

Call for Submissions The 4x4 Festival Directors Summit

The Penelopiad Directors Lab

Nightwood Theatre, in association with the Shaw Festival is seeking submissions from professional female directors to participate in *The Penelopiad Directors Lab* a performance opportunity offered by Nightwood Theatre's **4x4 Festival: An Off Road Event of Women Directors**. We are looking to spotlight the best and brightest emerging Canadian talent.

Submission Deadline: August 25, 2009

The 4x4 Festival: An Off Road Event of Women Directors

On the occasion of Nightwood's 30th Anniversary, we are proud to announce the **4x4 Festival**, a landmark celebration of women directors from across Canada and around the world. Through the **4x4 Festival** we will showcase some of the country's finest directors by bringing provocative plays to our stage, and propel these voices by hosting an international **Directors Summit** actively promoting the hotbed of female talent.

Project Description

The Penelopiad Directors Lab is a week-long lab (**November 8-14, 2009**) culminating in a one-night theatrical showcase. We are seeking, through a juried selection process, 10 emerging or mid-career female directors. These directors will have established themselves as professional artists in their community and will have proven their commitment to artistic excellence.

Working with professional actors (courtesy of The Shaw Festival) the participants will be mentored by both Josette Bushell-Mingo, director of Margaret Atwood's *The Penelopiad* (Royal Shakespeare Company/National Arts Centre) and world renowned stage director Yael Farber. Atwood's original script will be divided and assigned to selected directors who will work alone and in collaboration on their assigned portion of the text. The play will be presented in its entirety in a showcase to the public on **Sunday November 15**.

Each participant will be charged a \$75 Lab Fee. Nightwood Theatre and The Shaw Festival have greatly subsidized the costs of this program to ensure that *The Penelopiad Directors Lab* and **The 4x4 Directors Summit** are accessible to all worthy artists.

Participants will receive:

- All production support including set, lights and costumes
- Rehearsal and performance venue
- Actors, Stage Manager, Designer, and Technicians
- Mentorship from Master Directors Josette Bushell-Mingo and Yael Farber
- Guaranteed participation in **The 4x4 Market Place**, a speed dating event with Canada's Artistic Directors
- Free admission to all **4x4 Directors Summit** dialogues and panels
- Free preview tickets to all 4x4 Festival mainstage productions

Please submit a CV (no longer than 2 pages) and a one-page cover letter that introduces yourself as an artist and includes information about why you want to participate in *The Penelopiad Directors' Lab*.

All submissions should be sent to:

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You may e-mail submissions in a Word or PDF Document to: education@nightwoodtheatre.net