



A Second Look at Disability Culture

December 3rd - 7th, 2002



Another Disability Arts Festival

Big Secret Theater



The Disability Action Hall (Calgary)

Freaks. Retards. Idiots... *As I Am* offers an historical deconstruction of attitudes toward people with disabilities over the past 200 years. From circus side show freaks to medical specimens to rats in a maze, watch as people with disabilities turn the tables on their dissection by telling the world to see them "As I Am". Challenging drama, tango-esque dancing, personal stories, and a chorus of oppressors all provide radical insight into the lives of people with disabilities.

As I Am (Collective Creation)



Theatre Utopia (Calgary)

Award winning playwright Larry MacKillop's newest comedy about a brain-injured man riding a Calgary train to Jerusalem parallels Christ's last journey, but with a far less consequential ending! Produced by Theatre Utopia's Youth Collective, this staged reading adds another perspective of disability to A Second Look, and introduces some up and coming performing artists to Calgary's theater community.

Thursday Continued (Readers' Theater)



Alex Bulmer (Toronto)

Freddie is losing her job, her girlfriend, and her self-confidence. Her work is inconsistent, her behavior unpredictable, and her patience with the world around her is running thin. Freddie feels like she's losing her mind. In fact, Freddie is losing her sight! First produced by Toronto's Nightwood Collective, playwright Alex Bulmer is pleased to introduce her exciting new work to Calgary audiences. Staged by Betty Award Winning Director Gail Hanrahan.

Smudge (Staged Reading)



Alan Shain (Ottawa)

Alan Shain's stories have been bringing down the houses, and the barriers, across North America for over 10 years. Alan, who grew up with Cerebral Palsy, tells stories of how he used his difference to advantage, gaining acceptance and making friends (a 200-pound wheelchair with good brakes can make all the difference in a tug of war game!). His humor helps people see how they can accept and celebrate difference of all kinds.

Smashing Stereotypes (Stand-Up Comedy)



Picture This... Festival (Calgary)

Picture This...Festival is a 3 day film and video festival for, by, and about people with disabilities held in October each year. Films and videos that focus on some area of disability culture, and productions on any subject that are produced, directed and/or written by a person(s) with a disability are all part of PictureThis. Joining A Second Look this year, Picture This ... is screening some exciting disability videos on hot topics like sexual surrogacy and freak fetishes!

Disability Video Screenings



Stage Left (Calgary)

Socio-political drama, a sound orchestra, and the funk are fused together in this multi-media performance that integrates drama, dance, and disco! Watch as people with disabilities challenge the authorities that control their lives, give some sound advice to service providers, and express themselves through a sound orchestra made of wheelchair parts and through a physical dialogue of newly discovered ways of moving.

Dis' This! (Multi-Media Performance)



Alan Shain (Ottawa)

Still Waiting for that Special Bus (Solo Performance)

Peer into Alan's life as he gets ready for a hot date. His humour attacks the maze of programs and services that control his life, and shows a search for romance, love, and sex in this crazy and chaotic world. Winner at the 1999 Ottawa Fringe Festival, Alan's critically acclaimed play has toured extensively across North America and Australia, offering keen and warped insight on dating in general and dating with a disability!



Saturday Afternoon Fun!

Our Saturday afternoon session is a chance to explore some new work by and about people with disabilities. We start with an open **Drumming Workshop** with leader Glenda Macleod. Then **Stage Left** performs their latest work. Award-winning playwright Pamela Boyd is reading from her latest play, **I Love Mondays**. And we close the afternoon with a Readers' Theater presentation of **Thursday Continued** by Theater Utopia.

Short New Works (Works In Progress)