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For Immediate Release Just Two Weeks Till the STARS Come Out!

Toronto, **November 11**, **2009** - Two weeks from today, Mixed Company Theatre announces their **1st Annual STARS Award** winners at the company's Gala 25th Anniversary celebration.

Tickets are selling fast for this evening of excitement that goes beyond the much anticipated recognition of achievements in positive social change in Toronto. The 1st Annual STARS Gala also offers an exclusive opportunity to engage with Mixed Company's unique brand of Forum Theatre rarely available outside of select educational and workplace settings.

The evening begins with a unique opportunity to mix and mingle with *Morro and Jasp*, two loveable and laughable clowns who have won the hearts of elementary students across Toronto. Gala guests will be treated to a review of highlights from some of Mixed Company's most renowned presentations:

DISS: Developed in collaboration with youth who have experienced violence in their communities, this interactive presentation toured Toronto's priority neighbourhoods this summer. After garnering a great deal of press, those attending on November 25th will have their own chance to follow part of Sammy's journey from the beginnings of a childhood friendship, as it evolves to the demise of a close friend.

STRESS: Feel like you're 'having a Monday?' We've all been there, and this interactive presentation focuses on taking care of your mental health - managing multiple priorities, maintaining a healthy work/life balance and combating stress and anxiety in the workplace.

Sure to be an evening to remember, tickets are going fast for the **1st Annual STARS Gala**. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$200 for 3 people. 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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