

Friends of the Festival,

As most of you know, it was announced last week that the drama festival has received support from the *International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees* and the *National Theatre School of Canada*.

While NTS has entered into a partnership with the festival, I.A.T.S.E. has begun a national fundraising campaign in support of our cause. Students, teachers and organizers are thrilled about this news and are looking forward to 2018, as with their help, we are in the process of securing the future of the festival while we continue to look for a signature sponsor(s).

To ensure a smooth transition and ensure the longevity of the event for years to come, the drama festival is actively participating in fundraising efforts.

We are also very appreciative of the efforts of fundraising actions put forth by IATSE across the country.

Students are already hard at work writing and planning their entries, and coordinating the many roles and responsibilities that make theatre such a community effort.

Your donations will help fund:

- Travel subsidies for students to participate.
- Bursaries/prizes to young artists
- The costs of producing the final Showcase in May
- Adjudication and workshops for young artists

Please take a moment to review our campaign on Indiegogo, share this information widely in your community, and consider contributing to this cause with the hope of supporting the efforts of future artists and technicians all across the country.

No contribution is too small.

Thank you in advance,

Carm Iachelli

www.indiegogo.com/projects/secure-the-future-of-the-sears-drama-festival#/.

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