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The Hilarious *Blind Date* Looks for Love at Harbourfront Centre's World Stage

Award-Winning Actor and Improviser Rebecca Northan Enlists an Unsuspecting Audience Member to be Her *Blind Date* - No Script...No Safety Net...No Escape

TORONTO, ON (February 12, 2009) – Harbourfront Centre's World Stage 08:09 turns its gaze on what can be considered one of the most beautiful, awkward and emotional human experiences: falling in love, with Rebecca Northan's witty, saucy and breathtaking show *Blind Date*. Northan plays Mimi, a young Parisian woman waiting for a blind date in a café somewhere along the banks of the Seine. When she is stood up, Mimi turns to the audience to find someone brave enough to answer love's call. *Blind Date* runs **Tuesday, March 3 through Saturday, March 7, 2009**.

Fresh from a run in Calgary that received overwhelming praise from audiences and reviewers alike, *Blind Date* is a fusion of clown, improvisation, theatre, and social experiment—and one of the most daring theatrical undertakings you are likely to see this year. **“Five stars out of five.” – *Calgary Herald***

Tickets for *Blind Date* and all World Stage performances are available through the Harbourfront Centre box office by phone at **416-973-4000**, or through **www.harbourfrontcentre.com/worldstage**.

“...*Blind Date* is important theatre, and Northan creates a magic that instantly blows apart the fourth wall and lets us safely experiment with her and what life could be like with Mimi—the sexiest and most lovable Parisian woman to ever wear a clown nose.” - *The New West Magazine*

Originally performed as a ten minute burlesque-clown piece at The Spiegel Show in the Spiegelent'ntavern at Harbourfront Centre in the summer of 2007, *Blind Date* quickly became a crowd favourite. Northan developed the piece into a 90-minute performance which seats the audience in a unique cabaret-style setting complete with wine bar.

Prior to each performance, Northan (as Mimi) mingles with the audience in order to select the “date”, and then explores with them the ups and downs of love, heart break and everything in between. The result is nail-biting hilarity, voyeurism, and thrills!

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Rebecca Northan - *Blind Date*

March 3-7, 8:00 p.m. (Doors at 7:00 p.m.)

Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West

Tickets: \$25, Box office and info: 416-973-4000 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com