

Arts Club Theatre Company On Tour presents

# THE PIANO TEACHER

By Dorothy Dittrich

**October 4–November 6, 2018**

**IN BRIEF** The Arts Club On Tour presents the Jessie Award–winning play *The Piano Teacher*, touring throughout the Lower Mainland **October 4–November 6**. Details at [artsclub.com](http://artsclub.com).

**VANCOUVER, B.C. (September 13, 2018)**—Following a critically acclaimed run in the spring of 2017, *The Piano Teacher* returns as part of the Arts Club on Tour's 2018–2019 season. Written by Vancouver playwright **Dorothy Dittrich**, *The Piano Teacher* was developed through the Arts Club's Silver Commissions Project. It is the 11th work produced since the new play development program was established in 2006.

*The Piano Teacher* follows Erin (**Megan Leitch**), a concert pianist who hasn't touched a piano since her husband died. As Elaine (**Caitriona Murphy**), a piano teacher, gently reacquaints Erin with her instrument, other life changes follow. A simple update to Erin's home, for instance, brings the unexpected companionship of a contractor, Tom (**Kamyar Pazandeh**).

About this second production, Dittrich said, "It's wonderful to have the opportunity to come back to the play after time away. Now we have this beautiful opportunity to return to the story, to explore and try things that time and distance have allowed us to ruminate on, wonder about, and sometimes discover after the fact. Speaking for myself, I will have a chance to revisit certain moments in the writing, to rework and refine. What I also find exciting and beautiful is that the team gets to return together to do the same play from a new place."

While all the actors from the original production return for the tour, **Rachel Ditor** and **Scott Bellis** will co-direct the touring production. Ditor said, "I have been a fan of Dorothy's storytelling for many years. She has such insight about the role of music in our lives and its miraculous ability to change us. I'm thrilled we get to share this original work with more people. No one left this play unmoved. And with the original cast returning, and the addition of Scott Bellis as co-director, I know we'll do justice to **Yvette Nolan**'s premiere production that deeply affected so many people."

The premiere production in 2017 won the Jessie Richardson Award for Outstanding Original Script.

## STARRING

**Megan Leitch** (Erin), **Caitriona Murphy** (Elaine), and **Kamyar Pazandeh** (Tom)

## CREATIVE TEAM

**Scott Bellis** (Co-director), **Jenifer Darbellay** (Costume Designer), **Rachel Ditor** (Co-director & Dramaturg), **Sandra Drag** (Stage Manager), **Kyla Gardiner** (Original Lighting Designer), **Becca Jorgensen** (Apprentice Stage Manager), **Yvette Nolan** (Original Director), **Patrick Pennefather** (Sound Designer), **David Roberts** (Set Designer), **Ted Roberts** (Tour Lighting Designer)



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## TOUR DATES

Venue	Date
NORTH VANCOUVER <a href="#">The BlueShore at Cap</a> 604.990.7810	October 4, 2018
WEST VANCOUVER <a href="#">Kay Meek Arts Centre</a> 604.981.6335	October 5 & 6, 2018
SURREY <a href="#">Surrey Arts Centre</a> 604.501.5566	October 10–20, 2018
MISSION <a href="#">Clarke Theatre</a> 604.629.8849	October 21, 2018
COQUITLAM <a href="#">Evergreen Cultural Centre</a> 604.927.6555	October 23–27, 2018
NEW WESTMINSTER <a href="#">Anvil Centre</a> 604.521.5050	October 30, 2018
CHILLIWACK <a href="#">Chilliwack Cultural Centre</a> 604.391.SHOW (7469)	November 1, 2018
MAPLE RIDGE <a href="#">The ACT Arts Centre</a> 604.476.2787	November 2, 2018
BURNABY <a href="#">Shadbolt Centre for the Arts</a> 604.205.3000	November 3 & 4, 2018
VERNON <a href="#">Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre</a> 250.549.SHOW (7469)	November 6, 2018

## ABOUT THE ARTS CLUB

The Arts Club Theatre Company, founded in 1964, is Canada's largest not-for-profit urban theatre company. Led by Artistic Director Ashlie Corcoran and Executive Director Peter Cathie White, it offers professional theatre at three venues—the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, Granville Island Stage, and the Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre—as well as on tour throughout the province.