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**Timeless classic *Pinocchio* comes alive at YPT in a Wildly Inventive New Production
with Performances Daily During March Break!**

Young People's Theatre is thrilled to welcome the internationally-acclaimed Québec theatre company **Tout à Trac** and their breath-taking production of *Pinocchio*. Interweaving dance, puppetry, music and illusion at breakneck speed, writer/director **Hugo Bélanger** whips up a show that's as imaginative as Geppeto himself ... and just as heartfelt as the kindly old woodcarver. *Pinocchio* will be presented on the Mainstage from March 3rd to 21st, with added performances during **March Break** from the 15th to the 21st.

Born from a talking piece of wood carved by old Geppetto, the rebellious Pinocchio embarks on a series of hair-raising adventures and jaw-dropping trials in his quest to earn his heart's desire. It's a story that still resonates today, perhaps even more than it did when it debuted in 1883. As **Hugo Bélanger** says, "*We still need Pinocchio because telling the story of a small block of wood dreaming to become human brings hope to a world that is losing its humanity and becoming increasingly dependent on machines.*"

"...finely crafted Théâtre Tout à Trac production... Every detail is artfully executed in this disarming retelling of a classic tale" - The Gazette. Click here to view a clip from the play:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f17xJzPxUo>

Written and directed by **Hugo Bélanger**. Featuring **Krystel Descary, Claude Tremlay, Gabriel DeSantis-Caron** and **Milva Ménard**.

Set and Costume Design by **Patrice Charbonneau-Brunelle**; Lighting Design by **Luc Prairie**; Original Music and Sound Design by **Patrice d'Aragon**; Mask Design by **Marie-Pier Fortier**; Puppet Design by **Marie-Pierre Simard**; Props Design by **Joannie D'Amours**.

YPT's hugely popular **March Break Drama Camps** return March 16th to 20th for JK to grade 6. It's a week that's jam-packed with creativity and non-stop fun! Young people make new friends and build self-confidence while creating a play they perform for friends and family on the final day of camp. Register online at youngpeoplestheatre.ca.

Pinocchio

Based on Carlo Collodi's classic story | Written and directed by **Hugo Bélanger**

English translation by **Bobby Theodore**

A production of **Tout à Trac** in co-production with **Place des Arts** and **Tennessee Performing Arts Center**

On the Mainstage March 3 to 21, 2015

Recommended for ages 6 & up | Running time: approx. 65 minutes (no intermission)

Media Opening: Tuesday, March 3 at 1PM

Young People's Theatre | 165 Front Street East, Toronto | Tickets: \$25-\$34 | HST & service charges extra (prices subject to change)

Box Office: 416.862.2222 | Online tickets & more information: youngpeoplestheatre.ca

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