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11TH ANNUAL SPRING BREAK THEATRE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES MARCH 15 – 21, 2008

IN BRIEF: Five professional theatre companies specializing in theatre for young audiences will perform at various venues around the Lower Mainland during Spring Break week. The festival offers a range of great entertainment **for ages 5 and up**. Tickets: \$9 each, with discounts for groups of 10 or more; 2-play passes available for \$14. For more information, call the venues. All shows are approximately 50 minutes.

Axis Theatre

Robinson Crusoe

For ages 5 and up

~The ultimate castaway survival saga

Based on the classic novel by Daniel Defoe and adapted for the stage by Colin Heath and Michael Wolski

An action-packed tale of survival and self-discovery told with a comic flair by actors and puppets. A young man is shipwrecked on a remote island. Setting his course for survival, Robinson Crusoe adapts remnants of his shipwreck into a tropical home. He thrives alone... until a new arrival on the island changes his life forever.

Vancouver TheatreSports® League

The Creative Kid

For ages 5 and up

~ *Impromptu hilarity and fast-action fun*

Format by Vancouver TheatreSports® League Collective

This is a story about a boy who feels unlucky because he is not creative. Or so he thinks! Through this improvised performance, based on audience suggestions, the boy learns that everyone is creative; it's just a matter of tapping into it. This show inspires creativity, passion, and spontaneity.

Carousel Theatre

The Big League

For ages 5 and up

~ *Hockey hits the stage with blades on*

By James Durham

Follow four actors on rollerblades as they face-off over friends, family and fun. Tommy is a talented young hockey player with dreams of making it to the big league. His father helps and encourages him, but the more Tommy plays, the more his father begins to pressure him to win at all costs. Tommy has to decide how *he* wants to play the game.

Green Thumb Theatre for Young People

derWent is Different

For ages 7 and up

~ *Quirky and unique, Derwent can't be beat*

By Jamie Norris & directed by Patrick MacDonald

Derwent is a fun, lovable boy who likes to wear different clothes, eat different food and play different games. His best friend Ramona is beginning to think that Derwent is just too weird to play with. In an effort to win back her friendship, Derwent creates an imaginative video Valentine. Follow Derwent as he

deals with the pressure to conform, and ultimately learns to cherish his individuality. Winner of the Jessie Richardson Award for Outstanding Production for Young Audiences in 2001.

Théâtre la Seizième

Des flocons pour Alicia (Snowflakes for Alicia)

For ages 7 and up

~ A wintery tale to warm your heart

By Lyne Barnabé

Performed in French

Homesick Alicia has just arrived here from Cameroon and things are not going her way. She has been paired up with Felix, a winter-loving stick-in-the-mud from her class. What is an 8-year-old to do? Luckily Alicia meets Lulu the magical snowflake-making elf! Buckle up for this imaginative journey that is sure to warm your hearts even on the coldest days!

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TICKET INFORMATION

TICKETS: \$9 EACH (groups of 10 or more: \$7 each)

2-PLAY PASS: 2 shows for \$14

CALL FOR TICKETS:

Vancouver: Arts Club Box Office 604.687.1644
 Vancouver: Arts Club Group Sales 604.687.5315 x. 253
 Burnaby: Shadbolt Centre for the Arts 604.205.3000
 Surrey: Surrey Arts Centre 604.501.5566
 West Vancouver: Kay Meek Centre 604.913.3634

SHOW SCHEDULES BY VENUE

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Revue Stage, Granville Island, Vancouver

	Saturday March 15	Monday March 17	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19	Thursday March 20	Friday March 21
11:00 am	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb	<i>Des flocons pour Alicia</i> Théâtre la Seizième	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb
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3:30 pm	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Burnaby

	Monday March 17	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19	Thursday March 20
11:00 am	<i>Des flocons pour Alicia</i> Théâtre la Seizième	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb
1:00 pm	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb

Kay Meek Centre, West Vancouver

	Monday March 17	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19
11:00 am	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>Des flocons pour Alicia</i> Théâtre la Seizième	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis
1:00 pm	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Axis

Surrey Arts Centre, Surrey

	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19
11:00 am	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>The Creative Kid</i> VTSL
1:00 pm	<i>The Big League</i> Carousel Theatre	<i>derWent is Different</i> Green Thumb