



WORLD @ One O'Clock

Once-in-a-lifetime Theatre
Experiences for Schools &
Community

MONDAY, JUNE 6 @ One O'Clock

**Reaney Auditorium at Stratford Central
Secondary School**

A DOUBLE BILL!

EKSPERIMENT (ESTONIA)

Exploring the World

Recommended audience: Grades 7-10

The play that the EKSPERIMENT troupe from Estonia will present couldn't be more fitting. It reflects the long journey these teenaged actors will make to Canada and it mirrors the story they want to tell.

The play is based on the text of an Estonian writer, but all of the movement and the expression comes from the young actors. They've created the choreography and rhythms to tell us how they feel. They are ready to go out and explore the world, but they are also

fearful about what they will encounter there.

The play is redolent with the salty air of a Baltic seashore – the scent of home – and the ever-present fishing nets and ropes so familiar in their lives. While the teens love their homes, they still think about leaving and exploring beyond the borders of their country. The actors share the adventure and curiosity in their souls, along with the suspicion, fear, and hesitation that hold them back. In the end, there is always the hope that the journey will be worth it and that they will grow.

The Company

The troupe's Artistic Director is Külli Täht, a teacher of Estonian language and literature. Unlike many other children's theatre troupes, Külli's actors gather at the end of their school day to work on their plays and their voice, physical and improvisation skills.

"On stage we are one. We have a voice-body-soul symbiosis. We breathe as one. We perceive each other. We feel the rhythms of our own bodies."

Artistic Director: Külli Täht

Running Time: 20 minutes

Followed, after an Intermission, by

TEATRO LA FRAGUA (THE FORGE) CUBA

Para ser mejores (To Be Better)

Recommended audience: Grades 7-10

Cuba's Teatro la Fragua children's troupe will pay homage to 19th century Cuban writer, poet and philosopher, José Martí, with their play *Para ser mejores* (To Be Better). Havana-born Martí was known as the "Apostle of Cuban Independence" during the time that Cuba was pushing away from Spain, and he wrote many texts for children.

The Company

Teatro La Fragua is a children's theatre network that extends throughout Central America and the Caribbean. Its name means "The Forge" and the youth companies literally forge a national and cultural identity in environments where poverty is a day-to-day reality. Theatre is their medium.

The troupe of child actors arriving from Cuba are all 12 years old and have never travelled outside of their homeland before. A collective of Cuban artists is currently raising money for their trip through art sales.

Para ser mejores presents several short vignettes in a theatrical game that speaks to the universal values of love for human kind and for Nature, friendship, solidarity, equality, intelligence and freedom.

Director: Armas Zulema

Running Time: 25 minutes

Language: Spanish

Knox Church

DIVADLO VYDÝCHÁNO (CZECH REPUBLIC)

Jednou v Chelmu (Once in Chelm)

Recommended audience: Grades 7-10

The Polish town of Chelm provides the backdrop for this charming story of two misfits and their love for each other. It is looking like these two square pegs, Lemel and Tzipa, might never find love, or a partner in life, until their parents engage a matchmaker who brings them together. It is love at first sight.

After he is engaged to Tzipa, Lemel embarks on a journey of discovery to find his vocation. Unfortunately, our simple and kind-hearted hero is cheated and tricked by many along the way. In the end, he returns to his love and is just plain happy.

Once in Chelm treats us to a delightful array of Jewish music and customs, and Israeli dancing. For reasons unknown, Chelm is regularly portrayed as the "town of fools" in Eastern European Jewish folklore.

The Company

Divadlo Vydýcháno (Theatre Breathed Up) is a theatre group devoted to cultivating both the individual actor's talent and the group's skills in collaboration and co-operation. Their repertoire of children's

stories and fairy tales is a regular feature of theatre festivals across Europe. *Once in Chelm* is a relatively new production written by the Director.

Director: Michaela Homolová

Running time: 30 - 45 minutes

Language: Czech

Details

Tickets: \$4 per child/teacher/chaperone

Orders:

Please contact the Stratford Tourism Association Box office c/o:

Karen Savelle 519-271-5140 / 1-800-561-7926 ksavelle@visitstratford.ca

Payment:

Cheques* are to be received beforehand via mail or given to the house manager on the day of performance.

Cheques are to be made **payable to:**

Stratford International Children's Theatre Festival

c/o Dave Bean

71 Sir Adam Beck Road, Stratford N5A 8B9

***Note:** cheques are to be the total that was ordered on the day of the booking. Schools will be invoiced for any discrepancy.

NOTE to Avon Maitland Schools:

The Board is **sponsoring the cost of all buses** to these performances.
The logistics for you are simple:

1. Arrange the bus
2. Receive the invoice at your school from the bus company
3. DO NOT PAY
4. Forward it to the ED Centre c/o Jane Morris BY JUNE 21

Performances:

All shows are at **1:00pm**

Please note or ask Box Office about the recommended audience for each performance.

Locations:

1. Reaney Auditorium at Stratford Central Secondary School, 60 St. Andrew Street, Stratford
2. Knox Church, 142 Ontario Street, Stratford

Note:

Performances at Reaney Auditorium SCSS will be live streamed.

Q&A times MAY take place after the show depending on each performance.



WORLD FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE Schedule of Events

SUNDAY 5 June	MONDAY 6 June	TUESDAY 7 June	WEDNESDAY 8 June	THURSDAY 9 June	FRIDAY 10 June	SATURDAY 11 June
	Orientation tours of downtown Stratford	Children's workshops	Children's workshops	School visits	Children's workshops	10 am – 1 pm Culture Expo Veteran's Drive Park
	1 & 3.15 pm ESTONIA & CUBA Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm AUSTRALIA Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm INDONESIA: Theatre Tanah Air Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm INDONESIA: Jacco Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm PARAGUAY Stratford Central SS	9 am - 5 pm Day 1 Play! A Symposium U of Waterloo
	7 and 8.30 pm COLOMBIA City Hall Auditorium	7 and 8.15 pm CANADA: Once Upon... City Hall Auditorium		8 pm <i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> Avon Theatre	7 and 8.30 pm UNITED STATES City Hall Auditorium	9 am - 5 pm Day 2 Play! A Symposium U of Waterloo
SUNDAY 12 June	MONDAY 13 June	TUESDAY 14 June				
9.15 am The Spirit of Inclusion Festival Theatre	School visits	Children's workshops	Children's workshops			
11 am Community pack-your-own-picnic Upper Queens Park	9.30 am Director's Forum U of Waterloo	9.30 am Director's Forum U of Waterloo	9.30 am Director's Forum U of Waterloo	9.30 am: Director's Forum U of Waterloo		
	1 & 3.15 pm SLOVAKIA & SLOVENIA Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm GERMANY Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm INDONESIA: Air Stratford Central SS	1 & 3.15 pm ZIMBABWE Knox	1 & 3.15 pm RUSSIA: Piano Knox	
FAMILY TIME Optional trip to Niagara Falls	7 and 8 pm EL SALVADOR City Hall Auditorium	7 pm Closing Celebration, volunteer appreciation party SCSS Main Gym				6.30 gather, 7 pm dinner Gala Canadian Dinner Revival House



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