

Talisman Theatre presents

COMA UNPLUGGED

October 20 to 29, 2011 8:00pm

Conservatoire d'art dramatique

4750 Henri Julien

(metro Mont-Royal ou Laurier)

Montreal English premiere

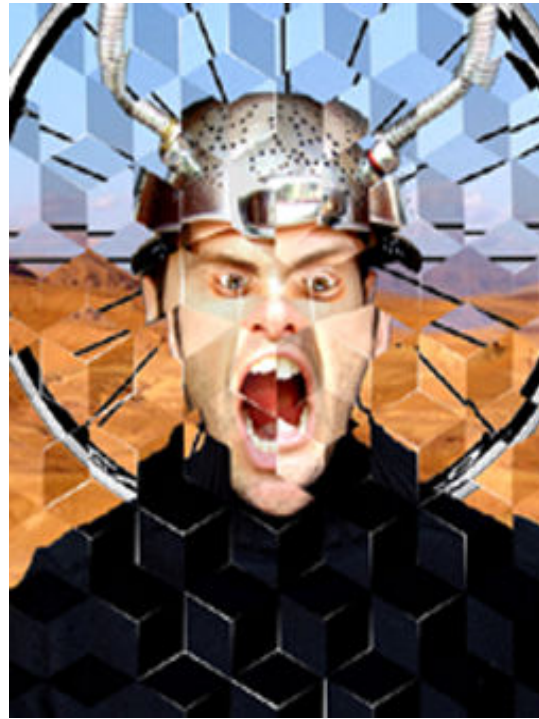
Running time approx. 90 mins

no intermission

Written by: Pierre-Michel Tremblay

Translated by Micheline Chevrier

Directed by Zach Fraser



Student group ticket price \$22.00 each

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Free Workbooks: Educational materials include discussion points, and background information to help prepare students for their experience. A downloadable version will be available on our website. www.talisman-theatre.com

Free Talk Back Sessions: Following the student matinee performance is a moderated talk-back session. This gives students the opportunity to meet the cast, voice their comments and ask questions about the play or theatre in general.

Talisman Theatre is an award-winning Montreal-based production company specializing in English-language premières of contemporary Quebecois plays. Talisman's previous productions include: *That Woman, Down Dangerous Passes Road*--winner of the Prix de la critique for Best English Production--*, Rock, Paper, Jackknife....* and last year's *The Flood Thereafter*.

synopsis

Coma unplugged is a voyage through the inner landscape of a man who is trying to re assemble the fragments of a life he is no longer certain he has chosen. Humor editorialist for a newspaper.

Daniel is deep in a coma after an accident. A suspended moment between reality and dream, in limbo between the men he wanted to be and all those he wanted to become, it is the opportunity for a reality check which will lead undoubtedly to break away from the cynicism inherent to his era.

Cloaked under comedy and cunning, Pierre-Michel's text is nevertheless an earnest and sage message for all generations: cherish life and love, because sardonic indifference leads only to emptiness and apathy. As morbidly amusing as Daniel's grave circumstances may be, the audience is impelled to contemplate their own values and discover a startling empathy.

Coma Unplugged has toured widely outside of Quebec in French. Within Quebec it originally appeared in French at Théâtre de La Licorne and was successfully restaged at Rideau Vert in 2009. A success with both the public and critics, it won the AQCT's "Prix de la critique" in 2007. This play has never been produced in English in Montreal !!!