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**THEATRE BY THE BAY ANNOUNCES NEW DIGITAL THEATRE
MASTER CLASS SERIES**

BARRIE, ON. Theatre by the Bay (TBTB) is thrilled to announce its new Theatre Master Class series - six virtual courses on different areas of theatre creation. Featuring some of the biggest names in Canadian theatre, the award winning theatre company is making theatre education accessible in a way it has never been before.

Featuring classes by instructors Philip Akin, Lorenzo Savoini, Siobhan Richardson, Michelle Yagi, Paul Fujimoto-Pihl, Brian Quirt and Joanna Falck, the Theatre Master Class series will provide students with hours of unprecedented insights into the mindsets, best practises, and lessons of those at the top of their field. Courses include theatre directing, stage design, intimacy coordination, dramaturgy, theatre producing, and production management.

“This is a huge deal and an extraordinary honour,” says Artistic Director, Iain Moggach. “Anyone anywhere in the world can now expand their skills and learn from some of Canada’s best and brightest. Not only has theatre education changed forever, but Canada has a new way of sharing its theatrical methodologies with the world.”

Courses will be available to purchase through Theatre by the Bay’s website. Courses can be bought individually or in groups with discounted rates.

To ensure accessibility for equity-seeking community members, or those in financial difficulty, a scholarship option will be available. The scholarship will provide free access to the course of their choosing, but is subject to availability. Anyone is able to donate a scholarship and will receive a tax receipt from Theatre by the Bay for their donation. Courses may also be purchased as a gift for a loved one.

The courses will be available for streaming starting Friday, June 24, 2022. For more information, please visit www.theatrebythebay.com/tmc.

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