

An evening of hope, healing and inspiration

HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

Monday September 14th, 2020 at 7:30pm



2020: how the show went on!

Expect the Extraordinary (ETE) is normally hosted at the Stratford Festival, a generous champion of PAL from our very inception. But 2020 had to be different because of COVID restrictions. We wouldn't be able to pack the Avon or Festival Theatres as we usually do. The ETE Committee thought long and hard about our obligations to PAL Stratford and how we could meet those in this challenging climate of uncertainty.



New ETE logo by Seana Bailey

How the Light Gets In, An Evening Of Healing, Hope And Inspiration, was created as a virtual show, engineered by **Michael Fisher Media**.

Live Co-Hosts

That challenge was met by the creation of a one-time online show consisting of self-produced video performances, with live co-hosts **Rebecca Northan and Raoul Bhaneja**.



Curated by:

The roster of performers and the programme were curated by the Artistic Committee made up of **Jani Lauzon, Yanna McIntosh and Paul Shilton**, themselves inspiringly talented actors, musicians and directors.



The Artists:

The show featured work by a diverse group of amazing artists who offered a breadth of genres, styles and performance forms and mediums.

In Order of Appearance:

Nicole Joy-Fraser

Robert Ball

Alexandra Lundgren

Sean Alexander Hauk

George Meanwell

Joanne O'Sullivan

Beau Dixon

Vanessa Sears

Jason Sermonia

Bruce Horak and Onalea Gilbertson

Cheri Maracle

Dayna Manning

Graham Hargrove and Kevin Ramassar

Santee Smith, Tekaronhiákhkwa

Trevor Patt

Thom Allison

Amaka Umeh

Jim Codrington

Colton Curtis

Alexis Gordon

Paul Nolan

Mary Jay

Phil Seguin

Derek Conrod

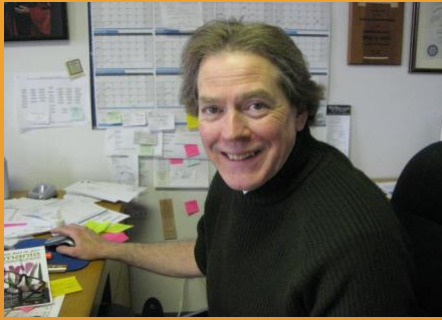
Jan Owens

Jen Stephen

Marcus Nance

**PAL Stratford Ambassadors:*

Colm Feore, Yanna McIntosh and Brian Tree



The show commemorated the life of **John David Sterne** who passed away suddenly in late August 2020. John (JD) had worked diligently for the arts in this community and had held the role of President of PAL Stratford. He had ushered PAL through its grand opening and early years of operating. His dedication to and belief in PAL echoes through the historic Deacon House building, which offers affordable housing for arts professionals in need, age 55 years and up.

PAL Stratford also dedicated this year's show in memory of the incomparable **Mary Haney**. The theatre community of Stratford and Shaw Festivals sadly lost this shining star in February 2020. Mary made her permanent home in Stratford and left a legacy of support for PAL Stratford. Her talent and huge heart are sorely missed. Mary's generosity will contribute in ensuring that PAL Stratford will continue to be able to help her fellow artists in need.

A portion of the proceeds from the show were shared with The Actor's Fund of Canada.

Audience Appreciation!

Great show! Brought back memories of Stratford and Stratford life. DM

It was a great show! Just the right mix of people and genres. Loved it! MB

Wonderful show last night as usual! It was a special event and you showcased beautiful Stratford as well as new and familiar talent. NS

I'm writing to tell you how much we enjoyed the PAL event last night. Congrats to you for forging ahead in spite of all the Covid limitations. MT



Thanks and Ever Thanks!

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