

Comfort: A Musical Play about Women Fighting for Human Rights

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please join us at a performance of ***Comfort*** to honour the voices of the comfort women who inspired me to write this story, as I had the humbling experience to meet and embrace some of the resilient comfort women in China and Korea in 2009, who are still fighting for their human rights and justice today. We must remember these stories and stop violence against women through art for change. Witness an incredible team of artists and crew bring life to this play with their love and dedication!

Comfort is a love story about two youths, drawn together by their passion for the opera and the possibilities to achieve their dreams in 1930s China. Suddenly separated by the outbreak of World War Two, they must find ways to survive: one imprisoned in a comfort house while the other desperately searches for her. Red Snow Collective merges eastern and western storytelling traditions through text (such as Chinese opera & mythology), movement and live music, bringing diverse cultures together to speak our stories.

During WWII Japan's military sexually enslaved over 200,000 women and girls across Asia. Their stories continue to be silenced, as are the voices of many women in war, in our present day and in our own city. The ongoing struggle has brought survivors together in solidarity to fight for their rights as women, as human beings. Witnessing the play is an expression of activism in support of the silenced voices of women and post-show dialogue between audiences and artists further support the advocacy for human rights and healing.

Showtimes: November 25 to December 10, 2016

Tuesdays to Saturday @ 8pm

Saturday matinees @ 2pm

Aki Studio Theatre – 585 Dundas Street East (Daniels Spectrum)

General admission \$28 / Artswokers \$20 / Students \$15

Tuesday pay-what-you-can / Preview \$15 November 24

Gala Performance \$48 November 25 (with a celebratory reception after the show)

Box Office: 416-531-1402 or book tickets online: www.nativeearth.ca/comfort