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### Mixed Company Theatre Dives into Intergenerational Exploration

#### **A new community arts project reconnects youth and older adults in three Toronto communities**

Beginning this February **Mixed Company Theatre, with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation**, will be starting an exciting three year journey towards creating two theatre performances that explore the relationship between generations old and young.

Come join us for our first workshop presentation on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at Historical Lambton House, where community participants showcase scenes that highlight intergenerational issues and take in feedback from the community. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar!

With a growing gap in understanding between our generations, the need for more insightful and inclusive dialogue is becoming more and more apparent.

Collaborating with professional artists, community members will be able to participate in a theatre production that pulls real stories, ideas, and sentiments from communities and weaves them together into an art piece that explores intergenerational discord – and potential for new connections.

The project engages three distinct neighbourhoods and their community centres: *Lambton House* by the Humber Valley, *Urban Arts* in Weston Mount-Dennis, and *Scadding Court Community Centre* in Alexandra Park near Chinatown.

For the past 30 years Mixed Company Theatre has crafted unique forum theatre productions within the community as an interactive art form designed to create dialogue about social issues. This new Inter-Generational Project incorporates engaging and participatory approaches which use community workshops, mentorships, and learning opportunities for project participants.

Stay tuned for developments in the project and a press release for the **March 1<sup>st</sup>** presentation.

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**For more information on Mixed Company Theatre's exploration into issues concerning seniors and young people:**

*Life Gets in the Way*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWi2Y9CyfUU>

Project Boomerang's *Unemployment Unanimous*

<http://www.mixedcompanytheatre.com/who-we-are/past-shows/project-boomerang/>

*Showdown 2.0*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8EZGk6xyxU>

**For more information on our community partners:**

<http://www.lambtonhouse.org>

<http://www.urbanartstoronto.org>

<http://www.scaddingcourt.org>

<http://www.otf.ca/>

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**More about Mixed Company Theatre (MCT):** MCT produces innovative, socially relevant drama as a tool for positive change. Founded in 1983, MCT uses Forum Theatre and interactive arts to educate, engage and empower audiences in schools, communities and workplace. Forum Theatre is an interactive approach that involves the audience in developing real-time strategies for dealing with social and personal issues. For more information, visit [www.mixedcompanytheatre.com](http://www.mixedcompanytheatre.com).