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**TBTB LAUNCHES NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR EMERGING DIRECTORS**

*The Emerging Director Project provides two local youth with the chance to helm a project, while shadowing professional directors.*

**Barrie, ON.** Theatre by the Bay is thrilled to announce a new educational program: The Emerging Director Project (EDP). Expanding on the legacy of the Indie Producer's Co-op, the EDP will develop the directors of the future. Two local youth will have the chance to work as Assistant Directors on TBTB's 2020 season, and direct a scene or short play from the Barrie Theatre Lab catalogue. These presentations will be shown during a 'dark day' in the season.

Valeria Bravo and Korol Pikulik will be the inaugural participants of the program. Valeria served as the Assistant Director to Leah Holder during last year's production of *The Cenotaph Project*. "The idea for the program actually emerged out of that experience" says Artistic Director, Iain Moggach. "It was clear Valeria was learning a lot by witnessing Leah in action, but I thought 'we should actually provide her with an education in theatre directing so she can better understand what she is seeing.'" Korol Pikulik, the second participant, was part of the Eastview class that assisted in the development of this year's production, *Green Skies*.

As with the Indie Producer's Co-op, Valeria and Korol will receive in-class instruction from their mentor director (Leah Holder and Iain Moggach respectively), followed by the opportunity to work as an Assistant Director on a production and direct a scene or short play from the Barrie Theatre Lab catalogue.

Audition notices for the Projects, as well as more information on the showcase performances, will be made available through TBTB's website and social media in the coming weeks.

For more information on the Emerging Director Project, please visit:  
[www.theatrebythebay.com/directors](http://www.theatrebythebay.com/directors)

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