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### ***Countries Shaped Like Stars***

**February 16 – 25, 2012**

**REGINA, February 8, 2012** – Globe Theatre is proud to present ***Countries Shaped Like Stars***, a production by Ottawa-based **Mi Casa Theatre**, as part of the Shumiatcher Sandbox Series running February 16 – 25, 2012.

The courtship of Gwendolyn Magnificent and Bartholomew Spectacular is a tale of love best heard through a tin-can telephone. With performer-operated lights, water glasses, whirly winds and a mandolin, they create the sounds and images of a landscape forever altered by regret.

**Emily Pearlman** and **Nicolas Di Gaetano** co-created and perform this magical piece under the direction of **Patrick Gauthier**, a multi-award winning playwright and director. **Lynn Cox** is the lighting designer and **Sarah Waghorn** is the props and costume designer. **Eric Powell** is the stage manager.

Receiving rave reviews and five star designations, this whimsical play has been performed in almost every province and as far south as New Mexico. **It is recommended for general audiences and children 10+.**

Mi Casa Theatre was formed in early 2009 by Co-Artistic Directors Emily Pearlman and Nicolas Di Gaetano. Together they blend experience in physically devised work rooted in cabaret, circus and vaudeville with contemporary approaches to interdisciplinary collaboration.

*“To miss something as indelible and enchanting and inventive as **Countries Shaped Like Stars** would have been tragic.”* **Alibi Review, Albuquerque, New Mexico**, Jan 23rd, 2010

Media Fact Sheet:

***Countries Shaped Like Stars***

**Produced by Mi Casa Theatre (Ottawa)**

**Created and performed by Nicolas Di Gaetano and Emily Pearlman**

**Directed by Patrick Gauthier**

- The production runs from February 16 – 25, 2012
- Globe Theatre acknowledges Drs. Morris & Jacqui Shumiatcher for their generous donation, which enables the bold, imaginative traditions of this series to grow and develop.
- Tickets are \$20, plus GST
- *Countries Shaped Like Stars* has received the following awards:
  - Outstanding Overall Production – Ottawa Fringe
  - Outstanding Fringe Production - Prix Rideau Award
  - Outstanding New Work - Prix Rideau Award
  - Emerging Artist 2009 Emily Pearlman - Prix Rideau Award
  - Honourable mention – Steamwhistle Emerging Artist Award, Summerworks (Toronto)
- The production history includes: Ottawa Fringe (BYOV, June 2009), Wakefest (Wakefield QC, Aug 2009), Café Quaff (Toronto, Sept 2009), Shenkman Centre Studio (Orleans, Sept 2009), Canterbury High School (Ottawa, Sept 2009), Irving Greenberg Studio (Ottawa, Dec 2009), Revolutions International Theatre Festival (Albuquerque, NM, Jan 2010), The Russian Hall (Vancouver, Feb 2010), Winnipeg Fringe Festival (Winnipeg, July 2010), Neanderthal Arts Festival (Vancouver, July 2010), SummerWorks (Toronto, August 2010)

Visit their website ([://micasatheatre.com/](http://micasatheatre.com/)) to learn more about Mi Casa Theatre.

See a trailer on youtube for *Countries Shaped Like Stars*

([://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgwY8JHAXEQ&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgwY8JHAXEQ&feature=related))

Visit their Flickr page to see photos from previous performances

([://www.flickr.com/photos/micasatheatre/sets/72157624317751612/show/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/micasatheatre/sets/72157624317751612/show/))

Visit the Globe Theatre website to see it all

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