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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

*Ontario Arts Council gives the Thumbs Up to Forum Theatre!*

Toronto, June 22, 2009 - Ontario Arts Council announces funding for Mixed Company Theatre's *Breaking the Cycle of Violence Educational Tour* to Toronto, Niagara, Peel, Durham and Hamilton.

Mixed Company is thrilled to accept the assistance from the Ontario Arts Council to help students understand bullying from the perspective of others through interactive, entertaining, and age-appropriate theatrical presentations.

*Breaking the Cycle of Violence  
Educational Tour  
September 28 - November 27 2009*

**THE BULLY SHOW: CLOWN IN THE ROUND**

*For Grades 2 - 6*

Partnering with UNIT - *Up Your Nose and In Your Toes* - students get involved and suggest their own approaches for dealing with bullies. Discover the power of the bystander through peer mediation, as these loveable and laughable clowns interact with the audience through theatre in the round.

**SHOWDOWN**

*Version 1: Grades 6-8*

*Version 2: Grades 9-10*

For Grades 6-8, Showdown returns by popular demand. Developed in collaboration with students, teachers describe this Dora-nominated anti-bullying play as "one of the best educational experiences I've viewed in my 22-year teaching career." Showdown gives students practical, realistic strategies to deal with bullying in their lives.

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

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