

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Soulpepper presents *The Aleph* performed by Diego Matamoros & directed by Daniel Brooks

Toronto, ON – April 14, 2011 – **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the company's production of *The Aleph*, part of the new One-Act Gems, a series of 45-75 minute long productions that also includes *The Kreutzer Sonata* performed by Soulpepper Founding Member Ted Dykstra, will preview on May 13, 2011 and open on May 17, 2011 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Opening Soulpepper's Lab Series last season with a limited run that drew much acclaim, *The Aleph* returns featuring three of Canada's most celebrated theatre creators, director **Daniel Brooks**, designer **Michael Levine** and actor/writer/Soulpepper Founding Member **Diego Matamoros**. *The Aleph* is a thought-provoking adaptation of a short story by Argentinean master Jorge Luis Borges that also takes inspiration from Diego Matamoros' own experiences as a young man in South America.

*The Aleph* is one of the short stories featured in Borges' collection, *The Aleph and Other Stories*, first published in 1949 and revised by the author in 1974. In Borges' story, the Aleph is a point in space that contains all other points. One who looks into the Aleph is able to see everything in the universe from every angle simultaneously, without distortion or confusion. This story continues the theme of infinity found in several of Borges' other works.

*The Aleph* is performed and co-adapted by **Diego Matamoros**, directed & co-adapted by **Daniel Brooks** with set & costume design by **Michael Levine**, sound design by **Jean-Sébastien Côté**, and lighting design by **Kevin Lamotte**.

*The Aleph* previews May 13, 2011 and opens May 17, 2011 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$25 - \$35 (plus HST) and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting [www.soulpepper.ca](http://www.soulpepper.ca). \$22 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at [www.stageplay.ca](http://www.stageplay.ca). StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

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*Soulpepper Theatre Company is an artist-founded, classical repertory theatre company with a three-tiered mandate: to present the world's greatest stories in vital Canadian interpretations; to train a new generation of theatre artists; and to inspire and enrich youth through mentorship and access programs.*