

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SFU WOODWARD'S / WE CAN BC PARTNERSHIP

A letter from We Can BC

We Can End All Violence Against Women BC is a part of a global campaign that seeks to address violence experienced by women and girls in their daily lives. Internationally, we work through a Global We Can Network that unites 15 countries across Asia, Africa and Europe. Locally, the campaign is run by a coalition of almost seventy diverse organizations working together to build a broad social movement, and make our communities safer by encouraging individuals to become Change Makers.

All of us can be Change Makers by promoting non-violence and gender equality through our actions. We believe that for violence to end, we need to challenge and change the underlying attitudes and beliefs that lie at the heart of this problem. The Ghosts of Violence Ballet is a unique opportunity to spread this message of hope, as art can be a powerful catalyst for social change by bringing awareness and inspiring action.

We are delighted to partner on presenting this event with SFU Woodward's Cultural Unit. It marks an important milestone in the work of the BC coalition, which seeks to unite organizations and institutions from all sectors for a common goal of ending violence against women. We are looking forward to a long-term cooperation for reaching diverse communities through art and education.

Co-chairs of the We Can Coalition of BC

Joan Merrifield
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A letter from SFU Woodward's

SFU Woodward's is delighted to partner with the Justice Education Society and the We Can BC Coalition to present the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada. This community partnership marries culture, contemporary arts, and social justice; and the alliance between our organizations represents a larger effort to bring awareness to the underlying issues surrounding domestic violence and homicide.

The post-secondary community has not been untouched by the effects of gender-based violence. Our National Day of Remembrance, December 6th, marks the tragic anniversary of the shootings of 14 female students at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989. Recent incidents on our own campus have brought to light the fact that domestic violence is a societal issue that affects each and every one of us. We hope that this unique performance generates awareness and conversation within our community – both on campus and off.

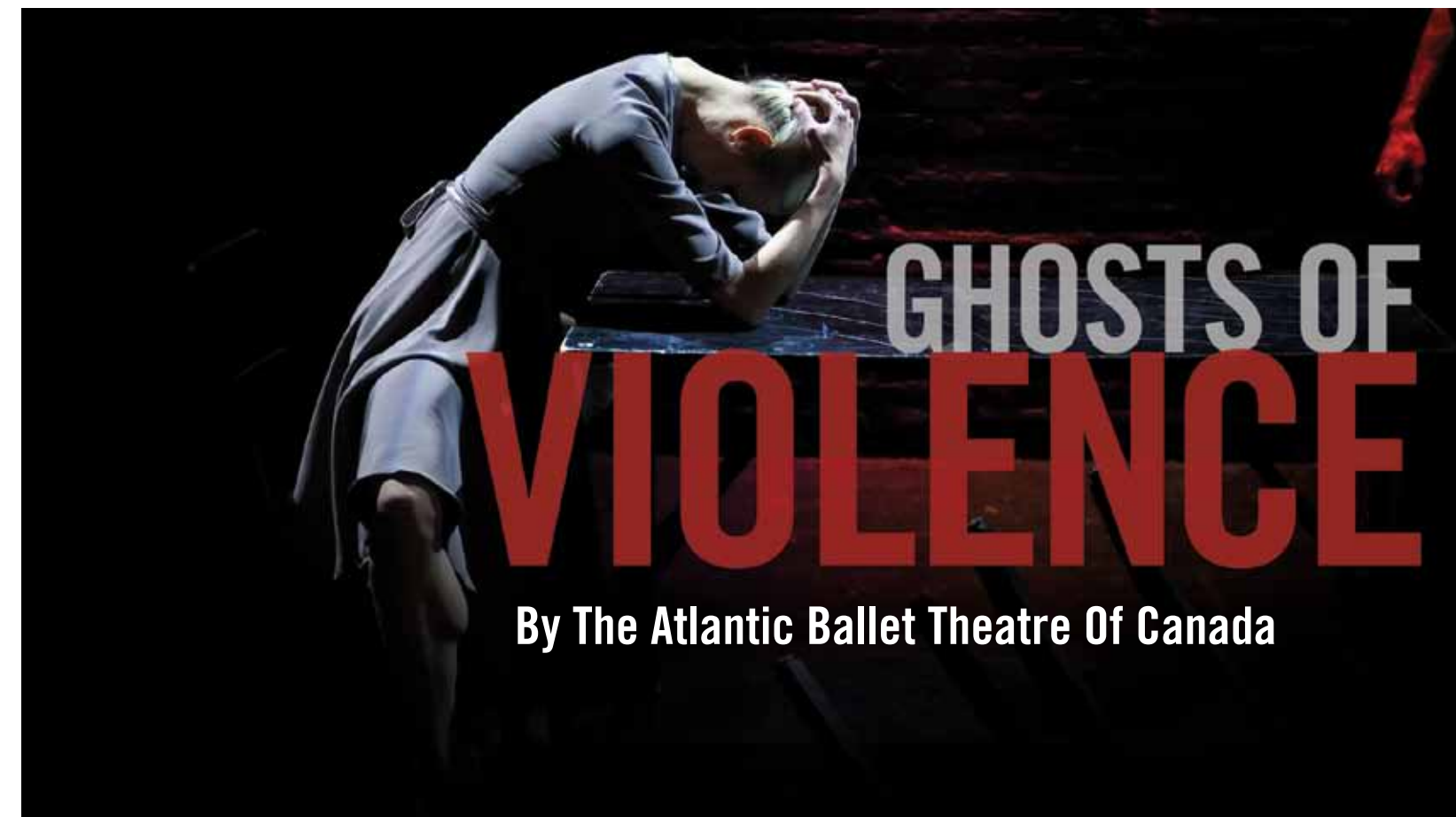
SFU Woodward's is proud to host the Vancouver premiere Ghosts of Violence. Our compliments to the Atlantic Ballet for taking on a challenging theme and applying great artistic rigor to its execution. Not only are we thrilled to be a partner in this ground-breaking performance, we are excited to bring a company of their size and calibre to new audiences on the west coast.

Your attendance at tonight's performance is important. As a member of the We Can BC Coalition, we encourage you to become involved in the campaign of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (November 25 – December 10). Visit the We Can BC website (www.wecanbc.ca) and sign their pledge to become a Change Maker to end violence against women. Through small actions, we can all make a difference.

Michael Boucher
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SFU Woodward's Cultural Unit



SFU WOODWARD'S AND THE WE CAN END ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN COALITION OF BC PRESENT:



FEI & MILTON WONG EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE
DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2011 | 7:30 PM
www.sfuwoodwards.ca | www.wecanbc.ca

GOLDCORP CENTRE FOR THE ARTS | 149 WEST HASTING ST, VANCOUVER BC

SFU WOODWARD'S AND THE WE CAN END ALL VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN COALITION OF BC PRESENT

GHOSTS OF VIOLENCE

FEI & MILTON WONG EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE
GOLDCORP CENTRE FOR THE ARTS



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

Fei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre, Goldcorp Centre for the Arts is located in Coast Salish territory. In keeping with traditional protocols, we wish to acknowledge and thank the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations who have ties to this territory.

EVENING PROGRAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Doors open at 6:00 pm

7:00 – 7:10 pm **Aboriginal Blessing**

Joyce Fosella, Lil'wat Nation of the Salish people;
Executive Director of the Warriors Against Violence
Society.

7:30 – 7:35 pm **Welcome**

7:35 – 8:30 pm **Performance – Part I**

8:30 – 8:45 pm **Intermission**

8:45 – 9:15 pm **Performance – Part II**

9:15 – 9:30 pm **Q&A Session**

Q&A panelists:

- Sharon Pollock, Dramaturge of the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada
- Igor Dobrovolskiy, Founding Artistic Director of the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada
- Michelle Novakowski, Regional Coordinator for Community Coordination for Women's Safety Program, Ending Violence Association of BC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Doors open at 7:00 pm

7:30 – 7:35 **Welcome**

7:35 - 8:30 **Performance – Part I**

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- Igor Dobrovolskiy, Founding Artistic Director of the Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada
- Joey Hartman, President of Vancouver and Labour District Council
- Diana Delgado, Member of We Can BC Steering Committee

DISPLAYS AND INSTALLATIONS

In the Fei & Milton Wong Experimental Theatre Foyer:

INFORMATION DISPLAYS

Visit We Can partner organization booths to learn about the work being done in the community to end violence against women and how to get involved.

SHOE MEMORIAL

This smaller version of the award winning Dec. 6 Vancouver Art Gallery Shoe Memorial is to commemorate the 55 known women killed over the past 20 years in the City of Vancouver. All shoes from this memorial will be donated to a womens shelter.

CAPTURED PIECES

This is an original photography exhibition by Juliana Buitenhuis' Summer and Fall DigiPeutics youth groups. The images create a polarized perspective on the violence, struggles, stress, and daily joy that today's teenager faces.

DISPLAYS

- BC Federation of Labour
- BC Teachers' Federation
- Ending Violence Association of BC
- Justice Education Society
- Oxfam Canada
- Rape Relief and Women's Shelter
- We Can End All Violence Against Women BC Campaign

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ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know witnessed or experienced violence, help is available. VictimLink BC is an anonymous, confidential, multilingual service available 24/7. It provides counselling and referrals across the province. www.victimlinkbc.ca

If you require assistance, or if you just want to talk to someone, please call VictimLink BC at 1-800-563-0808.