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Showdown Spreads Anti-Violence Message

Toronto, Oct 7 2009 - High School student, Carl, is driven to drastic measures when he is powerless to stop Drew's bullying. Who will help him? Will you?

Mixed Company Theatre's interactive anti-bullying presentation, **Showdown**, kicked off a youth-focused TAVIS Event today at York Memorial Collegiate Institute. Including performances from Mixed Company Theatre, Twisted Ankle, Project P.E.A.C.E. and many other groups, the assembly provided students with a highly energetic anti-violence message through the use of theatre, dance and spoken word. Youth who have experienced violence in their community performed raps from **Diss**, the interactive presentation that Mixed Company toured to Toronto's priority neighbourhoods this Summer.

This initiative helps youth understand that Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS) is not just "cops", but community members and organizations working together towards community safety.

To learn more about **Showdown** and Mixed Company Theatre's Educational Tour, additional information is available at www.mixedcompanytheatre.com or by calling 416 515 8080.

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