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**Young People's Theatre presents powerful story about
traditional Indigenous ways and contemporary urban culture**

"Spirit Horse offers a creative outlook on the challenges that face us all as we struggle to maintain balance in what can often be a difficult, challenging and sometimes dangerous world." – Frontenac News

Young People's theatre (YPT) is thrilled to present the **Roseneath Theatre** production of ***Spirit Horse***, a Native American adaptation by **Drew Hayden Taylor** from the Irish play *'Tir Na N'Og'* by **Greg Banks**. Presented on the Mainstage from October 18 to 28, ***Spirit Horse*** is a powerful story that chronicles an incredible adventure involving two Indigenous children whose family is caught between traditional ways and contemporary urban culture.

Angelina and Jesse's lives are changed forever when their grandfather (who lives by the old ways on a Prairies reserve), brings them a horse that has mysteriously appeared to him. The children feel an incredible bond to this majestic animal, which links the girls and their dad to their Stoney Nation heritage. As the horse begins to help the children come to terms with the death of their mother, hope and healing become possible for this single parent family caught between two worlds. ***Spirit Horse*** is a highly theatrical and uplifting story in which three actors play over 65 characters, accompanied by a live musician on stage.

Directed by **Greg Banks**, ***Spirit Horse*** features **Cameron Johnston**, **Lisa Nasson** and **Brianne Tucker**, with Costume Design by **Robin Fisher**, Set/LX Design by **Glenn Davidson** and Composition/Music by **Anne Lederman**.

Roseneath Theatre began developing ***Spirit Horse*** in 2005 and it premiered at Toronto's Luminato Festival in 2007. There have been three Ontario tours of this production including a Northern Ontario tour supported by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association as well as an American tour of this production.

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Directed by **Greg Banks** | **A Roseneath Theatre production**

On the Mainstage Oct. 18-28, 2016

Recommended for ages 8 & up

Media opening: Wed., October 19 at 10:15 AM or 1:00 PM

Performances: Tues. to Thurs. @ 10:15 AM & 1 PM | Fri. @ 10:15 AM | Sat. & Sun @ 2:30 PM

Young People's Theatre | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$10-\$34; HST & service charges extra | Prices subject to change without notice | **Online:**

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