



***The Mountaintop* establishes new relationship between Neptune and Black Theatre Workshop**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Halifax, NS – March 8, 2018 – Jeremy Webb, artistic director of Neptune Theatre, welcomed Black Theatre Workshop Artistic Director Quincy Armorer to Neptune’s Fountain Hall stage as the two theatre companies celebrated a new collaborative relationship on opening night of *The Mountaintop* last Friday.

Black Theatre Workshop collaborated with Neptune on a new production of *The Mountaintop* by Katori Hall, which originally premiered in 2009 in London. The play, an interpretation of the final hours in the life of Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King Jr., is directed by ahdri zhina mandiola and stars Letitia Brookes and Tristan D. Lalla, all artists making their debut in Halifax.

“Collaborative relationships are a key component to effective theatre,” said Jeremy Webb. “There is so much to be learned by working with other theatre companies to broaden perspectives, enhance inspiration and help share stories with whole new audiences. I look forward to working with the Black Theatre Workshop again and helping share their stories to our audience.”

Currently in its 47th season, Montreal’s Black Theatre Workshop is Canada’s oldest Black theatre company, producing theatre that educates, entertains and delights since 1972. Each year, the theatre awards an individual who has made a significant contribution to African-Canadian arts and culture in Canada with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award. Quincy Armorer has been Artistic Director since 2011.

“It’s been an absolute pleasure to collaborate with Neptune Theatre on this production of *The Mountaintop*,” said Armorer. “I am inspired by their desire to include diverse stories in their programming, and I look forward to continuing the creative exchange between our two companies.”

There is a \$35 Flash Sale for *The Mountaintop* until Sunday night for any seat, any performance through Neptune’s Box Office and online at neptunetheatre.com.

Directed by **ahdri zhina mandiola** and starring Letitia Brookes and Tristan D. Lalla, *The Mountaintop* design team includes **Eo Sharp** as Set and Costume Designer, **David Parreault Ninacs** as Lighting Designer, **Howard Davis** as Video Designer and **Rob Denton** as Composer. The stage management team includes **Heather Lewis** as Stage Manager **Patricia Vinluan** as Apprentice Stage Manager.

The Mountaintop is sponsored by Premiere Suites and Telus.

Tickets can be purchased online at neptunetheatre.com, by phone at 902-429-7070 or toll-free 1-800-565-7345, or in person at the Box Office, 1593 Argyle Street. Find out more about Neptune Theatre on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube channel NeptuneHFX.

Now in its 55th Season, Neptune Theatre inspires audiences with great stories. Located at 1593 Argyle Street, Neptune boasts two newly renovated stages: Fountain Hall and the Scotiabank Stage, plus a year-round Theatre School and a province-wide Young Neptune Company Tour.

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