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Seven STARS on the Rise

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*Many a night I saw the Pleiades, rising thro' the mellow shade,
Glitter like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid.*
- Alfred Tennyson

The Pleiades is a beautiful example of an open cluster of young, hot stars. The seven brightest stars of this conspicuous object in the night sky have a prominent place in the mythology of many cultures. Overwhelmed by the quality of nominations for their inaugural **Rising Stars Award**, Mixed Company Theatre is delighted to announce a new constellation of young, hot stars rising in Toronto's communities, sure to gain a prominent place in this city's mythology in the seven finalists short-listed for the **2009 Rising Star Award**. Those seven finalists are:

Felipe Mendes de Oliveira
Aidan Gowland
Sabrina Idukpaye
Susie Jaroszeska
Harold Phillips
Christopher Theodore
Tristan West

On November 25, at the **1st Annual STARS Awards Gala** celebrating Mixed Company Theatre's 25th Anniversary, the **Rising Star Award** will be conferred on a young person who has created positive solutions in response to neighbourhood issues by educating, engaging, and empowering their peers and community. In addition to the highly anticipated **Rising Star Award**, individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to positive change will also be recognized.

Catch sight of all of these remarkable young stars yourself by joining us at what is sure to be an evening to remember. Tickets, at \$75 per person or \$200 for 3 people, are going fast. Get yours today by calling 416 515 8080 or visiting www.mixedcompanytheatre.com.

WHERE: SHAMBA foundation, 48 Yonge Street, Suite 1200, Toronto, ON

WHEN: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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*Mixed Company Theatre produces innovative, socially relevant drama
as a tool to educate, engage and empower for positive change.*

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