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**YPT presents Anita Majumdar's *Boys With Cars*,
a powerful new adaptation addressing female empowerment and consent**

Toronto, ON – Young People's Theatre (YPT) is thrilled to present **Anita Majumdar's *Boys With Cars***. An award-winning actress, playwright and dancer, Majumdar wrote, choreographed and performs in this powerful coming of age piece. Commissioned and produced by **Nightswimming** with additional development support by **Young People's Theatre** and **The Banff Centre**, ***Boys With Cars*** will be presented on YPT's Mainstage from March 23 to April 1, 2017.

This new work was adapted for young audiences from Majumdar's acclaimed solo plays *Let Me Borrow That Top* and *Boys With Cars*. It explores issues of unchecked male privilege, female empowerment and what constitutes consent – important subject matter to consider in these turbulent times. Set in a suburban high school where cultures collide and women struggle for status, ***Boys With Cars*** tells the story of an Indo-Canadian teen who tries desperately to fit into the social circle of a popular girl who seems to have everything. Backed by classical Indian, Bollywood and hip-hop music, Majumdar plays each character with honesty and insight, deftly fusing drama, humour and dance.

A **National Theatre School of Canada** alum, Anita Majumdar was featured in **Deepa Mehta's** film adaptation of **Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children***, which premiered at the **Toronto International Film Festival** in 2012 and has since been seen worldwide. In theatre, Majumdar is renowned for her self-written, highly acclaimed play *Fish Eyes*, which has toured across Canada and internationally. Her work in television includes roles in the **CBC's *Diverted***, *Republic of Doyle*, and **Gavin Crawford's *Wild Wild West***. Anita has over 15 years experience in classical Indian dance including Kathak, Bharatanatyam and Odissi.

Boys With Cars features a superb creative team including Playwright, Choreographer & Performer **Anita Majumdar**; Director & Dramaturg **Brian Quirt**, Producer **Leslie Haller**, Set & Costume Designer **Jackie Chau**; Lighting Designer/Technical Director **Rebecca Picherack**; Sound & Projection Designer **Christopher Stanton**, and Stage Manager **Sandy Plunkett**.

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MAINSTAGE | March 23 – April 1, 2017

Recommended for ages 13 & up

Opening: Thursday, March 23rd at 7 PM (alternate option for media: Friday, March 24 at 12:45 PM)

Full performance schedule available at <http://www.youngpeoplestheatre.ca/shows-tickets/boys-cars/>

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

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

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