search for Justice**

**Location:** Leacock 26, (McGill Campus)

**Time:** 7:00

A documentary film produced by White Pine Pictures and the NFB, this documentary analyzes the prospect for environmental and human justice in Bhopal. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers, representatives of Amnesty International, Greenpeace, and CERAS; all moderated by Jooneed Khan.

#### **Photo Exhibit:**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**"We are not flowers, we are flames!"**

By **Raghu Rai & Maude Dorr**.

**Location:** YMCA Centre-Ville Lobby- 1440 Stanley

This photo exhibit is currently touring campuses across the United States. We here at Teesri Duniya Theatre are proud to be one of the Canadian hosts of this exhibit presented in collaboration with **STUDENTS FOR BHOPAL**.

Please join us for the formal opening for the exhibit on **Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** A big thanks goes out to Irene Nasim of the YMCA for making this possible!!!

#### **Readings of the Play Bhopal**

Rich and complex, *Bhopal* explores the human and political reality behind the disaster. Staged readings of the play will take place in both Hindi and French:

##### • **Zahreeli Hawa (Hindi Version)**

Directed by Rahul Varma • Translation by Habib Tanvir  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>**, MAI Centre Café (3680 rue Jeanne Mance) at 4:00 p.m. (suggested donation \$5)

##### • **Bhopal (French Readings)**

Readings Directed by Philippe Soldevilla • Translation by Paul Lefebvre. Co-produced by Theatre Sortie De Secours.

##### **Quebec City Reading of Bhopal (French)**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** at Theatre Periscope: 2, rue Cremazie Est.

**Time:** 8:00 p.m. **Admission:** \$7.50

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### **Montreal reading of *Bhopal* (French)**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** at Theatre de la Manufacture 4559  
Papineau **Time:** 8:00 p.m. **Admission:** \$5.00  
**Tel:** (514) 523-2246

**For more information or if you would like to lend a helping hand for these or other events with Teesri Duniya Theatre, please contact our office at (514) 848-0238.**

**Partners for these activities include:** *STUDENTS FOR BHOPAL, CERAS, Greenpeace, Q-PIRG McGill, YMCA Centre-Ville and the Kabir Cultural Centre.*



### **Rahul Varma Returns from India!!!**

Teesri Duniya Theatre's Artistic Director Rahul Varma just returned from his trip to India where he presented the Hindi version of *Bhopal*, titled *Zahreeli Hawa*, at the Prithvi Theatre Festival 2004 in Mumbai on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to

announce that the show was a great success and that Rahul came back full of energy and pride as his play was well received and appreciated in the festival.

Outside of the play, Rahul participated in face to face discussions with the audience, conducted workshops, as well as delivering lectures to the students of the Lady Sri Ram College and Ram Lal Anand College in New Delhi. Canadian Actor David Francis was also present, playing a lead role in the production. David will go on to tour with the play in different cities during his five month stay in India.

We are happy to welcome Rahul back to virtual Montreal and congratulate him on the success and endeavors while helping educate his people on the Bhopal disaster through the art of play *righting*.

Congratulations Rahul!!! Welcome back!!!

### **Ted Little back in the house!....Cross-country theatre trekking.**

Our brother from another mother Dr. Ted Little has returned from a cross-country road trip investigating theatre in Canada from the West coast to the chilly air of the Yukon. As part of a sabbatical, Mr. Little visited several fringe festivals around Canada, studying the culturally diverse theatre present in the growing plains of

Canada's artistic development. Welcome back Ted!!! We await all of the great stories from the road!!!

## **MISS ORIENT(ED) COMING TO MONTREAL IN 2005**

Get ready for "sheer, bitchy fun"...Teesri Duniya Theatre is proud to announce it will be presenting Nina Aquino and Nadine Villasin's *Miss Orient(ed)* to Montreal theatre audiences this March! Make your way to the show for a chance to be crowned! (not really but you know what we mean!) Set during a beauty pageant as three young contestants vie for the title of "Miss Pearl of the Orient", *Miss Orient(ed)* gently satirizes the struggle between conflicting cultural identities and beauty ideals. *Do beauty contests ever permeate beneath the aesthetic surface into the contestants' hearts and minds? How do questions of ethnicity and culture fit into the mix?* For answers to these questions and much more – be prepared for *Miss Orient(ed)* in 2005!

### **FUN FACTS about the PHILIPPINES and PAGEANTS:**

- Year Philippines declared independence from Spain: **1898**
- Year United States bought Philippines from Spain: **1898**
- Year United States granted Philippines independence: **1946**
- Number of Miss Universe pageants held in Philippines: **2**
- Number of Filipina winners of Miss Universe pageants: **2**
- Year first Filipina won Miss Universe: **1969**

### **NEW MEMBERS TO THE TEAM! GET ON THE BUS!**

Lastly, we would like to welcome our new board members here at Teesri Duniya Theatre, **James Douglas** and **Mariam S.Pal**. Hope you feel the warmth in your seats as we make decisions together changing the world one play at a time. Thank you to **Olivier Rukundo** for his year of service with the board at Teesri Duniya. You will be missed brother.....Also, our warm welcomes and greetings to our new Emploi Quebec residents, **Yassin Alsalman** AKA the Narcicyst of Euphrates ([www.euphrates.ca](http://www.euphrates.ca)), bringing his Middle Eastern hip-hop touch to our world of promotion and marketing (this newsletter included!), as well as **Nidhi Khanna** who will be helping us as community coordinator and administrator. Finally, we would like to send our hugs and love out to Anisa Cameron for her 2 years with Teesri Duniya, and wish her luck in the future. Take over the world girl!!!!!!!!!!!!



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