

All Theatre Art Association

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Planting Seeds Cultural Exchange Hong Kong/Vancouver

All Theatre Art Association is an emerging theatre company based in Hong Kong interested in cross-cultural collaborations and creating an international theatre community. We will be performing at this year's Vancouver Fringe Festival and would like to meet other professional theatre companies with the aim of "planting seeds" for cultural exchange.

Since 2004 we have created original shows and toured internationally, with appearances in Hong Kong, England, China, Macau, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Korea and Canada. Workshops are offered in conjunction with many of these shows, teaching puppetry, mask, story-telling and performance arts, often with a focus on environmental awareness.

Has your company ever performed in Asia? Are you interested in joining ATAA in exploring the possibility of a mutually beneficial touring exchange? One of our aims while in Vancouver is to develop an international theatre community and eventually co-create (with Vancouver theatre professionals) productions to be presented in both Vancouver and Asia, where we have established friendly relationships with professional theatre companies, arts festivals, artists-in-residence programs, producers, and sponsors.

We propose a Cultural Exchange Forum, open to the public, to be held during the run of the Fringe, featuring ATAA and interested Vancouver theatre companies. At this forum participants would:

- Introduce ourselves and show clips of past productions
- Share experiences of show tours, whether in Canada or internationally
- Discuss cultural exchanges –
 - ATAA hosting/assisting Canadian theatre companies touring in Asia
 - Canadian groups' interest in hosting ATAA and other international artists
- Explore the idea of touring co-productions
- Other topics of interest that will emerge as the forum planning progresses

Would your company be interested in participating, hosting this event or providing assistance in suggesting/securing a venue? It's possible that the Fringe will assist us, but that discussion is still to come.

ATAA is also planning to offer mask theatre workshops while in Vancouver, and we are looking for hosts, venues, sponsors and collaborators. We will be in BC for several months so there is time beyond the Fringe schedule for these, although the Fringe has expressed interest in hosting these workshops, as well.

For more information, please visit our website (www.alltheatreco.com) where you can view our Company History, Artistic Directors' Bios and our proposed Mask Theatre Workshops. Please email all.theatre.art.association@gmail.com to request a list of Selected Past Projects.

We welcome any questions or ideas, and look forward to hearing from you.

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"Our mission is to offer professional, quality productions that honour creativity, beauty and inspiration. We are dedicated to creating challenging and experimental performances by fusing storytelling with traditional and sacred theatre: movement, puppetry, masks, music, poetry, visual arts, video, and intentional design.

We aspire to help spread the message of peace through artistic expression."

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