

**THEATRE MUSEUM PRESENTS THE TORONTO THEATRE DATABASE PROJECT**  
*Trying to remember who was in that show you loved? This new website is for you.*

MEDIA RELEASE

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Toronto, Ontario—**Theatre Museum Canada** is delighted to present a new website project recording the production history and performance dates of Toronto's professional theatre: **The Toronto Theatre Database Project** ([www.ttdb.ca](http://www.ttdb.ca)). The preview launch includes over 400 plays produced in the last five years.

Founded by **David Fisher**, mainstage technician at Theatre Passe Muraille, [www.ttdb.ca](http://www.ttdb.ca) was created out of personal frustration. While watching a show and trying to remember where he had seen an actor before, David recognized a missing link in our theatre heritage. "I wanted to create a website that could list all the information, make it searchable, make it accurate and include shows going back for years" says David.

He approached website designer and developer Linn Øyen Farley who loved the challenge. "This is by far the most complex website I've ever worked on, due to the sheer amount of information that needs to be entered, organized and indexed, but it was also a lot of fun" she says. The website lists everyone mentioned in a show's program: actors, designers, technicians; and you can search by person, show, venue or company.

**"This is a very important contribution to our theatre history," says Marlene Smith**, Chair of Theatre Museum Canada. "There is so much information here that would be lost over time".

"Eventually we hope to add productions outside of Toronto" says Theatre Museum Canada Executive Director Michael Wallace, "this is an amazing project that has lots of exciting potential as a very useful resource."

**About Theatre Museum Canada**

Founded in 1991, Theatre Museum Canada is a registered charity that celebrates and preserves Canada's rich theatre legacy. Besides caring for a growing collection of theatre artefacts, its programs include exhibits at the CNE and the Macdonald Heaslip Walkway of Theatre History at Hart House Theatre. Its most popular program is the Legend Library of videotaped interviews conducted by R.H. Thomson with pioneers of Canadian theatre and posted online at: [www.TheatreMuseumCanada.ca](http://www.TheatreMuseumCanada.ca).

Planning is underway for a new year-round home in Toronto at King and Blue Jays Way, part of the King Blue Condominium, Retail and Hotel complex.

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