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TARRAGON THEATRE ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR STAGED READING OF CREEPS ON MONDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 8PM

Creeps

Staged Reading

by David Freeman

**Starring: Byron Abalos, Sean Baek, Caroline Gillis, Sterling Jarvis, Ash Knight
Tiffany Martin, Brandon McGibbon, Saad Siddiqui**

Directed by: Nigel Shawn Williams

Creeps has legendary status in the history of Canadian theatre, since it was Factory Theatre's first bona fide hit in 1971, directed by Tarragon's founding Artistic Director **Bill Glassco**. Bill subsequently moved the production "across the tracks" where it was the founding production of the Tarragon later that year. It was the first winner of the Floyd S. Chalmers Canadian Play Awards, and makes frequent appearances in lists of best Canadian Plays (such as the recent *Globe and Mail's* recent top 49 Canadian play list). It was also a success in New York and has been performed, read, studied and loved all across the country.

Creeps takes place in a sheltered workshop where five men with cerebral palsy are warehoused and given meaningless tasks, such as folding paper, sanding blocks and rug-making. They barricade themselves in the washroom and ultimately test their resolve to leave the security of their prison.

David Freeman, a writer who also has cerebral palsy, wrote an angry, yet fiercely funny indictment of the sheltered workshops that warehoused many people with CP in the early 1970s that will still resonate today. This reading, produced in association with Canadian Rep Theatre, will use the talents and dynamics of a multi-racial ensemble of actors, giving a new dynamic and contemporary relevance to the work.

Creeps will take place in Tarragon's Mainspace on **Monday, October 4**, at **8pm** as a benefit performance for the Actors' Fund. It will be a pay-what-you-can performance and tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

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