

Advance Release
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Jumblies Theatre

in association with Davenport Perth Neighborhood Centre
presents

Once A Shoreline

“Memories, stories, songs, sounds and a vanished lake”

Jumblies Theatre is pleased to announce a spectacular theatre event, ***Once A Shoreline*** which takes us to the shores of a prehistoric lake that, twelve thousand years ago, extended as far north as the hill of Davenport Road. Within the framework of this vanished lake three overlapping tales of courage and magic unfold in visual imagery, poetry and text.

Chalmers Award recipient composer **Wende Bartley** and innovative writer/designer **Ruth Howard** combine musical score, soundscape and visual imagery to create a sense of location and place that address themes of memory, change, longings and journeys. The piece, much like the ebb and flow of tides on the changed shoreline, envelopes the audience - interweaving dance, puppetry, singing, pageantry and circus arts.

Once A Shoreline is the culmination of three years of residence in the Davenport West area involving oral history research, community outreach and artistic exploration. It is written and designed by artistic director Ruth Howard and directed by Varrick Grimes. Musical composer is Wende Bartley and musical director is Erna Van Daele. The lighting designer is Chris Clifford and stage manager is Dorothy Jenkins. Performing in the show are theatre artists Noah Kenneally and Mara Shaughnessy, singer Kate Van Doome and singer/dancer Anne Marie Hood, musicians Jonathan Craig, Erin Donovan and Kevin Barrett. The VIVA! Youth Singers, the Davenport Perth Community Choir and over a hundred community members,

Jumblies Theatre employs professional artists and forms partnerships with arts and non- arts organizations. It strives to place art and theatre into everyday life and involve people who might not normally get to take part.

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Once A Shoreline Opening **May 21** runs to **May 30**
Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre, 1900 Davenport Rd (west of Lansdowne)
Performances: Friday and Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 3:30 pm, Wednesday 6:30 pm
Tickets:\$12 - \$15, families \$40. group rates available

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