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Concrete Theatre announces 2013-2014 season

Concrete Theatre welcomes you to its 24th season of diverse, dynamic and entertaining theatre for young audiences. Artistic Co-Directors Caroline Howarth and Mieko Ouchi are excited to announce a season that includes two world premieres, as well as a remount of a hit play by one of Edmonton's favorite performers... and of course a new crop of plays at *Sprouts 2014*!

This fall, we are proud to present the **world premiere** of *I Am For You*, a powerhouse new play by Governor General Award nominated playwright and Artistic Co-Director Mieko Ouchi that explores what happens when two high school girls clash in a violent physical fight in the drama room. Can their student teacher help them to understand more about the roots and costs of violence through the art of stage combat and the famous fight from *Romeo and Juliet*? Swords, words and egos come to blows... can they find a way to work together? Directed by Mieko Ouchi, the play can be seen at **C103, Nov. 29 & 30th, 2013**. The show will tour to Edmonton Junior & Senior High schools from **Nov. 12 to 29, 2013**.

In January 2014, we remount Chris Bullough's hit play *Apples and Oranges* for Elementary and family audiences. Nominated for the 2009 Elizabeth Sterling Award for Outstanding Production for Young Audiences, this delightful play, is set on an island inhabited by the warring Papples and Orange-Folk. Join the journey of Connor and Ceili, children from opposite sides of the island as they discover that people *can* be as different as apples and oranges ... but they can also be friends. Directed by Mieko Ouchi, the show will tour Elementary schools **Jan. 27 to Feb. 22, 2014**, with public and school performances at **Fringe Theatre Adventures** as part of their Arts in the Barns Presentation Series in the ATB Financial Arts Barns **Feb. 6 to 8th, 2014**.

Spring brings the world premiere of *The Bully Project*, a brand new participatory show written and directed by Mieko Ouchi with collaborator Caroline Howarth. Bullying behavior is something that schools, families, communities and young people grapple with every day. *The Bully Project* explores the complex reasons why this behavior happens, and what young people and the adults and communities who care about them can do about it. Audience participation is key to the play, which helps students find safe and constructive ways to address negative behaviour and build safer, caring communities. The play will launch in Alberta junior high schools this year **touring from March 31 to April 12, 2014**.

Paper Song, our magical Elementary production from last season will be travelling out to Toronto's prestigious Young People's Theatre for a two week run in May 2014.

We are also pleased to welcome Mary-Ellen Perley as our new Sales and Booking Coordinator at Concrete Theatre. Mary-Ellen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the company as both an educator and artist, and is a welcome addition to the Concrete team.

Wrapping up the season will be the **13th Sprouts New Play Festival for Kids** on **June 7 and 8, 2014** with a fresh crop of four brand new short plays for kids and their families. Local playwrights from diverse cultural backgrounds will share their newest works in these staged readings. Join us in the Stanley Milner Library Theatre and Lobby to enjoy storytelling, music, art and theatre.

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