

## THE ARTS CLUB ANNOUNCES THE INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF THE ACCESS GRANT

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (May 10, 2019)**—The Arts Club recently invited Vancouver-based independent theatre companies and collectives to apply for a rental subsidy through its Access Grant program.

The inaugural recipient of the Access Grant is **DSR Productions**. DSR Productions was founded by Artistic Director **Mark Carter** in 1990. The company's goal is to produce high-quality, thrilling, and rarely seen theatre for Vancouver audiences. Their production of the cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* was picked up by the Arts Club and produced in the summer of 2002 at the Granville Island Stage.

This subsidy will provide use of the Goldcorp Stage for a 2-week period (including access to the available lighting and sound inventory); use of a rehearsal studio for up to 4 weeks; and access to Arts Club staff for consultation.

This summer, DSR Productions will use the Access Grant to mount a production of *SILENCE! The Musical*, the unauthorized parody of the 1991 Oscar-winning film *The Silence of the Lambs*. The script features music and lyrics by Jon Kaplan and Al Kaplan with a book by Hunter Bell. This production will be the Canadian premiere.

Carter said, "We are so incredibly grateful for this generous access grant. Having an opportunity to save on rehearsal and venue space is the difference between coming up in the black or in the red. We are so happy to see the Arts Club launch a program like this. We feel that it is desperately needed in our community right now."

Arts Club Associate Artistic Director **Stephen Drover** said, "We are super excited to launch the Access Grant Program, which will provide small theatre companies with access to a dynamic venue, strengthen our relationships with the larger theatre community, and animate our Goldcorp Stage even more. We look forward to finding more ways to connect with our colleagues in Vancouver's incredibly vibrant arts community and are really excited for DSR Production's fun and outrageous show."

### ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB

The Arts Club, one of the largest not-for-profit theatre companies in the country, is the principal gathering place for the theatrical arts in British Columbia. Comprising three unique venues across Vancouver, the Arts Club welcomes more than a quarter million guests annually, tours provincially and nationally, and engages students and artists alike through educational and professional programs.

Above all, the Arts Club is dedicated to the advancement of local artists telling stories from around the globe and, in particular, those of our region. From this, we believe that culture expands, an understanding of differences is nurtured, and art bursts forth. The Arts Club was founded in 1964 and is currently led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White.

