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Harbourfront Centre's Tina Rasmussen Selected as Jury Member for Total Theatre Awards at Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2010

TORONTO, ON (August 6, 2010) – Harbourfront Centre is proud to announce the appointment of **Director of Performing Arts, Tina Rasmussen**, to participate as a juror in the Total Theatre Awards, in conjunction with the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2010 in Scotland. This prestigious invitation will bring Rasmussen together with a group of esteemed arts professionals to determine the best of approximately 300 shows in this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, August 6 through 30, in three categories: Emerging Artist/Company, Innovation and Physical/Visual Performance.

"As an organization committed to explorations of contemporary cultural expression we are proud of the connections our staff have made to companies and festivals around the globe," said **William J.S. Boyle, Chief Executive Officer**, Harbourfront Centre. "The Edinburgh Festival is an important annual presentation for innovative performance and several Canadian productions fostered and encouraged through Harbourfront Centre programmes have performed there to acclaim. We are proud that this year Tina has been invited to participate as a juror."

The Total Theatre Awards bring together academics, critics, presenters and theatre artists to assess and judge shows. The awards are assessed and judged by two panels of presenters, critics, producers, academics and theatre makers. The Total Theatre Awards hold a special place at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, honouring the best of innovative and physical/visual performance. These awards surpass all others for their currency throughout the year, appearing on marketing material everywhere and are internationally recognized awards of excellence.

The Total Theatre Awards at Edinburgh Festival Fringe were first presented in 1997 to raise the profile of physical and visual theatre. Now a well-established event at the Edinburgh Fringe, they honour those pushing at the boundaries of traditional theatre and the best in physical and visual performance.

ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is an innovative, non-profit cultural organization which provides internationally renowned programming in the arts, culture, education and recreation, all within a collection of distinctive venues on the 10-acre site it operates in the heart of Toronto's downtown waterfront.

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