

Geordie Theatre School Presents: **AT THE FAR EDGE OF TOWN**

MONTREAL – On May 1st at 3:00 pm students from Geordie Theatre School will perform *At The Far Edge of Town* for family and friends. This performance is a culmination of their 12 week session of classes, as well as a full day of rehearsal on April 30th.

Geordie Theatre School (GTS) teaches acting to kids and teens ages 6-17 in downtown Montreal. Every GTS teacher is a theatre professional who has performed for Geordie Productions. GTS classes offer students a chance to work as an ensemble, build self-confidence and delve into the imaginative world of live theatre.

At The Far Edge of Town is a piece inspired by *The Lorax* and written by GTS teachers Leni Parker and Julie Tamiko Manning. The students of both senior classes contributed their ideas, characters, and also a song by Jacob Simon (GTS student). *At The Far Edge of Town* takes place in 2011 and tells the story of Sammy and his fellow workers at The Euphorium plant. It tells a tale of environmental woe, the strength of humanity, and the power of change.

Dr. Seuss published *The Lorax* in 1971. In the book a young boy learns the story of the greedy Oncler, who destroyed the environment “At The Far Edge of Town” in order to produce “Thneeds which everyone needs”. Much to the distress of the Lorax, who speaks for the trees, the factory works until it has cut down every last “Truffula Tree”. This timeless classic speaks to children and adults about the woes of destroying the natural beauty around us for financial gain.

“I truly believe that The Lorax is one of the most important stories ever written. It is beautifully told, carefully woven, has great characters...all the important things a good story has. But it is what it says and the vital message it is sending that makes it so beautiful.

The Geordie Theatre School is about storytelling. Is there a better story we would want our children to tell than one that has to do with saving the world?” **Dean Patrick Fleming, Artistic Director Geordie Productions**

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May 1st, 3:00 pm

FACE Auditorium, 3449 University

Tickets: \$10 ea.

Registration opens May 1st, 2011 for Fall 2011 semester

Classes are held at FACE School, 3449 University

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