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Mixed Company's Spring Tour: "The Accolades are Pouring In"

Toronto, April 19 2010 - Mixed Company's Spring Educational tour garners acclaim from students and staff as *Morro and Jasp GO GREEN...with a Twist!* and *DISS* tour to elementary and secondary schools across Southern Ontario.

Morro and Jasper kicked off their educational tour to Elementary Schools with 2 public performances at the Lower Ossington Theatre. Turning assumptions about being green on their heads, the loveable and laughable clowns taught that every little bit makes a difference. This week, Morro and Jasper embark on a journey to reduce their ecological footprint, delivering the 'going green' to elementary schools across Toronto, Burlington and Georgetown.

Exploring the risks of choosing where you belong, *DISS* tours to intermediate and secondary schools across the Greater Toronto Area. Created in collaboration with the Toronto Police Service, the play addresses snitching, family relationships, friendship, theft, gun violence and many other issues affecting young people living with gang presence in their communities. "This was by far the best performance I have brought to any of the schools that I have been admin at," says Joanna Boudreau, Principal of Iona Catholic Secondary School, "the production and actors were absolutely outstanding. The accolades are pouring in from students and staff. My students felt it was the best assembly they have ever attended".

This week, *DISS* tours to Brampton, Hamilton, North York and Toronto, including showcases at youth-focused Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS) events at North Albion Collegiate, Westview Centennial and Cedarbrae Collegiate. Incorporating presentations from Mixed Company Theatre, the Twisted Ankles Crew and the Toronto Police Service, the assemblies provide students with a highly energetic anti-violence message through the use of theatre, dance and spoken word. This TAVIS initiative helps youth make the right choices, empowering them to play a role in community safety.

A few performance dates remain for *DISS* and *Morro and Jasp GO GREEN...with a Twist!* To learn more about Mixed Company Theatre's Educational Tour, additional information is available at www.mixedcompanytheatre.com or by calling 416 515 8080.

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