

MEDIA RELEASE

Soulpepper and the Young Centre celebrate four Dora Awards

Toronto, ON – June 30, 2011: **Albert Schultz**, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company and General Director of the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, congratulates **Jane Spidell**, **Joseph Ziegler**, **Nina Lee Aquino** and **Richard Lee**, all recipients of Dora Mavor Moore Awards at Monday's ceremony in Toronto. In the General Theatre Production Division, **Jane Spidell** (Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role for *Doc*) and Soulpepper Founding Member **Joseph Ziegler** (Outstanding Performance by a Male in a Principal Role for *Death of a Salesman*) were honoured for their work in leading roles. *paper Series* (Cahoots Theatre Company in Association with the Young Centre for the Performing Arts) was recognized for Outstanding Direction (Nina Lee Aquino) and Outstanding Sound Design/Composition (Richard Lee) in the Independent Theatre Production Division.

Congratulations to all winners and nominees!

Soulpepper Theatre Company is located in the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting www.soulpepper.ca. \$22 tickets are available for 21-30 year-olds at 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.

The Young Centre for the Performing Arts is an award winning, multi-venue performing arts facility located in the Distillery Historic District. Anchored by Soulpepper Theatre Company's year round season and George Brown College's Theatre School, the Young Centre is a home for Toronto's leading artists and arts organizations across all performance disciplines. The Young Centre presents the very best in theatre, dance, music and spoken word in a state-of-the-art setting.

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