

Press Release, Oct. 12, 2011

**Talisman Theatre is FIVE!**

**Wine and Cheese Celebration/Fundraiser, Oct. 25th, 5 à 7pm**

Talisman's Theatre's upcoming show, *Coma Unplugged*, marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the company, no mean feat in today's cultural climate. The anniversary coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Theatre School of Canada (NTS) - kudos there! Talisman is founded by two NTS alumni (Lyne Paquette and Emma Tibaldo), the design team is made up of NTS graduates, and the company employs mostly NTS actors. *Coma Unplugged's* performance on **Oct. 25 will be a fundraiser for Talisman Theatre** that celebrates both anniversaries.

The event will be held from 5 à 7 at the Conservatoire d'art dramatique de Montréal and will be followed by an 8pm performance of *Coma Unplugged*, written by Pierre-Michel Tremblay, translated by Micheline Chevrier and directed by Zach Fraser--all of whom will be present. **If you have already seen the show, please come for the 5 à 7!**

The soirée will welcome three guest speakers:

**Simon Brault**, Director General of the National Theatre School of Canada, Vice-Chair of Canada Council for the Arts. Mr. Brault, one of Canada's foremost 'Cultural Crusaders', will speak briefly on the importance of English language arts in Montreal's culture.

**Matthew Jocelyn**, Artistic & General Director of Canadian Stage. Mr. Jocelyn will talk about his vision of this Bold New Era and the 21st century aesthetic of trans-disciplinary theatre.

**Emma Tibaldo**, Artistic and Executive Director of Playwright's Workshop Montreal. Emma will give a short eulogy for Montreal actress Catherine Colvey who, sadly, passed away. Catherine starred in Talisman's 2010 production *The Flood Thereafter*.

Tickets for the show are being sold at the regular price of \$25. Artistic Director Lyne Paquette invites guests to enjoy finger food, with a **suggested donation of \$5 to \$500 for a glass of wine for the Fundraiser**. All proceeds go to supporting Montreal's fine actors, designers, and directors. Please book your tickets for the performance well in advance to be sure of a seat.

Talisman Theatre wine and cheese fundraiser Oct. 25th, 5 à 7, followed by a performance of *Coma Unplugged*. [www.talisman-theatre.com/2011-event-5a7.html](http://www.talisman-theatre.com/2011-event-5a7.html)  
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*Coma Unplugged- Oct. 20-29, 2011*

Talisman Theatre

At Studio Jean-Valcourt du Conservatoire d'art dramatique de Montréal

4750, avenue Henri-Julien

To buy tickets online: [www.talisman-theatre.com/play](http://www.talisman-theatre.com/play)

Regular tickets are on sale for the run of the show on the Talisman Theatre website through PayPal (most credit cards accepted). Early bird discount tickets at \$20 are on sale now until Oct. 19.

Talisman Theatre's mission is to translate and produce professional English-language Montreal premieres of contemporary French-Canadian plays for Montreal's non-francophone public and students.