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THEATRE; JUST BECAUSE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

(Fort McMurray, AB - March 9, 2021) — Theatre; Just Because is announcing auditions and a Stage Management mentorship opportunity for their upcoming production, ***Purge***. Written by Sofi Oksanen, this breathtaking drama is produced by Theatre; Just Because in partnership with Keyano Theatre, and will be playing at Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre July 15-17, 2021.

About auditions:

Auditions will be held in full adherence to COVID-19 guidelines. There are two ways to audition for ***Purge***: in-person on April 23-24, 2021 in the Recital Theatre at Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre, or by submitting a video audition. The deadline to submit a video is Thursday, April 22 at 4:00 PM. Callbacks are scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For more information and to sign up for auditions, visit the Theatre; Just Because at theatrejustbecause.com/purge.

Due to the mature nature of this production, Theatre; Just Because will only be casting actors 16 years of age or older. This production contains mature themes including sexual abuse, violence, and oppression as well as mature language and imagery.

About the Stage Management Mentorship Program:

The TJB Mentorship Program is designed to give artists hands-on experience, develop local artists and enrich the theatre community. One mentee will be selected and paired with established Stage Manager Zachary Barrett throughout the production of ***Purge***. Interested artists are asked to apply via email by Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at 4 PM. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age. For more information, read the full details on the Theatre; Just Because at theatrejustbecause.com/purge.

“We are thrilled to continue to grow the local theatre community and support emerging artists,” says Artistic Director Hanna Fridhed. “With no post-secondary arts education available in our region, we strongly believe in creating opportunities for theatre artists to be brave and try new things to create meaningful and impactful theatre in our local context. The talent is already here, we are simply looking for opportunities for them to learn and grow.”

About *Purge*:

Purge is a riveting and suspenseful tale of two women dogged by their own shameful pasts. Set in both the years following WW2 and the early 1990s, the play centres on issues still very relevant to our society today.



When Alide Truu, an older woman living alone in the Estonian countryside, finds a dishevelled girl huddled in her front yard, she suppresses her misgivings and offers her shelter. Zara is a young sex-trafficking victim on the run from her captors, but a photo she carries with her soon makes it clear that her arrival at Aliide's home is no coincidence. Survivors both, Aliide and Zara engage in a complex arithmetic of suspicion and revelation to distil each other's motives; gradually, their stories emerge, the culmination of a tragic family drama of rivalry, lust, and loss that played out during the worst years of Estonia's Soviet occupation.

Directed by Hanna Fridhed, *Purge* is a thought-provoking drama unlike any that Fort McMurray has seen in years.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, *Purge* will be produced and performed with cutting-edge safety precautions, including the integration of cameras and live-streaming to the rehearsal process. *Purge* will be professionally filmed and broadcast to audiences.

Theatre; Just Because is also optimistic about the possibility of live performances with social distancing measures in place.

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About Theatre; Just Because:

We believe theatre is an impactful expression of the human experience used to meaningfully challenge artists and engage communities, and work to empower artists to take ownership of their work through community-based and professionally-driven theatre productions and workshops. You can read more about Theatre; Just Because on our [website!](#)

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