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Event:  Presents

***Haunted House* - Open Rehearsal and Public Community Forum**

Date: Friday, November 14, 2014 **Time:** 7pm

Venue: Scotiabank Dance Centre – Faris Family Studio Theatre
Level 1 - 677 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC

Tickets: Free Event

Warning: Challenging adult subject matter and some profanity. Not recommended for children under 13 years.

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Courageous youth willing to dig deep to expose that which haunts them.

Vancouver, BC, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014 — Join MISCELLANEOUS Productions at Scotiabank Dance Centre Nov. 14 for an evening of raw, unfiltered performances by emerging young talent.

The performances are part of an open rehearsal process for **Haunted House**, a new site-specific project scheduled for staging in November 2015. This is not your typical “haunted house” - this house is inhabited by performers who are using performance and artistic expression to uncover that which haunts them, and us.

The performers are 10 culturally and socially diverse youth from the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. There are seven males and three females, between the ages of 15-24. Their backgrounds include coping with and overcoming brutal violence, child abuse, tragic loss and mental wellness issues.

In **Haunted House**, these brave young performers reveal excerpts from their personal stories. At the open rehearsal, audience members will have a chance to see early versions of the work, to ask questions of the cast members in a Q-and-A, and to further explore the ideas and issues in a community forum. Diversity Consultant Eric D. Wong will moderate the Q-and-A. Youth and adults will be invited to discuss the issues that have come up in the performances, with Wong moderating the adults.

The open rehearsal, which will provide valuable feedback to the performers and professional artistic team, is a crucial step in the process of bringing **Haunted House** to complete fruition. In 2015, **Haunted House** will be staged in and around an old house in the West End. MISCELLANEOUS Productions' Artistic Director Elaine Carol is directing and helping dramaturge the work, which will consist of solo and ensemble pieces. A team of interdisciplinary professional artists are collaborating with the performers. Natasha Pheko (MISCELLANEOUS Productions' **POWER** and currently on full scholarship at the Berklee College of Music) and superstar producer Chin Injeti (Eminem, Drake) have contributed an experimental hip-hop composition for the production's theme.

About MISCELLANEOUS Productions:

MISCELLANEOUS Productions is a community-engaged charitable arts organization dedicated to engaging and educating the community through various artistic works. Using innovative interdisciplinary approaches to including the incorporation of elements of theatre, performance art, film, hip-hop and contemporary music and dance, MISCELLANEOUS strives to make art that deals with relevant issues. MISCELLANEOUS involves and integrates culturally diverse, multi-barriered young people, and brings together both professionals and non-professionals to produce work that will have lasting and beneficial impact on the community. Past projects include THE REENA Project/Outcasts and Angels (2001); What You Carry With You... (2003); e-race (2005); Stock Characters: The Cooking Show (2007); **POWER** and **POWER 2** (2009); and **Kutz & Dawgs** (2011-2013).

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