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ARTS CLUB ANNOUNCES SUMMER FUNDRAISING SERIES

IN BRIEF The Arts Club presents **SPACED OUT!** on **June 27 and 28**, featuring the **Mom's the Word Collective**, at the **Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre**. Tickets are available for \$175 at artsclub.com

VANCOUVER, B.C. (June 12, 2020)—After a months-long intermission, the Arts Club Theatre Company will reopen the doors to its Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre for the summer fundraising series, SPACED OUT!. The first event on June 27 and 28, 2020, will feature a live reading by Vancouver's own **Mom's the Word Collective**, which includes playwrights **Jill Daum, Alison Kelly, Robin Nichol, Barbara Pollard, and Deborah Williams**.

Mom's the Word debuted on the Arts Club stage in 1995 and was an instant success. To date, the comedy troupe has performed in dozens of countries and languages to over 2 million people, and the Arts Club is thrilled to welcome them back to share this special reading in an intimate setting.

Artistic Director **Ashlie Corcoran** hopes that the event will give patrons the opportunity to engage with live theatre and the theatre community once again.

"We miss our Arts Club family of donors, patrons, and artists more with every week that passes," said Corcoran. "We're overwhelmed by the amount of support we've received since temporarily closing our venues on March 17, and can't wait to welcome an audience into our Goldcorp Stage once again."

The event will adhere to guidelines established by the BC Ministry of Health, limiting the in-theatre audience to 50 and implementing increased distancing and sanitization measures to ensure patron health and safety. Guests will be asked to perform a self-assessment attesting to their wellness prior to entering the venue, and those experiencing symptoms such as coughing or fever may be asked to leave. There will be no intermission and zoned entry times will be established to limit traffic in the venue lobby. Additionally, each guest will receive a complimentary Arts Club-branded mask with their ticket.

All proceeds from this event will go towards not only bringing theatre back to the Arts Club's stages, but also youth and education initiatives and new play development programs. SPACED OUT! is the first instalment in a fundraising series taking place over the course of the summer. More information on upcoming events and performers will be released soon.

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ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB

The Arts Club Theatre Company, founded in 1964, is Canada's largest not-for-profit urban theatre company. Led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White, it offers professional theatre at three venues—the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, Granville Island Stage, and the Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre—as well as on tour throughout the province.

