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## Inner Migrant

Montreal's [DynamO Théâtre](#) and Portugal's [Teatro O Bando](#)  
Explore Immigration and New Beginnings in Family Show  
at Presentation House Theatre

**Step into the world of a newcomer. Doors opened. Doors closed. Welcome?**

**North Vancouver BC** - Theatre companies from distinct and distant countries join together to explore shared experiences of immigration and relocation in *Inner Migrant* at Presentation House Theatre, **April 28 at 4:00 pm**. Following the performance, audience members are invited to visit with the cast, and hear the first-hand, personal immigration stories from local community members. Tickets are \$15 and available at 604.990.3474 or online at [www.phtheatre.org](http://www.phtheatre.org). Ages 8+.

Co-produced by Montreal's DynamO Théâtre and Portugal's Teatro O Bando, *Inner Migrant* grew out of a recent global theatre collaboration, *Documents of Poverty and Hope*. The project included companies from Canada, Europe and Australia, including Presentation House Theatre.

"It was our first international endeavour," says Jacqueline Gosselin, DynamO Théâtre co-artistic director. "Six theatre companies in five countries each produced a play based on interviews with people who experienced immigration. DynamO Théâtre worked with the Portuguese company, Teatro O Bando. The influence of Portugal became a great source of inspiration throughout the *Inner Migrant* creative process."

A Montreal actor puts himself in the shoes of Antonio, a Portuguese immigrant. Through movement, words and music he re-tells chapters of Antonio's life as he adapts to his new place in the world, from trying to get his residency papers, appointments at the immigration office, and nostalgia for something familiar.

Both sensitive and entertaining, *Inner Migrant* is an imaginative production that explores universal themes, the tale of tensions between hopes for a better life and regrets about all that is left behind. It is an open invitation to see the world through the eyes of a newcomer who has come to live among us.

DynamO Théâtre is internationally renowned for its acrobatic movement and clowning productions for families and young audiences. "The company conveys stories in a way that is understood by audiences everywhere, and of every age. It's quite mesmerizing and magical," says Kim Selody, artistic director of Presentation House Theatre. "They express so much through highly skilled physical theatre. Language is no barrier to understanding."

"The play conveys hope for a better world," says Gosselin, "The story is based on real events intertwined through the power of imagination."

Written by Nicolas Brites, Jacqueline Gosselin and Yves Simard

Directed by Jacqueline Gosselin

Featuring Yves Simard and Francis Guérard

Tickets are on sale now at 604-990-3474 or online at [www.phtheatre.org](http://www.phtheatre.org).

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<b>Listing Information:</b>	<b>Inner Migrant</b> An International Co-Production with Montreal's Dynamo Théâtre and Portugal's Teatro O Bando
<b>Dates:</b>	Saturday, April 28
<b>Time:</b>	4:00 pm
<b>Ticket Prices:</b>	\$15.00 Special group rate of \$10.50 per ticket when purchasing 10+ tickets. Ages 8+
<b>Address:</b>	Presentation House Theatre 333 Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver
<b>Website and Box Office:</b>	<a href="http://www.phtheatre.org">www.phtheatre.org</a> or 604.990.3474 <a href="http://tickets.phtheatre.org">tickets.phtheatre.org</a>

### DynamO Théâtre

Based in Montreal, DynamO Théâtre is an internationally renowned theatre company whose work focuses on developing, producing and performing Theatre of Acrobatic Movement and Clowning productions for families and young audiences. Since it began in 1981, DynamO Théâtre has produced 22 Canadian plays and given over 4,500 performances in 28 countries on 4 continents for 1.5 million spectators. It has toured across Quebec and Canada, through 40 American states and 15 European countries. Over the years, the company has also toured extensively in Asia, namely in Japan, China, Taiwan, Singapore and South Korea.

### Teatro O Bando

The Cooperativa de Produção Artística Teatro e Animação o Bando (Artistic Production Cooperative for Theatre and Animation o Bando) was founded in 1974. The name O Bando is the Portuguese expression for a flock of birds. When it was founded, the company was structured within the childhood theatre area, a free concept that fought the post-revolutionary tendency to infantilize children created by commercial children's theatre. According to Teatro O Bando's approach, the child should be an active part of society, able to have a political and artistic point of view and to manage the limits between concrete reality and dreams.

### Presentation House Theatre

Nestled in the heart of North Vancouver's Lower Lonsdale, Presentation House Theatre has become a neighbourhood cultural hub, providing the community with a dynamic mix of professional theatre, music, and dance productions -- all just a Seabus away from downtown Vancouver. We are the North Shore's professional theatre company. For nearly 40 years, we've entertained audiences with innovative programming and quality professional productions in our wonderfully intimate space. We are committed to presenting and producing shows of the highest standard and appealing to the diversity of North Shore audiences. We proudly offer programming for children and youth, adults young and old.

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