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BUSTING OUT!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 16TH, 2008

Toronto, ON... *Busting Out* is a FREE theatre program for GIRLS aged 12 to 16.

Busting Out's goal is to provide a forum for young women, through a series of theatre-based workshops, discussion and collective creation. The participants of the program will have the opportunity to work with professional playwrights, actors and directors on their own writing projects, as well as a public presentation of their own creation. Professional artists will lead the girls in classes, which include acting, playwrighting, design, and movement. *Busting Out* is an exciting and unique program opportunity for girls.

EMPOWERING, CREATIVE, THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND FUN!

"I would never have thought I could be in a program like this, that you can take something out of your innermost core and it can interest people....It's validating to have someone take interest in it - my writing. I learned I am capable of performing in all aspects of my life." –Vanessa, Age 15, past participant

Nightwood, Canada's National Women's Theatre, has produced, developed and toured landmark, award-winning plays by women since 1979. Nightwood's tremendous work in play development has lead over 50 new plays – winning Canada's highest performing and literary honours, including Governor General, Chalmer, Trillium and Dora awards. For more information, visit www.nightwoodtheatre.net

Program Details:

- Program runs two weeks from August 11th to August 22nd, 2008. Monday to Friday, 10 am-4pm.
- A public presentation will be performed on Sunday, August 24th, 2007
- Location: Nightwood Studio - located in the Distillery District, Toronto (Front and Parliament area)
- Only 12 participants will be selected. Each participant will receive complimentary TTC tickets for the duration of the program. The value of this free program is normally \$750.00 per participant.

How do you apply?

Deadline to apply is MAY 16th, so get ready! Applicants must send a **one page letter**, telling us a little about who you are; include where you live in Toronto, and why you want to be part of *Busting Out!* Also send **something artistic** that shows us something about yourself (for example, a painting, a poem, an essay about why you like or don't like being a girl, a photo, or ANYTHING else).

To submit an application or if you have any questions:

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