

CALL for Theatre Workshop Participants

Reclaiming Our Aboriginal Languages

Call for Aboriginal people who care about the critically endangered state of Aboriginal languages and who want to do something about it.



UBC Aboriginal Languages and Literacy Institute (ALLI 2006) and Headlines Theatre are seeking 20 Aboriginal people to participate in a unique process where they will work with theatrical games and exercises to bring out the core stories of their struggles with the loss of their traditional Aboriginal languages, and the challenges of reclamation and revitalization of their linguistic heritage. The participants themselves will be supported in the process and guided by skilled Director David Diamond to create audience-interactive Forum Theatre plays that explore these complex issues.

What is Forum Theatre?

Forum Theatre is a unique type of participatory theatre. The play that develops out of the workshop is usually quite short -- perhaps 5 or 10 minutes in duration. It is run once, all the way through, so the audience can see the situation and the problems presented. The play builds to a crisis and stops there, offering no solutions. The play is then run again, with audience members able to "freeze" the action at any point where they see a character struggling with a problem. An audience member yells "stop!", comes into the playing area, replaces the character s/he sees in a moment of struggle, and tries out his/her idea.

Forum Theatre events are dynamic, entertaining, insightful and empowering.

Workshop Dates: June 29-July 3 9am-5pm
July 4 12noon-11pm

Where: UBC Theatre rehearsal space
HUT M-17, Room 128

Performance: July 4 8pm UBC FNHL Longhouse

No acting experience is necessary. **BUT:** If you are interested in being involved in this project, you must have the time and energy to commit to the whole schedule. Participants will be given lunch each day and will receive an honorarium for their involvement in this process.

To become a workshop participant or for further information, please contact:

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